

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:00 PM Monday, January 13, 2025
Junior High Conference Room
700 W 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent shall preside over the meeting until the new President is elected.

1.1. Roll Call

Attendance Taken on 1/13/2025 at 6:00 PM Agenda Item: Roll Call	Regular Board	
	Scott Barger	
	Amanda Buhr	
	Brad Hays	Regular Board
	Jesse Juenemann	[None]
	Mike Langan	
	Charlie McPherson	

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Oath of office for most recently elected board members

Mr. Norgaard gave the oath of office to: Brad Hays, Jesse Juenemann, Amanda Buhr

3. Election of Officers

The motions for the officer elections should read: Move that _____ be elected as _____ (name of office) to serve a term of one year, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified.

3.1. Nominations and election of the President

I Move that Brad Hays be elected as President to serve a term of one year, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Charlie McPherson.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Charlie McPherson nominated Brad Hays for the position of President. Mr. Hays accepted. No other nominations.

3.1.1. Newly elected President chairs the meeting.

3.2. Nominations and election of the Vice President

I Move that Scott Barger be elected as Vice President to serve a term of one year, or until the

person's successor is elected and qualified. Passed with a motion by Charlie McPherson and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Scott Barger was nominated for the position of vice president by Brad Hays. Mr. Barger accepted. There were no other nominations.

3.3. Nominations and election of the Secretary

I Move that Mike Langan be elected as Secretary to serve a term of one year, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Jesse Juenemann.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Mike Langan was nominated for the position of secretary of the board by Brad Hays. Mr. Langan accepted. There were no more nominations.

3.4. Annual appointment of the Ex officio Recording Secretary and Treasurer

3.4.1. By job description, the Business Manager is the Treasurer and Recording Secretary of the minutes of all meetings for the Board of Education. This position should be reappointed each year when the board recognizes and elects officers.

The motions for the Ex officio appointment should read: Move that the Business Manager be elected as the Treasurer and Recording Secretary to serve a term of one year, or until the position's successor is appointed.

I Move that the Business Manager be elected as the Treasurer and Recording Secretary to serve a term of one year, or until the position's successor is appointed. Passed with a motion by Brad Hays and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Appointment of committees

Per school policy, the President is responsible for establishing committees and appointing members.

2025 Board of Education Committee Assignments:

Scheduling Committee Meeting: scheduling a meeting should be done through the Superintendent's office.

1. Programs: Our curriculum and program offerings are discussed as well as changes being considered at this meeting. A great deal of our guidance in this area is administrative led as well as our annual strategic planning discussions.

1. Chair: Brad Hays

2. Jesse Juenemann
3. Mike Langan
2. Activities: Committee is responsible for discussions, policy consideration, and guideline discussions with the administration for the support and governance of extracurricular activities available or considered for our students.
 1. Chair: Charlie McPherson
 2. Brad Hays
 3. Amanda Buhr
3. Policy: A board is to govern through policy and superintendent oversight. This committee supports the review of established policy as well as the consideration of new. It meets regularly in an effort to cover existing policy.
 1. Chair: Scott Barger
 2. Brad Hays
 3. Jesse Juenemann
4. Finance: Responsible for support, review, and recommendations during budget preparation as well as throughout the year as needed when financial issues arise. Meets with external audit staff briefly at close of audit to support independent dialogue.
 1. Chair: Mike Langan
 2. Charlie McPherson
 3. Amanda Buhr
5. Negotiations: This committee meets frequently in November, December and January with the McCook Education Association leadership to negotiate the compensation package for certificated teaching staff. The Superintendent and Business Manager are requested to attend negotiations committee meetings as resources to the negotiations process.
 1. Chair: Charlie McPherson
 2. Scott Barger
 3. Amanda Buhr
6. Facilities: Past actions of this committee have supported everything from bond issue support to a walk-through of current progress on projects. Meetings focus on status of projects, issues we are facing in facility needs, general building needs and safety audits.
 1. Chair: Scott Barger
 2. Jesse Juenemann
 3. Brad Hays
7. Americanism: A state statute requires that this committee exist. There are certain elements of this committee's actions/agenda that also need to comply with that statute. Curriculum to annual patriotic events are discussed and covered within this committee.
 1. Chair: Mike Langan
 2. Amanda Buhr
 3. Jesse Juenemann
8. Ad-Hoc: Ad-hoc committees are allowed by policy and are commonly used for interim periods within one calendar year. For example, the secretary, vice president,

and board president will create an ad-hoc committee prior to the full board addressing the superintendent's contract and compensation review.

Guests at Committee Meetings: Please let the Superintendent know if you would like to bring a guest to a committee meeting, the guest must be approved by the Superintendent.

5. Approve the District newspaper

The McCook Gazette is used to advertise board meetings to patrons.

I Move that the Mccook Gazette be identified as the official newspaper for district notices

Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Charlie McPherson.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike

Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Board members are provided with State Statutes Regarding Conflict of Interests See attached PDF

7. Reports, Communications & Public Participation

7.1. Board accepts public comments

There were no public comments.

7.2. Student board member report

Kyson Barger reported the following:

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

StuCo is getting ready for Color Day which will be on January 25th.

Spirit Week will start for us on Tuesday January 21st.

SPORTS & CLUBS:

Boys/Girls Basketball- Both teams kicked off the New Year by winning the Louisville Holiday Tournament. Last Tuesday Both teams defeated Broken Bow on Tuesday. Boys picked up wins over Gothenburg and Sidney on Friday and Saturday.

Bowling- Boys and Girls had a home dual on January 9th against Arapahoe.

Boys won and Girls lost. They both headed to Lexington over the weekend on Saturday to compete.

Boys/Girls Wrestling- Girls traveled to Norton on Friday and boys went to Beatrice.

Speech- Speech team will be heading to Wallace on January 18th.

Swim/Dive- Competed in Kearney last Friday (January 10th).

8. Approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes and financials

Motion to approve consent agenda Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike

Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.1. Approve minutes from the special board meeting

8.2. Approval of Expenditures/Payroll for December 2024

9. Reports from Staff Members and Committees

10. Administrator's written reports: Please review prior to the board meeting

10.1. Board Comments

Scott Barger thanked the new board members for their service.

Brad Hays reminded the School Board members of the Board retreat in North Platte on Wednesday, Jan 15. We will depart school at 3:30pm.

11. Superintendent's report/comments **External Team Visit:**

9. An external team visit in Nebraska focuses on reviewing a school or district's school improvement process. This process ensures that the school is actively working to improve education for all students by setting goals, implementing strategies, and measuring progress.

10. The purpose of the visit is to:

1. Review the Improvement Process: The team examines how the school identifies its goals, plans improvements, and tracks progress to ensure there is a clear and effective process in place.
2. Observe Practices: Team members visit classrooms, observe teaching and learning, and look at how the school functions to see the improvement process in action.
3. Provide Feedback: After the visit, the team shares observations, celebrates the school's strengths, and offers recommendations to help refine and enhance the school's improvement efforts.

11. This visit is a collaborative effort, not an evaluation of whether the school is meeting specific accreditation standards. Instead, it ensures the school is focused on continuous improvement and making meaningful progress toward better outcomes for students.

12. If you are available, we would like board members to be present at our welcome presentation. This presentation will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Jr. High cafeteria. During the presentation, we will need a board member or two to talk about MPS's school improvement process.

1. As you are aware, I give a school improvement update most months during the school year.

12. **School Improvement Review:**

- The district's school improvement goal is to directly and significantly impact student learning through the implementation of a comprehensive instructional program approach focused on high-quality teacher training, collaboration, curriculum development, assessment development, and multi-tiered student learning support structures.
- The Comprehensive Instructional Program (CIP) is a structured approach designed to improve student achievement for all students. It focuses on five key components:

- Teacher Collaboration: Educators work together to share ideas, strategies, and best practices. Schools where teachers collaborate with and learn from each other are often referred to as a professional learning community (PLC).
- Professional Development: Teachers participate in ongoing training to enhance their skills and knowledge.
- Assessment Development: Schools create and use assessments to measure student learning and guide instruction. The district has invested heavily in developing its own criterion-referenced tests (CRT) to ensure assessments align with local goals.
- Curriculum Development: A clear, consistent curriculum is designed to meet students' needs and state standards. The district has worked hard to identify foundational curriculum goals, called essential learning objectives, which are critical learning objectives all students are expected to master.
- Interventions (MTSS): Support is provided through a multi-tiered system to address the academic and behavioral needs of all students. Locally, this system is known as Pyramidal Response to Intervention (PRTI).
- This approach ensures that every student has the opportunity to succeed by fostering continuous improvement in teaching and learning.

13. January 20th Teacher In-service

- On January 20, teachers from across the district will be engaged in a professional development training session facilitated by the renowned educational researcher Rick Stiggins.
- Rick Stiggins' most recent book, "Give Our Students the Gift of Confidence", emphasizes the importance of fostering student confidence as a foundation for learning and academic success. The book explores how traditional assessment practices often undermine students' self-belief and offers strategies for using assessment to empower and motivate students. It advocates for a shift from using assessment solely for grading to focusing on building a supportive learning environment where students see themselves as capable learners.

14. Potential Teacher Certification Changes

- NDE along with state legislators, have been working to open up new avenues for individuals to become certified to teach in the state of Nebraska. Below I have listed the changes that are likely to be implemented in the near future.
- Future Certification Pathways (Proposed Changes):
- Proposed replacement for the current pathways:
 - Requirements:
 - Bachelor's degree.
 - Teaching job.
 - Enrollment in a program of study.
- Grow Your Own Program:
 - Allows schools to hire:
 - Paraprofessionals who are working toward certification.
 - Undergraduate teachers as paraprofessionals during their student-teaching phase.
 - May result in student teachers transitioning to schools that hire them.
- PRAXIS Content Test Changes (Pending Approval):

- Elimination of the content test for candidates completing approved programs.
- Micro-credentials

15.

16. Director of Business services report

Monthly Business Manager Board of Education Report
 Dec 2024 for January 2025 Board Meeting
 Monthly Lunch #'s = 11,655 meals served
 Financial #'s = After 33%% of fiscal year = General Fund YTD Revenue is 30% YTD
 Expense is 35%
 All Funds YTD Revenue is 30%, YTD Expenses is 34%
 Facilities - Updates
 Ordered one more 14' x 20" Awning for the Tennis facility
 Upcoming Projects
 SH Hall by Gymnasium project
 SH Hallway drop ceiling/lighting
 Bond Project
 Need to schedule facilities committee meeting
 Federal/state Reports filed in December:
 None

17. New Business

17.1. Accept Resignations

There were no resignations.

17.2. Approve contract for Rachel Rydgren - Life Skills room 2025/2026 school year.

I move to approve with Rachel Rygren - SH Special Education teacher for the 2025-2026 School year. BA + 0, Step 0 = \$41,100 Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Charlie McPherson.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea
 Yea: 6, Nay: 0

17.3. Approve contract for Cherie Wallace - JH Special Education teacher for the 2nd Semester 2024-2025 school year only.

I move to approve with Cherie Wallace - JH Special Education teacher for the 2nd Semester 2024-2025 School year. MA + 36, Step 15 = \$40,461 (1 Semester only) Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Amanda Buhr.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea
 Yea: 6, Nay: 0

17.4. Approve contract for Meagan Paul - 4-12 SLP for 2025/2026 school year

I move to approve with Meagan Paul - Speech Language Pathologist for grades 4-12 for the 2025-2026 School year. MA + 0, Step 9 = \$63,458 Passed with a motion by Scott Barger

and a second by Amanda Buhr.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike

Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 17.5. Accept Grant funds from The Graff Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$1,500 for the NORE group.

I move to accept a gift from Graff Charitable Foundation for \$1500 to the NORE Science Trip. Passed with a motion by Mike Langan and a second by Jesse Juenemann.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Mike

Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

18. Positive Comments

Kyson Barger is excited about Color day and spirit week.

Jesse Juenemann thanked all the McCook students and staff for their help with the MAC attack basketball tournament. He also thanked everyone for the heartfelt welcome to the board.

Amanda Buhr is happy to be on the board and thanks everyone for all their support.

Mike Langan was encouraged and excited by the winter sports results.

Charlie McPherson announced that Governor Pillemer will be here on Thursday at The Coppermill from 12:30-2:30 pm. He thanked the school district for all their help with the MAC attack.

Scott Barger appreciates the bus drivers for all the work that they do with our students. He appreciated the changes to the teacher certification process.

Brad Hays welcomed the new board members, and thanked everyone for their service in all their positions.

Grant Norgaard thanked the administrators for all their work over Christmas break.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

20. Items for Review

Conflict of Interests State Statutes

49-1425: Immediate family, defined.

Immediate family shall mean a child residing in an individual's household, a spouse of an individual, or an individual claimed by that individual or that individual's spouse as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

49-1499. Legislature; discharge of official duties; potential conflict; actions required.

(1) A member of the Legislature who would be required to take any action or make any decision in the discharge of his or her official duties that may cause financial benefit or detriment to him or her, a member of his or her immediate family, or a business with which he or she is associated, which is distinguishable from the effects of such action on the public generally or a broad segment of the public, shall take the following actions as soon as he or she is aware of such potential conflict or should reasonably be aware of such potential conflict, whichever is sooner:

(a) Prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decision and the nature of the potential conflict, and if he or she will not abstain from voting, deliberating, or taking other action on the matter, the statement shall state why, despite the potential conflict, he or she intends to vote or otherwise participate; and

(b) Deliver a copy of the statement to the commission and to the Speaker of the Legislature who shall cause the statement to be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature to be held as a matter of public record.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any member of the Legislature from voting, deliberating, or taking other action on any matter that comes before the Legislature.

(3) The member of the Legislature may abstain from voting, deliberating, or taking other action on the matter on which the potential conflict exists. He or she may have the reasons for the abstention recorded in the Legislative Journal.

Source: Laws 1976, LB 987, § 99; Laws 1981, LB 134, § 8; Laws 1992, LB 556, § 11; Laws 1995, LB 434, § 9; Laws 2001, LB 242, § 12; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 39.

49-14,102. Contracts with government bodies; procedure; powers of certain cities; purpose.

(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, no public official or public employee, a member of that individual's immediate family, or business with which the individual is associated shall enter into a contract valued at two thousand dollars or more, in any one year, with a government body unless the contract is awarded through an open and public process.

(2) For purposes of this section, an open and public process includes prior public notice and subsequent availability for public inspection during the regular office hours of the contracting government body of the proposals considered and the contract awarded.

(3) No contract may be divided for the purpose of evading the requirements of this section.

(4) This section shall not apply to a contract when the public official or public employee does not in any way represent either party in the transaction.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class may prohibit contracts over a specific dollar amount in which a public official or a public employee of such city may have an interest.

(6) This section prohibits public officials and public employees from engaging in certain activities under circumstances creating a substantial conflict of interest. This section is not intended to penalize innocent persons, and a contract shall not be absolutely void by reason of this section.

(7) This section does not apply to contracts covered by sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.06.

Source: Laws 1976, LB 987, § 102; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 46; Laws 2014, LB364, § 1.

49-14,103. Contract; conflict of interest; voidable; decree.

(1) A contract involving a prohibited conflict of interest under section 49-14,102 shall be voidable only by decree of a court of proper jurisdiction in an action brought by any citizen of this state as to any person that entered into the contract or took assignment thereof, with actual knowledge of the prohibited conflict. In the case of a person other than an individual, the actual knowledge must be that of an individual or body finally approving the contract for the person.

(2) An action to void any contract shall be brought within one year after discovery of circumstances suggesting the existence of a violation.

(3) Any such decree voiding such contract may, to meet the ends of justice, provide for the reimbursement of any person for the reasonable value of all money, goods, material, labor, or services furnished under the contract, to the extent that the state or political subdivision has benefited thereby.

(4) Sections 49-14,102 and 49-14,103 shall not apply to a contract for labor which is negotiated or is being negotiated pursuant to the laws of this state.

Source: Laws 1976, LB 987, § 103; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 47.

49-14,103.01. Officer, defined; interest in contract prohibited; when.

(1) For purposes of sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.06, unless the context otherwise requires, officer means (a) a member of the board of directors of a natural resources district, (b) a member of the board of directors of a district organized under Chapter 70, (c) a member of any board or commission of any county, school district, city, or village which spends and administers its own funds, who is dealing with a contract made by such board or commission, (d) any elected county, school district, educational service unit, city, or village official, and (e) a member of any board of directors or trustees of a hospital district as provided by the Nebraska Local Hospital District Act or a county hospital as provided by sections 23-3501 to 23-3519. Officer does not mean volunteer firefighters or ambulance drivers with respect to their duties as firefighters or ambulance drivers.

(2) Except as provided in section 49-1499.04 or 70-624.04, no officer may have an interest in any contract to which his or her governing body, or anyone for its benefit, is a party. The existence of such an interest in any contract shall render the contract voidable by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction as to any person who entered into the contract or took assignment of such contract with actual knowledge of the prohibited conflict.

(3) An action to have a contract declared void under this section may be brought by the county attorney, the governing body, or any resident within the jurisdiction of the governing body and shall be brought within one year after the contract is signed or assigned. The decree may provide for the reimbursement of any person for the reasonable value of all money, goods, material, labor, or services furnished under the contract, to the extent that the governing body has benefited thereby.

(4) The prohibition in this section shall apply only when the officer or his or her parent, spouse, or child (a) has a business association as defined in section 49-1408 with the business involved in the contract or (b) will receive a payment, fee, or commission as a result of the contract.

(5) The prohibition in this section does not apply if the contract is an agenda item approved at a board meeting and the interested officer:

(a) Makes a declaration on the record to the governing body responsible for approving the contract regarding the nature and extent of his or her interest prior to official consideration of the contract;

(b) Does not vote on the matters of granting the contract, making payments pursuant to the contract, or accepting performance of work under the contract, or similar matters relating to the contract, except that if the number of members of the governing body declaring an interest in the contract would prevent the body with all members present from securing a quorum on the issue, then all members may vote on the matters; and

(c) Does not act for the governing body which is party to the contract as to inspection or performance under the contract in which he or she has an interest.

(6) The receiving of deposits, cashing of checks, and buying and selling of warrants and bonds of indebtedness of any such governing body by a financial institution shall not be considered a contract for

purposes of this section. The ownership of less than five percent of the outstanding shares of a corporation shall not constitute an interest within the meaning of this section.

(7) If an officer's parent, spouse, or child is an employee of his or her governing body, the officer may vote on all issues of the contract which are generally applicable to (a) all employees or (b) all employees within a classification and do not single out his or her parent, spouse, or child for special action.

(8) Section 49-14,102 does not apply to contracts covered by sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.06.

(9)(a) This section does not prohibit a director of a natural resources district from acting as a participant in any of the conservation or other general district programs which are available for like participation to other residents and landowners of the district or from granting, selling, or otherwise transferring to such district any interest in real property necessary for the exercise of its powers and authorities if the cost of acquisition thereof is equal to or less than that established by a board of three credentialed real property appraisers or by a court of competent jurisdiction in an eminent domain proceeding.

(b) District payments to a director of a natural resources district of the market value for real property owned by him or her and needed for district projects, or for cost sharing for conservation work on such director's land or land in which a director may have an interest, shall not be deemed subject to this section.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 548, § 2; Laws 1987, LB 134, § 8; Laws 1987, LB 688, § 10; Laws 1990, LB 1153, § 55; Laws 1991, LB 203, § 2; Laws 1994, LB 1107, § 2; Laws 2001, LB 242, § 21; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 48; Laws 2006, LB 778, § 5; Laws 2020, LB1055, § 19; Laws 2021, LB65, § 1.

Certainly, here is the verbatim text of Nebraska Revised Statute 49-14,103.02:

49-14,103.02. Contract with officer; information required; ledger maintained.

(1) The person charged with keeping records for each governing body shall maintain separately from other records a ledger containing the information listed in subdivisions (1)(a) through (e) of this section about every contract entered into by the governing body in which an officer of the body has an interest and for which disclosure is made pursuant to section 49-14,103.01. Such information shall be kept in the ledger for five years from the date of the officer's last day in office and shall include the:

- (a) Names of the contracting parties;
- (b) Nature of the interest of the officer in question;
- (c) Date that the contract was approved by the governing body;
- (d) Amount of the contract; and
- (e) Basic terms of the contract.

(2) The information supplied relative to the contract shall be provided no later than ten days after the contract has been signed by both parties. The ledger kept pursuant to this section shall be available for public inspection during the normal working hours of the office in which it is kept.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 548, § 3; Laws 2001, LB 242, § 22; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 49.

49-14,103.03. Open account with officer; how treated.

(1) An open account established for the benefit of any governing body with a business in which an officer has an interest shall be deemed a contract subject to sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.06.

(2) The statement required to be filed by section 49-14,103.02 shall be filed within ten days after such account is opened. Thereafter, the person charged with keeping records for such governing body shall maintain a running account of amounts purchased on the open account.

(3) Purchases made from petty cash or a petty cash fund shall not be subject to sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.06.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 548, § 4; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 50.

49-14,103.04. Violations; penalties.

(1) Any officer who knowingly violates sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.03 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

(2) Any officer who negligently violates sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.03 shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 548, § 5; Laws 2005, LB 242, § 51.

49-14,103.05. Governing body; prohibit certain contracts.

Notwithstanding sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.03, any governing body may prohibit contracts over a specific dollar amount in which an officer of such body may have an interest.

[Nebraska Legislature](#)

Source: Laws 1986, LB 548, § 6.

49-14,103.06. Governing body; exempt certain contracts.

Any governing body may exempt from sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.03 contracts involving one hundred dollars or less in which an officer of such body may have an interest.

[Nebraska Legislature](#)

Source: Laws 1986, LB 548, § 7.

79-818. School board; employment of teachers and administrators; contracts; how executed; prohibitions.

A majority of the members of a school board of any school district may enter into a contract of employment with a legally qualified teacher or administrator. Such majority has authority to designate one or more members of the board to sign such contract, which signature shall be binding upon the entire board. A duplicate of such contract shall be filed with the secretary. No member of the board shall enter into or execute on behalf of the district any contract with any teacher or administrator related to him or her or to the majority of the board by blood or marriage notwithstanding section 49-1499.04. The secretary shall notify the State Department of Education, at the time the contract is made, of the length of the proposed term of school and the name of the teacher or administrator. No money belonging to the district shall be paid for teaching to any but legally qualified teachers, and a board shall not pay out money belonging to the school district to any teacher or administrator after such board has received a sworn statement upon behalf of a board that the services of the teacher or administrator in question are under previous contract to that board.

Nebraska Legislature

Source: Laws 1881, c. 78, subdivision IV, § 11, p. 348; Laws 1883, c. 72, § 7, p. 291; Laws 1901, c. 60, § 1, p. 432; R.S.1913, § 6773; Laws 1915, c. 117, § 1, p. 267; C.S.1922, § 6314; C.S.1929, § 79-411; Laws 1937, c. 182, § 1, p. 713; C.S.Supp.,1941, § 79-411; R.S.1943, § 79-411; Laws 1949, c. 256, § 349, p. 807; Laws 1971, LB 802, § 7; R.S.1943, (1994), § 79-1249; Laws 1996, LB 900, § 448; Laws 1999, LB 272, § 88; Laws 2001, LB 242, § 25.

Annotations:

- Power of district to employ a teacher and to transact business of the school district implies power to discharge for cause before expiration of term. *Arehart v. School District No. 8 of Hitchcock County*, 137 Neb. 369, 289 N.W. 540 (1940).
- Duty of employing teacher is vested in school board. *Morfeld v. Huddin*, 131 Neb. 180, 267 N.W. 350 (1936).

