

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

*Mission: "The mission of High Plains Community Schools is to provide an educational environment which develops citizens who are lifelong learners and can contribute to a global society"*

*The Regular monthly meeting of the High Plains Community Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at HPC Elementary- Clarks BOE Room (June-Dec) 205 W. Pearl St. Clarks, NE 68628. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Klingsporn. Present were*

Terry Carlstrom: Present  
Erin Meyer: Present  
Megan Pike: Present  
Nathan Spurling: Present  
Kraig Urkoski: Present  
Shane Van Pelt: Present

Visitors present were:

1. Call Meeting to Order at \_\_\_\_\_

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Recognize Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted on the Wall

2. Consider and Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

approve all minutes as presented Passed with a motion by Erin Meyer and a second by Nathan Spurling.  
Terry Carlstrom: Yea, Erin Meyer: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Kraig Urkoski: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea

3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment (Must stand, state name & full address, and organization you represent, if any)

4. HPC Student Report

4.1. Student Council Presentation

5. Personnel Matters:

6. Consider & Accept Keith Killion's Resignation for the 2024-2025 School Year

approve Keith Killion's letter of resignation. Thanks for y Passed with a motion by Nathan Spurling and a second by Megan Pike.  
Terry Carlstrom: Yea, Erin Meyer: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Kraig Urkoski: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea

Supt took keith's letter of resignation.

7. Discuss Community Engagement Event

board discussed how the community engagement meeting went. Members felt breaking up in groups to discuss was good.

8. Administrative Reports

8.1. Superintendent Beran

### 8.1.1. Discuss Superintendent Evaluation Tool

### 8.1.2. Discuss "The Red Flags in Tax Schemes like LB753" (NSEA Retired Advocate, September 2023)

1. Private schools aren't required to follow the same reporting requirements.
2. A similar voucher ploy in Iowa led some private schools to still increase their tuition by 40%. In Milwaukee, the voucher program pushed 20% of the students out annually or they gave up their scholarships.
3. Fewer than half of Nebraska's 93 counties have private schools.
4. The annual tax credit cost could grow to \$100M by 2033, reducing funds available to fund priorities in public schools.
5. Scholarship organizations are allowed to keep 10% of the donated money for administrative costs.
6. Students who qualify are not guaranteed admission into a private school. Public schools are open to all students.

For more facts on LB753 go to: <https://bit.ly/openskyLB753>

### 8.1.3. Discuss Number of Bank Accounts

### 8.2. Principal Fisher

### 8.3. Principal Helgoth

### 8.4. A.D. Wood

### 8.4.1. Discuss Athletics/Activities & Enrollment Numbers

## 9. Policy Review

### 9.1. Consider & Approve Membership in Organizations Policy (2011)- no changes

### 9.2. Consider & Approve Indemnification & Liability Insurance Policy (2017)- no changes

### 9.3. Consider & Approve Gifts, Grants, & Bequests Policy (3008)- no changes

approve all board policies 2011, 2018, 3008 etc. with no changes. Passed with a motion by Erin Meyer and a second by Terry Carlstrom.  
Terry Carlstrom: Yea, Erin Meyer: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Kraig Urkoski: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea

### 9.4. Consider & Approve Emergency Closings Policy (3013)- no changes

### 9.5. Consider & Approve Use of Tobacco Products Policy (3016)- no changes

### 9.6. Consider & Approve Employment of Relatives Policy (4004)- no changes

### 9.7. Consider & Approve Admission of Students Policy (5002)- no changes

## 10. Consider and Approve Financial Reports

### 10.1. General Fund Report

### 10.2. Nutrition Services Report

### 10.3. Activity Report

pay the bills. Passed with a motion by Nathan Spurling and a second by Terry Carlstrom.  
Terry Carlstrom: Yea, Erin Meyer: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Kraig Urkoski: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea

## 11. Schedule Next BOE Meeting (Date, Time, Location)- WILL HAVE AMERICANISM HEARING PRIOR TO REGULAR BOE MEETING

## 12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm Passed with a motion by Megan Pike and a second by Erin Meyer.  
Terry Carlstrom: Yea, Erin Meyer: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Kraig Urkoski: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea

13. **\*CLOSED SESSION:** If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act

14. **\*SEQUENCE OF AGENDA:** The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent