

Scottsbluff Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2025 6:00 PM

Scottsbluff High School
313 E 27th Street
Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Mark Lang:	Present
Beth Merrigan:	Present
Robert Polk:	Present
Scott Reisig:	Absent
Tory Schwartz:	Present
Paul Snyder:	Absent

1. Opening Procedures

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Vice President Beth Merrigan.

1.a. Call to Order

1.b. Roll Call

1.c. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Motion to excuse absent members Scott Reisig and Paul Snyder Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Open Meetings Law

This meeting was held in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald on Saturday, June 7, 2025 and on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

4. Student Fees Public Hearing

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education during the Student Fees Public Hearing.

4.a. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations by taxpayers relating to setting the Student Fee Schedule.

5. Title I Parental and Family Engagement Public Hearing

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education during the Title I Parental and Family Engagement Public Hearing.

5.a. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations by taxpayers relating to the reviewing and revision of Policy 6400 - "Parental/Community Involvement in Schools"

6. LB 140 - Required Policy Relating to Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students: Stakeholder Participation

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mike Mason sought stakeholder participation for the purpose of gathering feedback from staff and parents in order to formulate a policy regarding "electronic communication devices" as required by LB 140.

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education during the LB 140 - Required Policy Relating to Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students: Stakeholder Participation agenda item.

6.a. This agenda item provides staff and parents an opportunity to offer suggestions or concerns for the Board to consider when drafting the policy.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

7.a. Adopt Agenda

7.b. Approval of Certified Staff Hire

7.b.1. Morgan Whitmire, Teacher, Bear Cub Preschool

7.c. Approve Minutes as follows:

7.c.1. May 12, 2025

8. Expenditures

8.a. Expenditures: \$2,379,029.83

Motion to approve the expenditures for the amount of \$2,379,029.83 Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

9. Update

9.a. Strategic Priority #5 - "Student Achievement and Engagement"

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mike Mason, Bluffs Middle School Principal Jana Mason, Bluffs Middle School Soccer Coach Brad Wright, Scottsbluff High School Assistant Principal Kelli Jensen, Scottsbluff High School Media Specialist Tammy Harrison, Math Content Area Specialist Mandy Hadenfeldt, ELA Content Area Specialist Jadie Beam, Early Childhood Director Dr. Bree Rock, and Family Success Center staff members Wynne Burg and Andrea Rein provided an update on Strategic Priority #5 - "Scottsbluff Public Schools Commits to Providing Opportunities that Maximize Student Engagement and Achievement."

9.b. Committee on American Civics Review

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mike Mason provided an update on the Committee on American Civics. There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board of Education during the Public Comment portion of the Committee on American Civics agenda item.

10. Public Comment - a total of 120 minutes will be allotted (no more than 5 minutes per speaker).

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education.

11. Unfinished Business

11.a. Revision of Board Policy 5008 - “Student Attendance” and Adoption of Board Policy 5008.1 - “Mandatory Ages of Attendance” - Second Reading

Motion to approve the revision of Board Policy 5008 - "Student Attendance" and the adoption of Board Policy 5008.1 - "Mandatory Ages of Attendance" as presented. Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12. New Business

12.a. Revision of Board Policies 5101 - “Student Discipline” and 5103 - “Extracurricular Activity Discipline”

Motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies 5101 - "Student Discipline" and 5103 - "Extracurricular Activity Discipline" as presented, effective immediately, and to waive any further readings related to the revisions of Board Policies 5101 and 5103. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.b. Revision of Board Policy 6400 - “Parental/Community Involvement in Schools”

Motion to approve the revision of Board Policy 6400 - "Parental/Community Involvement in Schools" as presented, effective immediately, and to waive any further readings related to the revision of Board Policy 6400. Passed with a motion by Tory Schwartz and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.c. Removal of Board Policies - 6410 - “Combined District and School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy” and 6410.1 - “Combined District and School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy Guidelines”

Motion to remove Board Policy 6410 - "Combined District and School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy" and 6410.1 - "Combined District and School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy Guidelines" effective immediately. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.d. 2025-2026 ReConnect Parent-Student Handbook

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 ReConnect Parent-Student Handbook as presented. Passed with a motion by Tory Schwartz and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.e. Request for Approval for the CodeHS Pilot

Motion to approve the purchase of the CodeHS digital curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year for the amount of \$6,694.00. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.f. Annual Readoption of Board Policy 5416 - “Student Fees” and Board Policy 5416.1 - “Appendix 1 to Student Fees Policy of Scottsbluff Public Schools”

Motion to readopt Board Policy 5416 - "Student Fees" and Board Policy 5416.1 - "Appendix to Student Fees Policy of Scottsbluff Public Schools" as presented. Passed with a motion by Tory Schwartz and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.g. QCPUF Resolution

Motion to approve the QCPUF Resolution as presented. Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.h. Auditorium Sound Bid

Motion to approve awarding the Auditorium Sound Bid to Lux AVL Inc for their Option 2 in the amount of \$119,256.53. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.i. MCI Bus Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2026 MCI J4500 from Motor Coach Industries for a total purchase price of \$649,279 and a delivery fee of \$4,000. Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.j. Crossing Guard Agreement

Motion to approve the Crossing Guard Agreement as presented. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

12.k. Audio Enhancement Bid for the Early Childhood Learning Center and District Office

Motion to approve awarding the bid to Kansas City Audio Visual in the amount of \$63,042.12. Passed with a motion by Tory Schwartz and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

13. Reports and Proposals

13.a. Board Members

No report.

13.b. Board Committee Reports

13.b.1. Curriculum & Instruction/Americanism Committee - Next Meeting: August 15, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

No report.

13.b.2. Facility Committee - Next Meeting: July 1, 2025 @ 12:30 PM

No report.

13.b.3. Finance Committee - Next Meeting: July 1, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

No report.

13.b.4. Policy Committee - Next Meeting: June 11, 2025 @ 1:30 PM

Superintendent Dr. Andrew Dick stated the Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 11 to review the recommended changes from the Perry Law Firm as a result of the recent legislative

session. Dr. Dick stated those policies will be brought to the Board for consideration at the July 14 Board meeting.

13.b.5. Student Services Committee - Next Meeting: August 21, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

No report.

13.c. From the Administrative Staff:

13.c.1. Executive Director of Finance

Director of Facilities Travis Rickey updated the Board of Education on an approved change order for the Scottsbluff Public Schools Education Center as per Board Policy 3133.

13.c.2. Executive Director of Student Services

No report.

13.c.3. Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

No report.

13.c.4. Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Andrew Dick thanked Beth Rohrer and Reagan True for their hard work in planning and preparing for the Staff Appreciation Festival recently held on May 22. Dr. Dick stated the event was very well-received by staff, as indicated by a record number of tickets requested and redeemed at the various food vendors at the event. He commented that it was very apparent that employees and their families had a great time, and it was a good opportunity to recognize the outstanding service that all staff members provide to our students and their families.

Dr. Andrew Dick congratulated Director of Communications Melissa Price on receiving three Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards from the National School Public Relations Association. The "Back-to-School Guide for Families" received the top award, the Award of Excellence, while the "2023-2024 Annual Report" and the "Early Childhood Expansion" tour handout both received Awards of Merit. All three publications were written, designed, and edited in-house by Melissa. Dr. Dick noted these awards certainly underscore the District's commitment to effective communication while highlighting Melissa's outstanding work.

14. Future Meetings and Dates to Remember

14.a. July 14, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting

14.b. August 11, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting

14.c. August 23, 2025 - SBPS Education Center Grand Opening Ceremony

15. Adjournment

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea