

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Media Center, Twin River High School  
816 Willard Ave  
PO Box 640  
Genoa, NE 68640  
Monday, May 16, 2022 7:30 PM

David Baxa: Present  
John Nelson: Present  
Dan Preister: Absent  
John Reeg: Present  
Jennifer Swantek: Present  
Chelsa Thompson: Present

1. Meeting Called to Order
  - 1.1. Open Meeting Law
  - 1.2. Meeting Properly Published and Posted
  - 1.3. Rules for Public Participation Stated
2. Roll Call
  - 2.1. Excused/Unexcused Absences
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
5. Treasurer's Financial Report
6. Approval of Claims
7. Reports of Administrators and Committees
  - 7.1. Visitors
  - 7.2. Principal's Reports
  - 7.3. Activities Report
  - 7.4. Superintendent Report
  - 7.5. Board of Education Committee Report(s)

8. Old Business

9. New Business

9.1. Consider and Take Possible Action to Lower Age for Unsupervised Weightlifting Sessions at The 501 Building

9.2. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve FBLA, FFA, and FCCLA Trips to National Conventions and to Pay For Expenses Associated With These Trips

9.3. Consider and Take Possible Action to Declare Laptops Excess Material

9.4. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Extended Contracts for the 2022 - 2023 School Year.

9.5. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Bus Plan

9.6. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Contract for Mental Health Practitioner for School Year 2022 - 2023

9.7. Consider and Take Possible Action to Accept Resignation(s)

9.8. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve New Hire(s)

10. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

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Jennifer Swantek, Board President

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Dan Preister, Board Secretary

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Media Center - Twin River Elementary School Building  
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Dan Preister: Absent  
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2. Roll Call

2.1. Excused/Unexcused Absences

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda Passed with a motion by John Reeg and a second by Chelsa Thompson.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings Passed with a motion by Chelsa Thompson and a second by David Baxa.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

5. Program Spotlight - FCCLA Students

Mrs. Andreasen and some of her FCCLA students gave a presentation on their projects that qualified them for nationals. Mrs. Andreasen said the students put a minimum of 80-100 hours into their projects. This year there are 10 students who qualified for nationals. The National Leadership Conference is June 28th- July 3rd in San Diego, California. Mrs. Andreasen asked the board for support in funding some of the costs for FCCLA Nationals and said students will also be fundraising to help raise money for this opportunity.

## 6. Treasurer's Financial Report

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Financial Report Passed with a motion by David Baxa and a second by John Reeg.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

## 7. Approval of Claims

Motion to Approve Claims Passed with a motion by Chelsa Thompson and a second by David Baxa.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

## 8. Reports of Administrators and Committees

### 8.1. Visitors

Tim Cornwell-asking board to lessen the age limit on 501 building fitness center to 16 without parental supervision. Mentioned kids driving to Columbus daily to workout at Y, would like to see them stick around town to do that. Dr. Weidner addressed this during his report.

### 8.2. Principal's Reports

Pre-K-6th grade Principal's Report:

Kindergarten round-up is on Thursday, April 7th. Currently they have 24 students. Pre-Kindergarten round-up is on Thursday, April 21st. Currently, they have 23 students eligible. NSCAS Testing 3rd-6th grade will begin on April 12th and finish on April 27th. Mrs. Buhl shared the upcoming schedule with breaks and early dismissals. Spring Break | 1:30 dismissal on Thursday, April 14 | No school on Friday, April 15th and Monday the 18th. Thursday, April 21st | 1:30 dismissal Wednesday, April 27 | 1:30 dismissal. Professional Development with the ESU regarding MTSS process is on April 27th. Nance-Boone County Extension held an after-school Robotics Clinic at Twin River for elementary students. They had a great turnout and some students that signed up were not able to attend due to the limited number of students accepted per session. There is still a lot of interest, so they are looking at having a summer camp. If they don't have field trips for a couple of years, all elementary classes are scheduled to have a field trip this year. Administration and staff continue planning and preparing for the upcoming 2022-2023.

