

O'Neill Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025

Board Members

Amy Jo Rowse - President
Coby Welke - Vice President
Monica Huber - Vice President-Elect
Aaron Sorensen - Member
Mark Thompson - Member
Aaron Troester - Member

Board Secretary

Kathleen Marvin

Administrators

Michael Rotherham - Superintendent
William Wragge - High School Principal
Jim York - Elementary School Principal
Jill Brodersen - Junior High School Principal
Nathan Larsen - Activities Director
DeAnna Clifton - Special Education Director

Board Treasurer

Carol Hammerlun

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM.

Monica Huber: Present
Amy Rowse: Present
Aaron Sorensen: Present
Mark Thompson: Present
Aaron Troester: Present
Coby Welke: Present

Posted Locations:

- Holt County Independent (print & website)
- KBRX Radio
- O'Neill Post Office
- O'Neill Public Schools Administrative Office
- O'Neill Jr-Sr High School
- O'Neill Elementary School
- O'Neill Public Schools Website

Posted: Thursday, May 29, 2025

1. Call to Order

The **regular board meeting** of the O'Neill Public School Board of Education was called to order by President **Amy Jo Rowse** at 7:30 pm, on **Monday, June 9, 2025** at the Administrative Offices at 635 North 4th Street, O'Neill, Nebraska.

1.A. Roll Call

Administrators Mike Rotherham and Will Wragge were present.

1.B. Excused/Unexcused Board Members

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Recite Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was recited.

4. Approve Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the meeting agenda, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Monica Huber.

Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular meeting, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Reception of Visitors

Visitors were welcomed and informed that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act which is posted on the south wall of the boardroom.

7. Oral and Written Communications

Communications received, either written or oral, were reviewed.

Heather Larsen, representing Little Tots Daycare, inquired about insurance coverage for providers while seeing clients at the Little Tots Daycare location.

8. Old Business

8.A. Developing Eagles Program

A motion to suspend the summer Developing Eagles program and retain the after-school program pending hiring enough staff, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9. New Business

9.A. O'Neill Booster Club Update

Lori Mathews, O'Neill Booster Club President, presented the annual update to the board. No action is necessary.

9.B. Shot Put & Discus Upgrades

Mr. Cole Hilker, Boys Head Track Coach, presented to the board a proposal to upgrade the shot put and discus areas at the track complex. Mr. Rotherham recommended that the Building and Grounds Committee meet with the track coaches, Mr. Larsen, and himself to discuss the upgrade proposal. It was also suggested to consider inviting a representative from St. Mary's to attend. No action is necessary.

9.C. Co-op Agreements

A motion to co-op with St. Mary's for instrumental music, girls and boys golf, girls and boys cross country, and softball, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.D. Activity Assignments

Mr. Nate Larsen has nearly wrapped up the activity assignments for the 2025-2026 school year. The list of assignments was reviewed. No action is necessary.

9.E. Staff Resignation

A motion to enter closed session at 8:16 pm to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss staff resignation, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Monica Huber.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to come out of closed session at 8:21 pm, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to accept Wesley Stepherson's resignation, passed with a motion made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Coby Welke.

Aaron Troester: Nay, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea,

Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 1

9.F. 2025-2026 Calendar Update

Due to our school hosting District FCCLA on Wednesday, October 15th, we will switch the October 23rd Staff Development Day to October 15th instead. October 23rd will now be a regular day for students and staff.

A motion to approve the updated 2025-2026 school calendar, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.G. Authorize Superintendent to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2025-2026 school year

A motion to authorize the Superintendent to apply for federal funds for the 2025-2026 school year, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.H. Set Lunch Prices for the 2025-2026 School Year

A motion to adopt the meal prices as presented for the 2025-2026 school year, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.I. Policy #5018 - Parent & Guardian Involvement in Educational Practices

President Amy Jo Rowse opened a public hearing at 8:27 pm to receive input, discuss, and consider any changes to the Parent & Guardian Involvement in Educational Practices Policy. After receiving public comment, President Rowse closed the hearing at 8:33 pm.

A motion to adopt Policy 5018 Parent Involvement in Educational Practices as revised, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Coby Welke.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.J. Policy #5045 - Student Fee

President Amy Jo Rowse opened a public hearing at 8:34 pm to receive input, discuss, and consider any changes to the Student Fee Policy. Receiving no public comment, President Rowse closed the hearing at 8:35 pm.

A motion to approve Policy #5045 - Student Fees as revised, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Monica Huber.

Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.K. Policy Updates

A motion to advance Policies 1002-Creation, Amendment and Distribution of Policies, 2006-Complaint Procedure, 3003-Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement, 3004.1-Fiscal Management for purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds, 3023-Record Management and Retention, 3026-Handbooks, 3036-Purchasing (Credit) Card Program, 3043-Design-Build Contracts, 4051-Staff and District Social Media Use, 4059-Behavioral and Mental Health Training, 5001-Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5015-Protection of Pupil Rights, 6031-Emergency Exclusion, 6034-Concussion Awareness, and 6045-Behavioral Intervention to second reading, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.K.i. Policy #1002 - Creation, Amendment and Distribution of Policies

9.K.ii. Policy #2006 - Complaint Procedure

9.K.iii. Policy #3003 - Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement

9.K.iv. Policy# 3004.1 - Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds

9.K.v. Policy #3023 - Record Management and Retention

9.K.vi. Policy #3026 - Handbooks

9.K.vii. Policy #3036 - Purchasing (Credit) Card Program

9.K.viii. Policy #3043 - Design-Build Contracts

9.K.ix. Policy #4051 - Staff and District Social Media Use

9.K.x. Policy #4059 - Behavioral and Mental Health Training

9.K.xi. Policy #5001 - Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

9.K.xii. Policy #5015 - Protection of Pupil Rights

9.K.xiii. Policy #5031 - Student Appearance

9.K.xiv. Policy #6031 - Emergency Exclusion

9.K.xv. Policy #6034 - Concussion Awareness

9.K.xvi. Policy #6045 - Behavioral Intervention

9.L. Policy #5034 - Handbooks

A motion to eliminate Policy #5034 Handbooks, as the information has been combined with Policy #3026 Handbooks, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.M. Hourly Wages

A motion to enter closed session at 9:19 pm to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss hourly wages, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Coby Welke.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to come out of closed session at 9:34 pm, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to approve a salary increase for the Budget Secretary and the Superintendent Secretary as presented, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Coby Welke.

Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.N. Option Enrollment Report

The Option Enrollment report was reviewed. No action is necessary.

10. Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were presented.

11. Bills and Claims and Payroll Report

A motion to approve the bills and claims, and accept the payroll report, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0


Kathleen Marvin
School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7

Pending Approval

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Checking 1	
Checking 1 Fund: 01 General Fund	
Advanced Water Company, Inc..	1,720.00
Alder, Beverli	71.82
Amazon.com	1,709.55
Appeara	756.07
Applied Connective Technologies	170.75
Armendariz, Jessica	143.64
Avera St. Anthony's Hospital	1,263.25
Bartak Glass, Inc	6,345.00
Berg, Sarah	143.64
Black Hills Energy	3,435.98
BlueChalk Software	250.00
Bomgaars	19.83
Boshart, Laura	143.64
Brachle, Ashley	143.64
Bradshaw, Melanie	263.34
Bright Wheel	100.00
Burival, Tony	119.70
Buxton, Cody	287.28
Carhart Lumber Co.	2,376.57
Carson, Denise	526.68
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	100.19
Chohon, Erin	411.96
Christensen, Jennifer	63.34
City of O'Neill (Backflow)	61.00
Clearfly	449.69
Clouse, Jessica	191.52
Computer Hardware, Inc	319.90
Connot Tire Service	59.93
Cooper, Maria	109.73
Crowne Plaza	509.85
Cubby's, Inc.	852.15
Cuhel, Frank	287.28
Dairy Queen	100.00
DC West Community Schools	60.00
DeKay, Lindsay	263.34
Dickau, Jacob	143.64
Dykshorn, Melissa	143.64
Egan Supply Co	1,509.38
Eichelberger, Brock	47.79
ESU #8	3,026.48
Fire Protection Services, LLC	540.00
First Citizens Bank & Trust Company	671,147.58
Fisher, Tonya	299.25
Flinn Scientific, Inc.	81.11
Follett Content Solutions, LLC	2,599.65
Frank, Shelly	167.58
Frontline Technologies Group LLC	2,927.90
Fuel Espresso 9	48.16
Gokie Oil Company, Inc.	2,024.46
Gopher Sports	330.32
GreatAmerica Financial Services	1,018.80
Gruhn, Garret	167.58
Gueta-Lopez, Gabriela	131.67
Harte's Lawn Service	19,297.60