79-544. School board members; contract to teach prohibited.

No member of a school board shall be engaged in a contract to teach pursuant to sections 79-817 to 79-821 with the school district which he or she serves as a board member.

Nebraska Legislature

Source: Laws 1881, c. 78, subdivision III, § 10, p. 345; Laws 1883, c. 72, § 5, p. 291; R.S.1913, § 6761; C.S.1922, § 6302; C.S.1929, § 79-310; R.S.1943, § 79-310; Laws 1949, c. 256, § 105, p. 727; Laws 1971, LB 214, § 1; R.S.1943, (1994), § 79-466; Laws 1996, LB 900, § 297; Laws 1999, LB 272, § 75; Laws 2001, LB 242, § 24; Laws 2009, LB163, § 1.

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1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

Regular Board

Scott Barger

Attendance Taken on 12/9/2024 at Tom Bredvick

6:00 PM

Brad Hays

Agenda Item: Roll Call

Mike Langan

Charlie McPherson

Teresa Thomas

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports, Communications & Public Participation

2.1. Board accepts public comments

There were no public comments.

2.2. Presentation from the McCook Community Foundation, for grants approved in the amount of \$8,528 for McCook Public Schools

Matt Sehnert, Pam Wolford and Ronda Graff presented a check to McCook Public School from the McCook community foundation.

2.3. Student board member report

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Winter Pep Rally held last Thursday

Student vs Staff Basketball Game this weekend

McCook hosting Cattle Trail Basketball Tournament this week

SPORTS & CLUBS:

Boys/Girls Basketball- Season started last Friday, both teams defeated Chase County. Both headed to Valentine over the weekend and will also be competing in the Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland, KS this week starting on Thursday.

Bowling- Scrimmage held over the weekend. The entire team will be heading to compete in Kearney tomorrow (12/10). That will be the first meet of the Bowling season.

Boys/Girls Wrestling- Both dual Cozad this Thursday.

Drama- Play Production competed in Districts at Sidney last Wednesday.

FFA- at NCTA tomorrow (12/10)

Band/Choir- Band and Choir held a concert the first day back from Thanksgiving break. (Band) Drumline played in the light parade over the weekend. (Choir) Group of students were selected to participate in the UNK Honor Festival in January.

2.4. Presentation by NORE - Trip to La Paz, Baja Sur, Mexico - June 26 - July 3, 2025

Tracy Fisher, physical science teacher at MHS and Hannah Huff junior at MHS reported on their planned trip for NORE. Mrs Fisher re-organized NORE. They have not been there since 2018. \$4100 per student with 12 students attending. Numerous fundraisers have and are being held.

3. Approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes and financials

I move to Approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.1. Approve expenditures/payroll for November 2024

4. Reports from staff members and committees

4.1. Negotiations Committee

Theresa Thomas reported that the negotiations' committee met on December 5th. It will be discussed in closed session.

5. Administrator's written reports: Please review prior to the board meeting

5.1. Superintendent's report/comments

AQuESTT Classifications:

- The Nebraska Department of Education's AQuESTT classifications have been released. These classifications are based on a number of factors, with the most influential factor being last Spring's NSCAS and ACT scores (Nebraska's state assessment). The classifications are as follows:
 - McCook Elementary: Excellent
 - Central Elementary: Great
 - McCook Jr. High: Great
 - McCook High School: Great
 - District: Great
- More data will be analyzed over the next month or two, and I will provide a more detailed presentation of student performance during the annual report at our board meeting in February.

School Improvement:

- Discussed the AQuESTT classifications
- Preparation for the external visitation

- Develop building level presentations
 - Both assessment and non-assessment related data
 - Building overviews
 - Building level action plans

Safety:

- Discussed notes from the state school safety summit
- Annual training update
- Continue to plan for our upcoming active shooter drill
 - This drill will include participation from relevant local and regional agencies.

New Board Member Training

- Took place on Thursday last week. Mrs. Buhr, Mr. Juenemann and I drove to North Platte for the training that was conducted by the Nebraska School Boards Association.

5.2. Director of Business services report

Monthly Business Manager Board of Education Report

Nov 2024 for Dec 2024 Board Meeting

Monthly Lunch #'s = 14,076 meals served

Financial #'s = After 25%% of the fiscal year = General Fund YTD Revenue is 25% YTD Expense is 27%

All Funds YTD Revenue is 26%, YTD Expenses are 26%

Facilities - Updates

We will be caprenting some rooms at MHS during Christmas break.

Discussions from NASB Conference

TEOSSA will have at minimum a 1.5% decrease overall

SPED costs increased 10% statewide with the new funding.

EHA rates came in at 10.7%. EHA was able to negotiate and pay down to 5.49%

In the four-year span (21-25), benefits rose 16% and salaries rose 7%.

NEPERS is 99% funded. Some worry that the extra 2% contribution (50M) could be pulled back.

Be on the lookout for talk of Charter Schools and private school savings plans.

LB 878 Bond election bill will be up for debate again - no special elections and 60% threshold

If there is no federal dept of education - expect short-term chaos and discussions about how to administer IDEA and TITLE

Upcoming Projects

Bond Project

Meeting with W Design

Meeting with McCook on the Move

Meeting with Sampson's construction

Federal/state Reports filed in December:

SPED Proportionate share

25-26 state Aid components

5.3. Board member comments

Teresa Thomas and Tom Bredvick both read heartfelt messages thanking the community and everyone they have worked with during their time on the Board of Education. Teresa Thomas served for 13 1/2 years and Tom Bredvick served for 20 years.