7-12 Principal's Report:

Staff is completing budget books and administration will begin reviewing requests. NSCAS testing starts this week in grades 3rd -8<sup>th</sup>. Juniors took ACT testing on Tuesday, April 5th at Silver Creek site. Juniors who were at FCCLA conference will take ACT on April 19th. Principal Cluster at ESU7 -Mr. Heier and Mrs. Carlson were part of the presentation via zoom on WSC Step Program. Mrs. Carlson informed the group how first year of program has gone

### 8.3. Activities Report

There is interest from the local area of starting a Little League Football Program. They would like to use some school equipment and facilities, will need to talk about liability etc. Baseball Record- 1-8. Got a win vs. Omaha Benson. Track Season going well. FCCLA State Awards

State Champions & National Qualifiers: Elle Cromwell & Callie Held - gold medal Logan Kershaw & Gavin Vanek - silver medal Jalynn Baumann - silver medal Laynie Allen, Aubree Brandenburger, and Tricia Kunkee - gold medal Runner-Up & National Qualifier: Lauryn Melcher & Sophia Gasper - silver medal Gold medalists & 4th place Rachael Strain, Kynzie Swantek, & Kam Lemburg Silver medalists & 4th place Tayla Zarek & Ari Zimmer Silver medalists Clara Preister & Briley Cuba Alyvia Strain Maddie Moeller & Grace Yrkoski Bronze medalist: Kaleigh Rickard Tricia Kunkee was awarded the CommYOUity Service Award for the state of Nebraska Gold Chapter Award Nebraska FACTS Award Nebraska Public Relations Award Community ServUS Award ACE Adviser Award • FFA State Awards- waiting for full results.

#### 8.4. Superintendent Report

Twin River's Rule 10 Safety and Security Audit was performed by Dr. Jeff Anderson of the Fullerton School District. Dr. Weidner is looking into purchasing a new piano for the vocal music program. The current one has served the district well and should be replaced. Dr. Weidner gave a legislation update. The bill to make changes to the teacher certification process and to provide a loan forgiveness program for new teachers was supposed to have first round debate on Wednesday. However, when the speaker released the agenda the evening before, BL 1812 was way down the list. There are some lengthy debates expected for some of the bills ahead of it. Time is quickly becoming a factor as the final day for legislature is drawing near, there is still a chance for the measure to be debated, but politics are making it less likely. Dr. Weidner visited T & R about the vans recently. After meeting with the transportation committee, vans with the highest mileage were selected for the maintenance work.

Mr. Schapmann extended his appreciation to Dr. Weidner, Mrs. Buhl, and Mr. Barrett for being very helpful. Mr. Schapmann spoke about jobs he has filled for the upcoming school year which includes Band teacher, English teacher, and High School Principal. Mr. Schapmann currently has job applicants for the A.D., but is still looking to fill the Ag teacher position, and the Head weights/Football coaching position. He said Mr. Barrett has spoken to staff within the district to fill the Head weights/ Football coaching position until Mr. Schapmann fills the position.

#### 8.5. Board of Education Committee Report(s)

#### 9. Old Business

#### 10. New Business

##### 10.1. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Usage Fee Structure for the 501 Building

Dr. Weidner shared results from a weight room study questionnaire that he sent out to ESU 7 area schools. The schools that responded to his questionnaire include Fullerton, St. Ed, High Plains, Humphrey, Osceola, Cross County, Shelby/Rising City, Howells-Dodge, Clarkson, and East Butler. Of the listed schools the following do not allow access to their weight facility: Fullerton, East Butler, and Humphrey. Cross County allows the public to use the weight room when the school is not using it. This means beyond school hours. They do not charge a fee. The remainder of the schools do allow access. They all allow access to the public and have a fee structure in place except for one. Osceola does not have a fee but requires a deposit for the key.