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Heartland Counseling Services, Inc.	2,112.00
Heinemann	13,228.85
Heisinger, Josh	6,500.00
Hilker, Cole	20.01
Holt County Independent	319.98
Island Supply Welding Co.	91.96
J & L Collision Center, Inc	3,090.75
Jakubowski, Cindy	966.50
KBRX Radio	15.00
Kellum Welding LLC	4,975.00
Kennedy, Valerie	287.28
Kim Foundation	266.52
Klasna, Lala	287.28
Klein, Carre	3,120.00
Krysl, Lisa	71.82
KSB School Law	2,706.00
Laible, Dustin	191.52
Leaf Funding Inc	142.64
Learning Without Tears	352.80
LeFever, Katie	287.28
Limborg, Lisa	143.64
Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker	159.00
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc..	733.51
Lynn Theatre	245.00
Mandt System, Inc., The	89.81
McIntosh Jewelry, Inc	30.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	1,773.12
Midwest Technology Products	348.30
Miner, Cheryl	109.73
Mudloff, Lara	143.64
NASB-Nebr Assoc of School Boards	89.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	5,091.00
Neligh Oakdale Schools	1,126.00
Neu You Physical Therapy, PC	1,248.00
Northeast Regional Program	1,144.30
NPPD	10,362.45
O'Neill Lanes	1,914.25
O'Neill Shopper	50.00
O'Neill Super Foods	104.93
O'Neill Travel Now	825.00
Ogden Hardware	895.50
Ollendick, Kacey	47.88
One Office Solution	2,211.34
One Source, The Background Check Co.,Inc	108.00
OPS Lunch Fund	243.90
Parks, Katie	71.82
Pearson, Inc, NCS	411.65
Peterson, Kristi	311.22
Pinkerman, Denise	263.34
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc	697.25
Pitsco Education, LLC	220.98
Prairie View Industries Inc	624.60
Prestige Group Inc	5,850.00
Prestwick House	333.08
Procure Software	129.00
Ranchland Auto Parts	166.56

<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
Really Good Stuff, LLC		317.33	
Riverside Insights		550.00	
Rusty Wrench LLC		562.96	
Sayers, Angela		119.70	
Scenario Learning LLC		2,797.26	
School Datebooks, Inc		775.01	
Seesaw Learning, Inc		2,851.33	
Seger, Becky		251.37	
Shell		32.37	
Sholes, Molly		143.64	
Southwest Airlines		13,282.00	
Spangler, Cindy		59.85	
St. Mary's School		1.00	
Stepp, Melanie		95.76	
Stuhr Museum		638.00	
Supreme School Supply		250.62	
Thompson, Erin		131.67	
Three River		187.10	
Top O' The Rock Designs		35.00	
Torpin's Rodeo Market		266.25	
Torpin, Carla		287.78	
Twig Flower & Gift		79.10	
VanEvery, Maria		263.34	
Viaero Wireless		23.75	
Walmart.com		70.50	
Welke, Amanda		95.76	
Westerberg, Ashley		109.73	
Wettlaufer, Kristin		239.40	
Wilson, Sarah		311.22	
Wiseman, Tricia		239.40	
Wright, Hannah		526.68	
Young, Sara		263.34	
Zlomke, Kendra		526.68	
		Fund Total:	833,528.74
Checking	1	Fund: 01 NUTRITION FUND	
Burson, Jamie		40.45	
Hornback, Kelsey		100.40	
Jarman, Dawn		55.75	
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc..		26,906.05	
Midwest Restaurant Supply LLC		140.00	
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc		304.98	
Thurlow, Christopher		7.50	
Vandersnick, Stacy		178.55	
Wragge, William		243.85	
		Fund Total:	27,977.53
		Checking Account Total:	861,506.27
<u>Checking</u>	2		
Checking	2	Fund: 02 Depreciation Fund	
Apple Inc		33,920.00	
		Fund Total:	33,920.00
		Checking Account Total:	33,920.00