6. New Business

6.1. Accept resignation from Abbey McNutt, 6-12 Choir Director

I move to Accept resignation from Abbey McNutt, 6-12 Choir Director Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Charlie McPherson.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.2. Approve contract for Jacob Obrecht - Band Teacher

- Spring of 2025
- 2025/2026 School Year

I move to Approve contract for Jacob Obrecht - Band Teacher for the Spring semester of 2025 and the 2025/2026 School Year Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Teresa Thomas.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.3. Approve contract for Zach Wieser - Senior High Math for 2025/2026 school year
I move to Approve contract for Zach Wieser - Senior High Math Passed with a motion by Teresa Thomas and a second by Tom Bredvick.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.4. Approve contract for Sara Frank - 6th Grade ELA

I move to Approve contract for Sara Frank - 6th Grade ELA Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.5. Approve NORE trip La Paz, Baja Sur, Mexico June 26-July 3, 2025

Approve NORE trip La Paz, Baja Sur, Mexico June 26-July 3, 2025 Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.6. Accept the Grant funds from the McCook Community Foundation in the amount of \$8,528 for Bison Days, the Ag Program, and to fund the CNS router add on.

I move to Accept the Grant funds from the McCook Community Foundation in the amount of \$8,528 for Bison Days, the Ag Program, and to fund the CNS router add on. Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Teresa Thomas.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Matt Sehnert, Pam Wolford, and Ronda Graff from the McCook Community Foundation, presented a check for \$8,528.00 to McCook Public Schools.

7. Positive Comments

Teresa Thomas wanted to thank McCook elementary for the book blast. \$32,000 in books. Kids are excited about reading. She also thanked everyone for the great relationships for her time on the board.

Tom Bredvick appreciates working relationships with everyone during his time on the board.

Kyson Barger thanked everyone for their support for the student faculty basketball game. It is a great school spirit event.

Scott Barger thanked the administrators for all their efforts in recruiting. And a big thanks to Tom Bredvick and Teresa Thomas.

Charlie McPherson appreciates the work of the maintenance staff keeping the buildings running during the winter months.

Mike Langan was impressed with the basketball teams and the wrestlers. The test scores were very impressive.

Brad Hays thanked Teresa and Tom for the mentorship.

Jeff Gross thanked Teresa and Tom for all their efforts and stated that they had left McCook Schools in a better place.

Grant Norgaard recognized Mr. Borland and McCook Elementary for their excellent scores in the Classification. He also recognized all the schools for their great success. He also thanked Amanda Buhr and Jesse Juenemann for attending the board training. Finally, he also thanked Teresa and Tom for their service.

8. Enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with the McCook Education Association. The reason for the executive session is to protect the public interest during the negotiation process.

NE State Statute: 84-1410

Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of the majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting.

I move to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with the McCook Education Association. Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Teresa Thomas.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

I move to exit executive session to discuss negotiations with the McCook Education Association. Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Teresa Thomas.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9. Executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation.

NE State Statute: 84-1410

Any public body may hold a closed session by affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members, if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public hearing.

I move to enter into Executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. NE State Statute: 84-1410 Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Scott Barger.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

I move to exit executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Scott Barger.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

11. Items for Review

Subtotal of Element: Revenue

Revenues for Dec 2024 for Jan 2025 Board Meeting

[Fund] 01 - General Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
01-1-01100-00-000-000	Local Property Taxes	(\$40,528.01)	(\$9,319,000.00)	(\$2,423,268.53)	(\$6,895,731.47)	26.00
01-1-01115-00-000-000	Carline Taxes	\$0.00	(\$4,000.00)	(\$803.31)	(\$3,196.69)	20.08
01-1-01120-00-000-000	Public Power Dist. Sales Tax	\$0.00	(\$295,000.00)	(\$4,534.70)	(\$290,465.30)	1.53
01-1-01125-00-000-000	Motor Vehicle Taxes	(\$59,631.66)	(\$780,000.00)	(\$192,057.19)	(\$587,942.81)	24.62
01-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$6,455.28)	(\$63,597.00)	(\$29,632.18)	(\$33,964.82)	46.59
01-1-01911-00-000-000	Local License Fees	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	(\$615.00)	(\$6,885.00)	8.20
01-1-01921-00-000-000	Police Court Fines	(\$789.00)	(\$6,000.00)	(\$2,786.01)	(\$3,213.99)	46.43
01-1-02110-00-000-000	County Fines & License Fees	(\$2,184.06)	(\$75,000.00)	(\$10,399.97)	(\$64,600.03)	13.86
01-1-03110-00-000-000	State Aid	(\$437,252.00)	(\$5,571,913.00)	(\$2,245,060.00)	(\$3,326,853.00)	40.29
01-1-03120-00-000-000	Sped School Age	(\$285,219.00)	(\$2,180,000.00)	(\$285,219.00)	(\$1,894,781.00)	13.08
01-1-03125-00-000-000	Sped Trans. Sch Age	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	0.00
01-1-03130-00-000-000	Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	(\$270,000.00)	\$69.15	(\$270,069.15)	-0.02
01-1-03180-00-000-000	Pro Rate Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)	(\$4,080.45)	(\$25,919.55)	13.60
01-1-03400-00-000-000	State Apportionment	\$0.00	(\$360,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$360,000.00)	0.00
01-1-03512-00-000-000	Distance Educ. Incentive Payments	\$0.00	(\$1,700.00)	(\$1,898.90)	\$198.90	111.70
01-1-03535-00-000-000	High Ability Learner Payments	\$0.00	(\$12,000.00)	(\$10,589.00)	(\$1,411.00)	88.24
01-1-03990-00-000-000	Other State Receipts	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	0.00
01-1-04505-00-000-000	Title I Current Fiscal Year	(\$124,013.00)	(\$240,000.00)	(\$124,013.00)	(\$115,987.00)	51.67
01-1-04509-00-000-000	Title II, Part A Teacher Quality	\$0.00	(\$43,700.00)	(\$39,005.00)	(\$4,695.00)	89.25
01-1-04510-00-000-000	Title IV	(\$16,824.00)	(\$18,500.00)	(\$16,824.00)	(\$1,676.00)	90.94
01-1-04516-00-000-000	IDEA Base 3-5	\$0.00	(\$16,000.00)	(\$5,022.00)	(\$10,978.00)	31.38
01-1-04518-00-000-000	IDEA - BASE - EP	\$0.00	(\$392,000.00)	(\$195,967.00)	(\$196,033.00)	49.99
01-1-04521-00-000-000	IDEA Non-Public	\$0.00	(\$26,000.00)	(\$16,654.00)	(\$9,346.00)	64.05
01-1-04524-00-000-000	Other Federal Non-categorical	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	0.00
01-1-04530-00-000-000	Categorical Grants	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	0.00
01-1-04708-00-000-000	Medicaid In Public Schools	\$0.00	(\$85,000.00)	(\$21,798.80)	(\$63,201.20)	25.64
01-1-04709-00-000-000	Medicaid Administrative Activity	\$0.00	(\$25,000.00)	(\$6,852.35)	(\$18,147.65)	27.40
01-1-04998-00-000-000	ESSERS III	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$228,594.00)	\$228,594.00	0.00
01-1-05301-00-000-000	Insurance Adjustments	(\$9,245.64)	\$0.00	(\$17,046.02)	\$17,046.02	0.00
01-1-05690-00-000-000	Non-revenue Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,235.11)	\$7,235.11	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$982,141.65)	(\$19,889,910.00)	(\$5,889,886.37)	(\$14,000,023.63)	29.61%
[Fund] 02 - Depreciation Fund						
02-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$1,936.48)	(\$1,500.00)	(\$7,723.71)	\$6,223.71	514.91
02-1-05200-00-000-000	Transfers From General Fund	\$0.00	(\$400,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$400,000.00)	0.00
02-1-05690-00-000-000	Non-revenue Receipts	(\$1,962.33)	\$0.00	(\$37,968.53)	\$37,968.53	0.00