According to the Superintendent at Osceola, there is very little interest in the public using the facility. He continued that if interest ever does increase, they would probably move to a fee structure. Here are how the districts who allow access to their weight room structure their fees: St. Ed - Annual fee of \$100.00, non-refundable. This is used for maintenance and upkeep or for the purchase of new equipment. It is pro-rated. The annual fee is for January 1 through December 31. A person can pay for a monthly fee of \$10.00. They also charge \$10.00 for initial card. There is a charge for extra cards. High Plains -they offer a 3 (\$50) or 6 (\$110) month plan along with an annual fee (\$200) for families. Single memberships are \$10 a month. Shelby-Rising City This district does charge a fee as listed below: 3-month plan • Individual - \$40 • Couple or family - \$80 • Sr. Citizen Single - \$30 • Sr. Citizen Couple - \$40 6-month plan • Individual - \$80 • Couple or family - \$150 • Sr. Citizen Single - \$60 • Sr. Citizen Family - \$80 Year/Annual • Individual - \$150 • Couple or Family - \$275 • Sr. Citizen Single - \$100 • Sr. Citizen Couple - \$125 Howells - Dodge This district charges an annual fee. Patrons pay \$120 for the year or \$40 for summer use. The public is only allowed to use when school is not in session and during the summer months is off limits when coaches want to get athletes in. Like us, they have a key fob/card system whereby they can control the times of access for the public. Clarkson The annual cost for the key and access is \$120 for a family membership, \$80 for a single membership, \$15 for a monthly and a \$5 daily fee. For a non-district membership, the yearly fee is \$150 for a family and \$100 for a single membership. Using the data from the other schools, Dr. Weidner and the Buildings and Grounds Committee came up with the following Structure Fee for The 501 Building:

Structure Fee for 501 Building:

The purpose of the fees is to help the district in maintaining equipment and the purchase of new equipment. This money may also be used to repair damage to the facility, inside or outside. The fees paid by users will be non-refundable. Current deposits will be applied to the first year of the fee. The yearly fee is for January 1st through December 31st. The school district will not be responsible for sending out renewal notices. Patrons wishing to renew their membership will need to have the renewal fee paid by January 14th. Non-renewed accounts will have their cards disabled until payment is received. This fee structure will become effective January 1, 2023. Annual Fee\* - \$120 for a family membership \$80 for a single membership \$15 for a monthly membership. \*For patrons who have a current deposit with the district, the deposit will be applied to the annual fee for the first year only. If a person decides not to renew, then their deposit will be refunded as per the fee structure at that time.

## 10.2. Consider and Take Possible Action to Accept Resignation(s)

There are no resignation(s) at this time.

## 10.3. Consider and Take Possible Action to Rescind Acceptance of Resignation by Katie Shanle and Continue Her Employment for the 22 - 23 School Year.

Consider and Take Possible Action to Rescind Acceptance of Resignation by Katie Shanle and Continue Her Employment for the 22 - 23 School Year. Passed with a motion by David Baxa and a second by John Reeg.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

#### 10.4. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve New Hire(s)

Motion to Approve New Hire Joshua Reiff as the Instrumental Music Instructor Passed with a motion by John Reeg and a second by Chelsa Thompson.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

Motion to Approve Zachary Barrett as the High School Principal for 7th-12th grade Passed with a motion by John Reeg and a second by Chelsa Thompson.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

#### 11. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

Date: May 16th, 2022

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Media Center, Elementary School Building

Motion to Approve the Next Regular Board Meeting for May 16th, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center, Elementary School Building Passed with a motion by Chelsa Thompson and a second by David Baxa.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

12. Executive Session - In order to protect the reputation of an individual, a closed session may be warranted. Also, to discuss negotiations strategy in order to protect the public interest.

