

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025 7:00 PM Central

HS CONFERENCE ROOM

705 N 9th Street  
Arlington, NE 68002

Jason Arp: Present

Cassie Flesner: Present

Chase Kratochvil: Present

Brian Laaker: Present

Steve Slykhuis: Present

Shanon Willmott: Present

Present: 6.

## 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

### 1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

### 1.2. Roll Call

Jason Arp: Present; Cassie Flesner, Present; Chase Kratochvil, Present; Brian Laaker, Present, Steve Slykhuis, Present, Shanon Willmott, Present

Also Present were principals Dr Jacque Morgan, and Aaron Pfingsten. Superintendent Lewis and Jennifer Arp Recording secretary were also present. James Shada was not present due to an activity this evening at the ballfield.

### 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Steve Slykhuis and a second by Cassie Flesner.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

## 2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

## 3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

### 3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

### 3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

### 3.3.

#### Resignations:

- Carla Kaup, 5th Grade
- Kristen Stanislav, School Psychologist

#### Hires:

- Stephanie Scheer, School Psychologist
- Cadie Mattson, 5th Grade

#### Reassignments:

### 4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- Vocal and Instrumental Music

Allison Mastny was present to share with the board about Instrumental and Vocal Music.

### 5. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DISTRICT PLAN

### 6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

#### 6.1. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

#### 6.2. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report

#### 6.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

### 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### 7.1. Review Community Engagement and Discuss date for board retreat and strategic planning with NASB

Discuss date for Board retreat- Dr. Lewis will send out a date survey to board to get a date set for the retreat.

#### 7.2. Legislative Report

Dr. Lewis went over the current legislative report and updated the board with some of the education bills, and how they might be effecting schools and student aid. Some of the bills are being combined to make more of package bills, but keeping an eye on these bills to see how they will change and what the impact might be statewide.

#### 7.3. Review Supt Leave Log

#### 7.4. NRCSA and NASB reports

#### 7.5. Discussion of Ad Hoc Grade Scale Committee

The board is continuing discussion on the grade scale. Shanon Willmott discussed how she feels the changing the grade scale would be very beneficial to our students and would like to have the committee meet again to continue the discussion on making some changes. Mrs. Holly Toft- HS counselor was also present to discuss her thoughts on the grading scale. 4 years ago when this

was discussed, the committee decided to make a slight adjustment to our 7 point scale. Many Larger schools are using or adapting a 10 point scale, where as many of the Class C and D schools who are smaller utilize a 7 point scale. Arlington uses a 7 point scale, and our identified classes use and follow along with Metro on the 10 point scale. Mrs. Toft said that it is really important to hold our kids to a higher standard, and keeping our grading scale at a 7point scale it isn't as easy to pass and graduate students at the lower end of passing.

Chase Kratochvil addressed the board and decided he would not suggest having the committee reform at this time, but if others on the board felt it needed to be addressed he would entertain the ideas.

Mrs. Willmott stated again for the record, that she strongly felt we needed to revisit and it would be very beneficial to our students.

#### 7.6. Discussion of Concrete from Street Project

#### 7.7. Report on Storm Damage

- Trees
- Doors Power Backup
- HVAC
- Kitchen

### 8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

#### 8.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee

- Transportation and Routes (Bus purchase possibility)
  - New v. Used pricing
- Review Summative Needs
  - Concrete repairs
  - Track Lines/Maintenance
  - Tree Removal
  - South Gravel Lot Grading Work

#### 8.2. Finance Committee

### 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

#### 10.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Bid to Paint Lines on the Track from Depreciation

Approve Bid from Pro Tennis and Track for \$10,700 to Paint Lines on the Track from Depreciation Passed with a motion by Jason Arp and a second by Cassie Flesner.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve South Parking Lot Grade Work  
The board discussed that this might be something that needs to be tabled until they know further what needs may be for transportation.

They will wait until after more decisions are made. Tabling this item until later in the summer with the deadline of getting things done before the 25-26 school year.

10.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Concrete Repair Work in North Parking Lot as Presented from General Funds

Approve Concrete Repair Work in North Parking Lot from Pave the Way for \$44,200 from General Funds Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Roof Repairs from Depreciation  
Approve All Proposed Roof Repairs as Presented from Depreciation Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Cassie Flesner added to the discussion that she feels that if we looking at getting jobs/repairs done, she feels like we need to make sure to get more than one bid rather than just one. She feels the board should see some different options for pricing .

10.5. Discuss, Consider and Approve .60 FTE Contract for Nichole Knight for Occupational Therapy Services for 2025-2026

Approve .60 FTE Contract for Nichole Knight for Occupational Therapy Services for 2025-2026 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Shanon Willmott.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10.6. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Enter into Interlocal Agreement with Fort Calhoun for Occupational Therapy Contract for 2025-2026

Enter into Interlocal Agreement with Fort Calhoun for Occupational Therapy Contract for 2025-2026 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10.7. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Contract for Physical Therapy SPED Services from Learn2Move for 2025-2026

Approve Contract for Physical Therapy SPED Services from Learn2Move for 2025-2026 Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10.8. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Proposal for 2024-2025 Audit

Approve Proposal from Dana Cole & Company, LLP for 2024-2025 Audit as Presented Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10.9. Review Policies 5001-5006:

- 5001- Admission Requirement and Forms
- 5002- Disenrollment Under Age Six
- 5003- Assignment of Students
- 5004- Part Time Enrollment and Application
- 5005- Resident Students
- 5005- Proof of Residency Form A and B
- 5006- Option Enrollment Policy, Capacity and Resolution

#### 10.10. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Building Level Budgets As Presented

Approve Building Level Budgets As Presented Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Finance committee met prior to tonight's meeting and went over the general education budgets for both HS and Elementary. Both Principals were present and discussed their building level budgets and answered questions based on needs for departments. Both budgets are very similar to last school year with both budgets making minor adjustments due to curriculum and staff needs and classroom sizes. All and all, budgets are in line with requests from prior years, and the committee felt comfortable with the budgets as presented, and felt the request for this year was pretty flat in the general amount for asking. The board agreed both sides and principals do a great job of keeping the budget in line.

#### 10.11. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Early Graduation Request

Approve Early Graduation Request Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Board has a policy that a student has to meet a deadline of April 1st of the prior year for a student to be eligible for early graduation in December of the following school year. Mr. Pfingsten spoke of the requirements, and how the student expressed the intent of graduating early.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 8:58pm

