

May Regular Board Meeting

Board Conference Room
112 E Popleton
Brady, NE 69123-0068

Monday, May 12, 2025 6:00 PM

Bryan Franzen: Present

Sara Gentry: Present

Tina Golter: Present

Necole Miller: Present

Marge Spencer: Present

Ryan Stearns: Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Foster, Principal Larson, Business Manager Molly Most.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Stearns called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

1.1. Approve Excusing Absent Board Members

2. Mission Statement

We, at Brady Public Schools, strive to create a positive culture in which all learners reach their fullest potential as EAGLES!

3. Approval of the agenda as presented or with the following modifications.

To approve agenda as presented. This motion, made by Marge Spencer and seconded by Sara Gentry, Passed.

Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea, Ryan Stearns: Yea

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Held April 14th, 2025.

To approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Held April 14th, 2025. This motion, made by Necole Miller and seconded by Tina Golter, Passed.

Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea, Ryan Stearns: Yea

5. Financial Report and Approval of Claims for May including Payroll

To approve payment of claims from the following fund: General Fund: \$363,688.90. This motion, made by Necole Miller and seconded by Marge Spencer, Passed.

Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea, Ryan Stearns: Yea

6. Communications

None

7. Reports

7.1. Brady Learning Center

The village was invited to attend this meeting to talk about how the school and village will work together in August. Ryan Stearns mentioned that the sewer is in and the rest of the plumbing will be completed this week. Footings will be completed next Thursday and Friday. There will need to be a separate Interlocal Agreement for the Learning Center. Currently, there are three grants that are in process. Currently, still need \$184,000 to complete the building process. The Brady School Foundation was gracious to come in as a third party to help with funding and finding grants. The Brady School Board asked about funding from the village side. The village suggests they would need to sell the library building to help with funding. It is on their agenda for their monthly meeting. It would have to be a sealed bid to the public. The school would need to pay the first half of 150,000 out of the building fund. The school board asked the village about changing the signage in front of the school to accommodate parking for the Learning Center. Sharon Axthelm also shared input from her experience of running the community library. It was suggested to do a new community needs assessment and to start small with activities and see where it leads. It was decided that the sub committees of the Learning Center, which includes one-two people from the Village, School Board, and School Foundation, will need to meet weekly to discuss the function of the Learning Center. The next sub-committee meeting will be weekly starting Wednesday May 21st at 5:00 PM at the school board room.

7.2. Spirit Squad Presentation

Amanda Bourge and Chantelle Krepcik held an interest meeting for a Spirit Squad. 24 girls attended and 19 signed up as "interested" (12 High School, 7 Junior High). Chantelle presented to the board how the spirit squad would happen. Fundraising is a huge portion to a spirit squad as uniforms would cost around \$500-\$800 per student. In Chantelle's 8 years of experience, the school has never paid for anything as the fundraising was a huge success. The Spirit Club would be for anyone in 7th - 12th grade. Students have to have a 2.0 GPA, have a good recommendation from a teacher, and has to be in good standing with grades. Students are the ambassadors for the school and community. Chantelle shared a motto that they are classy not trashy. Chantelle Krepcik provided an example of a parent's manual, cheerleader tryout manual, and a cheerleader manual. Students would need to go through the process of "Try Outs" and it consists of learning a simple dance/cheer and will be judged by three different people. The board had many concerns and asked many questions. One concern was that the manuals would need to be updated to be in line with the board policies. The negotiated agreement would also have to be amended to include the spirit squad as an activity. Brady is a small town school with high poverty, the cost of uniforms is also a concern. Fundraising is great, but the district limits fundraising to one fundraiser per club/group. It was also mentioned the spirit squad should include more 7-8th graders, as the high school students are busier with other activities. The board would like to start small and see if this is a club that will last more than one year. Mrs. Foster

mentioned the admin group will get together to come up with a plan and present it at the June board meeting.

7.3. Grounds Report- T.G.

Tina Golter gave her report. Tina has been busy getting all the flowers planted and removing the roots from the dead tree. Tina is also staying busy with watering and mowing. Tina is asking to be a part of the conversation with the construction, so she can adjust watering and mowing appropriately in that section.

7.4. Transportation Report - D.R.

Dan Robison gave his report. Dan presented vehicle repair updates and went through the needs of transportation for the district. The district is in need of more fleet vehicles to accommodate all activities and substitute CDL bus drivers are a need to find.

7.5. Building Maintenance Report - R.S.

Mrs. Foster gave Ryan Sanger's report. Culligan's came to deliver salt for the water softener. A unit needed a flux capacitor fixed so waldingers came out to repair it. Charlies Plumping and Engineer Controls came to start replacing valves on the roof and rerouting piping to the Learning Center for the cooling tower upgrade. A playground swing will get fixed this month.