Motion for the Board of Education go into Closed Session at 8:21 p.m. for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals, to discuss with the Superintendent and other requested personnel: (name those who want in) Personnel Matters, Real Estate, and Superintendent's Evaluation Passed with a motion by David Baxa and a second by John Reeg.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

Motion to Come Out of Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. Passed with a motion by David Baxa and a second by John Reeg.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

#### 13. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Leave of Absence Request

#### 14. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Salary Increases for Elementary and Assistant Principals

Motion to Approve Salary Increase for Elementary Principal Passed with a motion by John Reeg and a second by Chelsa Thompson.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

Motion to Adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Passed with a motion by David Baxa and a second by John Reeg.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

#### 15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Passed with a motion by David Baxa and a second by John Reeg.

David Baxa: Yea, John Reeg: Yea, Jennifer Swantek: Yea, Chelsa Thompson: Yea

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Jennifer Swantek, Board President

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Dan Preister, Board Secretary

**Twin River Board of Education  
Monthly Meeting  
5-16-22**

**7-12 Principal's Report**

- I. NSCAS Testing Completed**
  - A. 100% 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students completed!
  
- II. 7-12 Student Scheduling**
  - A. Continuing to evolve based on staffing—students have completed scheduling forms for Mr. Koziol
  
- III. End of Year**
  - A. Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>)-Wednesday last day of school
  - B. High School (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>)-Thursday last day of school
  - C. Staff working on: Report Cards/Budget Books/Inventories/Summer Maintenance, etc.

**Twin River Board of Education**  
**Monday, May 16, 2022**

- Testing
  - Acadience Testing (K-6)- completed May 4th-May 6th
  - NWEA-MAPS Testing (K-6)- completed the week of May 10th-May 12th
  - PELI (PreK)-completed May 9-12
  
- Schedule
  - Last day for PreK-Friday, May 13th
  - Last day for K-6th grade-Wednesday, May 18th
  
- End of Year
  - Staffing and room placement for 2022-2023
  - Budget books, maintenance requests for summer

Dear Twin River Administration and Board of Education,

We are writing to you to tell you our concerns regarding the current gym floor. This gym is used for multiple purposes like PE, recess, volleyball, and basketball to name a few. The big gym is the only gym that we use for varsity level athletics here at Twin River.

While using it for basketball, we have noted a few problems that could be improved upon. One of the biggest concerns we have right now is the slickness of the gym floor. This concerns us for a few reasons. First, student safety is impacted because the floor is so slick. We have had to skip out on multiple drills and scrimmages during our high school basketball practices due to it not being safe for high intensity training. In fact, at one basketball practice one of the athletes tried to stop and did the splits which could have caused significant injury. Second, the athlete's performance is impacted in practices and especially games. During the boys varsity basketball game against Howells-Dodge one of the refs told a player he would not be making all of the traveling calls because the players were slipping and sliding so bad. We know the janitorial staff have used the wet mop to clean before games as well as sweeping before games, but this seems to have little impact.

If we were able to have our gym floor redone, it would improve the overall appearance of the gym. We know that there is a possibility of building a new school in the future. However, this is the gym that will be used until that happens. We should have something that we can be proud of. Just because it isn't a newer facility, like many schools in our area, doesn't mean it can't be improved upon.

Please take our concerns into consideration.

Thank you,  
Kadin Buhl, Caden Jenkinson, and the Boys Basketball Players

## **May 2022**

- State Track Qualifiers- Jackson Strain, Kadren Miller, Spencer Ramaekers
- Baseball finished season last week and Golf is finishing up at Districts Today
- Baseball- Osceola wants to Co-op. Next steps?
- Getting summer stuff lined up for teams
- Getting coaches signed up for NCA and clinic this summer
- Finishing up staffing for next school year
- Football Coach- Kalin Koch will be head football coach
- Awards Nights- should we change the way we do these?
- Refinishing the gym floor, fixing the floor? Multiple comments/complaints- See attached letter