7.6. Activities Report - A.S.

Mr. Seamann gave his report. Mr. Seamann would like to recognize the Science Olympiad team. The team placed 2nd at districts in Ogallala which is their highest finish. The following students also placed at State Science Olympiad in Lincoln. Liam Maurer and Mackenzie Dyas placed 6th in Air Trajectory, Brooke Lydic and Paisley Connelly placed 5th in Disease Detective, Brooke Lydic and Natalia Boyer placed 5th in Anatomy & Physiology, and Baylee Seamann and Makenna Miles were State Runner-Up's in Helicopter. Would also like to recognize the following for the MNAC Art show. Taylor Wiezorek earned 1st team all-conference, Alexis Buck, Summer Liu and Chloe Telitz earned 2nd team All-Conference. Taylor Wiezorek earned Best in Show for her pencil drawing. The following earned 1st place for their art: Chloe Telitz (Multimedia), Alexis Buck (Colored drawing), and Summer Liu (Pencil). The following earned 2nd place: Ava Foster (Acrylic), and Brody Telitz (Watercolor). The following placed 3rd place: Peyton Hasenaur (Drawing). Would also like to recognize Tyler Roe who has qualified for the Jr. high State Track meet in the Shot Put. And lastly, Mr. Seamann recognized the following for earning a Superior rating at district music. Jayden Tillman, Abby Robison, Violet Gentry and Katie Loostrom all for their vocal solo's. The new gym floor is scheduled to be refinished on June 17th and December 20th and gym painting is scheduled for the end of May.

7.7. Principal's Report

7.7.1. Annual Multicultural Report

The annual multicultural report is required by state statute and presented by Principal Larson.

7.8. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Foster gave her report. The district will be advertising for an evening custodian, Sped Para, and CDL Bus Drivers. It would be nice to provide a financial incentive for a CDL bus driver if unable to find any, due to the high need. Currently signed up for the UNK Recruitment fair for

the Fall to help recruit teachers and student teachers. The district will have a new student teacher next Fall. Hannah Smith will be with Mrs. Monson for Quarter 1 and Mrs. Assels for Quarter 2. The 2025 graduating class had 18 students walk on May 10th for graduation. The district had six students participate in the UNL High School online courses. These courses are a way for students to receive credit recovery schooling for students who aren't able to attend in person or classes that Brady doesn't offer. Currently, the district still has \$40,000 to spend on the Early Childhood Grant. Mrs. Foster recommends to purchase a playground more conducive to 3-5 year olds and to look into purchasing a fleet vehicle designated for preschool transportation. Mrs. Foster is corresponding with our grant rep to see if these are allowable options. For the first time in a very long time, the negative lunch balance report is a total of -\$70.55. At this time last year the district was \$1,906.10 in the hold with negative lunch balances. The new board policy that went into effect this year has played a huge role in this, along with our new edutrak lunch system. Students negative over \$25 get a BP&J sandwich instead of the hot meal until the balance is in the positive.

7.9. Special Recognition

The Board would like to recognize the following individuals who will be leaving Brady at the end of the school year: Principal Larson, Val Pohlman, Beth Boden, Jane Kroese, Jamie Shaner. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to the students and families of Brady.

7.10. Committee Reports

7.10.1. Student Member of the Board

Mrs. Foster gave Alexis report. National Honor Society inducted 8 new students on May 1st. MNAC Art on May 2nd consisted of many winners as Mr. Seamann mentioned those in his report. Awards night was May 8th at 6:00 PM. Muffins in the morning was a success on Friday May 9th. Graduation was held on May 10th at 4pm. The band trip is going to Branson Missouri on May 16th-18th. The last day of school will be May 20th at 1:00 PM. The FFA will be attending the Colt Conference in Aurora on May 23-24th. District Track will happen on May 14th in Sutherland at 11:00 AM.

7.10.2. Finance Committee

General Fund is under budget by 18.28% and Lunch Fund is under budget by 13.61%. The claims for May total \$363,668.90.

7.11. Legislative Update

LB 653 remains on General File and could yet be debated in this session. There is very little time remaining for lawmakers to take up bills on General File (with only 14 days remaining in the 2025 Session). There are other major issues yet to be debated, including, potentially, the medical cannabis bill, LB 677. We do know that the Education Committee met in executive session on Friday, May 9th. We understand the committee advanced LB 306, a committee priority bill, to General File. The bill has not officially been reported out, so a committee amendment has not been filed.

7.12. School Board Workshops, Conference Reports, and additional Information
SCHOOL LAW SEMINAR: June 11-12 - Kearney, LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP " Tuesday,
July 29 - Kearney, AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Wednesday, September 3 - North Platte
and 2025 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE: November 19-21 - Omaha.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Approve TL Sund Construction to build the new pressbox for \$70,830.55.

The board will need to approve TL Sund as a contractor to build the pressbox. The contract is under \$100,000 and does not need to be open to bids.

8.2. Approve contract for Kristen Boden as Title I Teacher & Coordinator

With Mrs. Most moving to full time Preschool, we need to fill the position as Title I Teacher. Miss Kristen Boden has several years of teaching under her belt and knows our students. She will be a good fit for the BPS.

8.3. Approve Megan Thomsen as the long-term sub for Music and Band for the 25-26 school year.

We have not had any applicants for the K-12 Music and Band teaching position. Mrs. Megan Thomsen has experience of teaching and performing. She has served as a full time para and also as a certified substitute teacher. By extending her the opportunity to serve as a long-term sub, then we can still continue to advertise and recruit a certified music and band teacher.

9. Public Comments

NA

10. Action Items

10.1. Approve TL Sund Consturcition to build the new pressbox

To approve TL Sund Constuction to build the new pressbox. This motion, made by Sara Gentry and seconded by Necole Miller, Passed.

Ryan Stearns: Abstain (With Conflict), Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea

10.2. Approve contract for Kristen Boden as Title I Teacher & Coordinator

To approve Kristen Boden as Title I Teacher & Coordinator. This motion, made by Tina Golter and seconded by Sara Gentry, Passed.

Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea, Ryan Stearns: Yea

10.3. Approve Megan Thomsen as the long-term sub for Music and Band for the 25-26 school year.

To approve Megan Thomsen as the long-term sub for Music and Band for the 25-26 school year. This motion, made by Marge Spencer and seconded by Sara Gentry, Passed.

Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea, Ryan Stearns: Yea

11. Adjournment

To adjourn at 7:40 PM. This motion, made by Bryan Franzen and seconded by Tina Golter, Passed.

Bryan Franzen: Yea, Sara Gentry: Yea, Tina Golter: Yea, Necole Miller: Yea, Marge Spencer: Yea, Ryan Stearns: Yea

12. General Fund

General Fund

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4614	04/15/2025	Flatwater Bank	22.00
7383	04/15/2025	Critical Response Group	5,000.00
7385	04/15/2025	Ryan Stearns	172.99
7399	05/12/2025	AllTeam Sportswear	826.00
7400	05/12/2025	Amazon Capital Services	573.14
7401	05/12/2025	Black Hills Energy	971.73
7402	05/12/2025	Brady Get 'N Go	2,985.32
7403	05/12/2025	Brady School Hot Lunch	500.00
7404	05/12/2025	Capital Business Systems Inc	1,236.67
7405	05/12/2025	Capital Business Systems, Inc - Wyoming	11.09
7406	05/12/2025	Capital One	265.70
7407	05/12/2025	Cash-Wa Distributing	122.86
7408	05/12/2025	Character Strong	4,597.80
7409	05/12/2025	Charlies's North PLatte Plumbing LLC	2,625.50
7410	05/12/2025	Clearly	484.45
7411	05/12/2025	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	116.94
7412	05/12/2025	Culligan of Cozad	154.98
7413	05/12/2025	Dawson County Public Power District	3,778.93
7414	05/12/2025	Discount School Supply	78.04
7415	05/12/2025	Educational Service Unit #16	21,913.86
7416	05/12/2025	First National Bank	3,072.46
7417	05/12/2025	FP Mailing Solutions	59.98
7418	05/12/2025	Gothenburg Tire & Service	145.79
7419	05/12/2025	Heartland Sprinkler Systems	298.11
7420	05/12/2025	Inland Truck Parts and Service	713.89
7421	05/12/2025	Innovative Office Solutions LLC	307.18
7422	05/12/2025	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	360.50
7423	05/12/2025	Menards	49.99
7424	05/12/2025	Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association	275.00
7425	05/12/2025	Nebraska Council of School Administrators	335.00
7426	05/12/2025	Otis Elevator Company	207.55
7427	05/12/2025	Paper Tiger Shredding	45.00
7428	05/12/2025	Pearson Education, Inc	1,520.46
7429	05/12/2025	Quill LLC	143.57
7430	05/12/2025	Reliable Pest Control Service	71.00
7431	05/12/2025	Rochester Midland	1,704.56
7432	05/12/2025	S & S Auto Parts, Inc.	5.37
7433	05/12/2025	Schaben Sanitation	510.60
7434	05/12/2025	School Datebooks	383.84
7435	05/12/2025	Jeremy Short	350.00
7436	05/12/2025	Staples	321.02
7437	05/12/2025	Syndicate Publishing	293.18
7438	05/12/2025	Troyer Enterprises	163.64
7439	05/12/2025	Village Of Brady	1,179.76
7440	05/12/2025	The Waldinger Corporation	255.08

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05/12/2025 Yandas Music & Pro Audio

259.69

TOTAL

\$59,470.22

Ryan Stearns President, Board of Education

Marge Spencer Secretary, Board of Education

The time and date of the Brady Public School's regular meeting was advertised in Gothenburg Leader and posted at the Brady Get-N-Go, Post Office, and Flatwater Bank. The next regular meeting will be June 9th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.