Subtotal of Element: Revenue

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Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$3,898.81)	(\$401,500.00)	(\$45,692.24)	(\$355,807.76)	11.38%
[Fund] 03 - Employee Benefit Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
03-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest - Unemployment	(\$245.97)	(\$250.00)	(\$942.64)	\$692.64	377.05
03-1-05200-00-000-000	Transfers From General Fund	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$245.97)	(\$5,250.00)	(\$942.64)	(\$4,307.36)	17.96%
[Fund] 06 - School Nutrition Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
06-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$535.61)	(\$100.00)	(\$2,120.09)	\$2,020.09	2,120.09
06-1-01611-00-000-000	School Lunch Program	(\$23,065.70)	(\$310,000.00)	(\$110,185.08)	(\$199,814.92)	35.54
06-1-03150-00-000-000	State Reimbursement	\$0.00	(\$320,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$320,000.00)	0.00
06-1-04210-00-000-000	Federal Reimbursement	(\$34,238.66)	\$0.00	(\$148,279.32)	\$148,279.32	0.00
06-1-05690-00-000-000	Other Non-revenue Receipts	(\$1.10)	\$0.00	(\$93.85)	\$93.85	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$57,841.07)	(\$630,100.00)	(\$260,678.34)	(\$369,421.66)	41.37%
[Fund] 07 - Bond Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
07-1-01100-00-000-000	Local Property Taxes	(\$1,250.45)	(\$410,000.00)	(\$115,412.96)	(\$294,587.04)	28.14
07-1-01115-00-000-000	Carline Taxes	\$0.00	(\$385.00)	(\$24.73)	(\$360.27)	6.42
07-1-01120-00-000-000	Public Power Dist. Sales Tax	\$0.00	(\$245.00)	\$0.00	(\$245.00)	0.00
07-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$1,237.15)	(\$570.00)	(\$5,010.32)	\$4,440.32	879.00
07-1-03130-00-000-000	Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	(\$8,600.00)	\$0.00	(\$8,600.00)	0.00
07-1-03180-00-000-000	Pro Rate Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	(\$1,200.00)	(\$192.02)	(\$1,007.98)	16.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$2,487.60)	(\$421,000.00)	(\$120,640.03)	(\$300,359.97)	28.66%
[Fund] 08 - Special Building Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
08-1-01100-00-000-000	Local Property Taxes	(\$862.86)	(\$90,000.00)	(\$50,140.60)	(\$39,859.40)	55.71
08-1-01115-00-000-000	Carline Taxes	\$0.00	(\$150.00)	(\$8.59)	(\$141.41)	5.72
08-1-01120-00-000-000	Public Power Sales Tax	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	0.00
08-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$2,281.74)	(\$1,000.00)	(\$8,722.55)	\$7,722.55	872.25
08-1-03130-00-000-000	Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	(\$1,100.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,100.00)	0.00

Subtotal of Element: Revenue

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08-1-03180-00-000-000	Pro-rate Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	(\$1,750.00)	(\$84.62)	(\$1,665.38)	4.83
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$3,144.60)	(\$95,000.00)	(\$58,956.36)	(\$36,043.64)	62.06%
Grand Total		(\$1,049,759.70)	(\$21,442,760.00)	(\$6,376,795.98)	(\$15,065,964.02)	30%

Board of Education Special Meeting
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
12:00 PM Monday, January 6, 2025
Junior High Conference Room
700 W 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Regular Board

Attendance Taken at at 12:01 AM
Agenda Item: Call to Order

Scott Barger
Tom Bredvick
Brad Hays
Mike Langan
Charlie McPherson
Teresa Thomas

**Regular
Board**
[None]

3. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Reports, Communication, & Public Participation

5.1. Accept public comments

There were no public comments.

6. New Business

6.1. Approve Negotiated agreement for the 2025-2026 school year

I move to approve the negotiated agreement for the 2025-2026 school year. Passed with a motion by Teresa Thomas and a second by Tom Bredvick.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The items to be approved by the 2025-2026 Negotiated agreement.

New base of \$41,100. This is a \$1,000 increase to the base. That is a 3.95% increase. And it includes a 5.49% increase in EHA rates for Health Insurance. No changes made to benefits package.

Added Head Bowling Coach (13-18%) and Assistant Bowling Coach (8-12%) to the coaching pay schedule.

Changed Junior High Student Council sponsor rate from 4-6% to 8%.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned @ 12:05pm.

CHECKS BY DATE BOARD REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
12/4/2024	City Of McCook	\$3,692.67	12/27/2024	ESU #16	\$451.86
12/4/2024	Cooper McIntosh	\$92.46	12/27/2024	Frontier County Clerk	\$486.15
12/4/2024	Diode Communications	\$145.00	12/27/2024	Gross, Jeff	\$757.10
12/4/2024	Essential Screens	\$48.30	12/27/2024	Hands of Heartland	\$17,651.41
12/4/2024	Fort Hays State University	\$50.00	12/27/2024	Hayes County Treasurer	\$100.00
12/4/2024	Hometown Leasing	\$5,623.44	12/27/2024	Hayley Uerling	\$62.89
12/4/2024	Nebraska Public Power District	\$9,018.39	12/27/2024	Hitchcock County Treasurer	\$322.41
12/4/2024	Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	\$44.84	12/27/2024	Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$265.48
12/4/2024	University of Nebraska --Lincoln	\$235.00	12/27/2024	Industrial Arts Supply	\$273.78
12/4/2024	US Bank	\$11,461.92	12/27/2024	J.W. Pepper & Sons, Inc	\$337.99
12/4/2024	Viaero Wireless	\$104.39	12/27/2024	Jennifer Juenemann	\$133.90
12/4/2024	WEX Bank	\$444.34	12/27/2024	Jesse Stevens	\$130.00
12/11/2024	Colorado Retail Ventures	\$6,242.89	12/27/2024	JOHN HANSON	\$562.80
12/11/2024	Great Plains Communication	\$1,978.95	12/27/2024	K-C Motor & Electric, Inc.	\$565.00
12/11/2024	The Sports Shoppe	\$12,500.00	12/27/2024	Kearney High School Band	\$60.00
12/11/2024	Verizon Wireless	\$255.96	12/27/2024	Kenneth Dugger	\$225.00
12/11/2024	Wagner Chevrolet-Buick	\$222.59	12/27/2024	Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker	\$224.00
12/11/2024	Wayne State College	\$50.00	12/27/2024	Malleck Oil	\$330.55
12/13/2024	Credit Management Services,	\$245.75	12/27/2024	MARKS	\$557.00
12/13/2024	McCook Schools Lunch Fund	\$370.00	12/27/2024	McCook Clinic	\$245.64
12/16/2024	Adams Middle School	\$180.00	12/27/2024	McCook Gazette	\$472.97
12/16/2024	Amazon Capital Services	\$4,325.35	12/27/2024	McCook Lettering	\$3,337.00
12/16/2024	Black Hills Energy	\$18,135.85	12/27/2024	Mead Lumber	\$183.25
12/16/2024	Cozad High School	\$49.00	12/27/2024	Mechanical Sales Inc	\$553.51
12/20/2024	Ameritas Life Ins. Co	\$2,005.16	12/27/2024	Michael Pochop	\$1,603.20
12/20/2024	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	\$233,648.13	12/27/2024	Mid-American Research Chemical	\$657.88
12/20/2024	Employee Benefits-Omnify	\$8,679.41	12/27/2024	NASB	\$450.00
12/20/2024	MASA	\$529.00	12/27/2024	NE State Fire Marshal	\$81.00
12/20/2024	McCook Schools Lunch Fund	\$100.00	12/27/2024	Nebraskaland Tire	\$28.99
12/20/2024	National Insurance Services	\$2,401.08	12/27/2024	Nick's Distribution Inc	\$186.23
12/20/2024	Ymca	\$1,031.00	12/27/2024	Pearson Assessments	\$371.20
12/20/2024	National Insurance Services	\$932.78	12/27/2024	Perma Bound	\$1,365.94
12/27/2024	Omnify	\$160.00	12/27/2024	PowerSchool Group LLC	\$3,178.00
12/27/2024	7-D Lockshop	\$282.44	12/27/2024	Pristine Clean Commercial Cleaning	\$12,315.00
12/27/2024	83 Repair LLC	\$462.49	12/27/2024	Quality Urgent Care	\$135.00
12/27/2024	Ace Hardware	\$635.83	12/27/2024	Robert J Gaulke	\$35.00
12/27/2024	AKRS Equipment	\$2,893.58	12/27/2024	Ronda Graff	\$200.00
12/27/2024	American Electric Company	\$625.23	12/27/2024	Samway Floor Covering	\$343.50
12/27/2024	Appliance Repair Tag	\$126.95	12/27/2024	Sharon Wordekemper	\$18.90
12/27/2024	Bio Corporation	\$1,006.32	12/27/2024	Sparqdata Solutions	\$2,600.00
12/27/2024	CDW Government, Inc.	\$1,895.17	12/27/2024	SW NE Physical Therapy PC	\$1,544.40
12/27/2024	Charlie McPherson	\$118.43	12/27/2024	The Pit Crew	\$1,529.12
12/27/2024	Cinthia L Schroeder	\$145.35	12/27/2024	TKO Pest Control, LLC	\$350.00
12/27/2024	Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc.	\$64.87	12/27/2024	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$1,290.00
12/27/2024	D & S Hardware	\$217.12	12/27/2024	US Toy Co/Constructive Playthings	\$73.84
12/27/2024	Decker Equipment	\$430.79	12/27/2024	Vestis	\$1,359.92
12/27/2024	Dick Blick Art Materials	\$157.51	12/27/2024	Volz Plumbing	\$3,147.50
12/27/2024	Eakes Office Solutions	\$1,915.20	12/27/2024	Wallace, Chris	\$60.00
12/27/2024	Electronix Express	\$166.98	12/27/2024	Walmart	\$1,105.29
12/27/2024	Embassy Suites Lincoln	\$964.00	12/27/2024	Weathercraft Co.	\$290.00
			12/27/2024	Webb Body Shop	\$200.00
DECEMBER 2024 EFT CHECKS					
	AFLAC	\$9,395.43		LegalShield	\$133.60
	Colonial Life	\$1,236.05		NE Dept of Revenue - State Taxes	\$30,936.30
	Direct Deposit	\$676,048.03		Nebr. School Retirement System	\$182,333.62
	Federal Taxes/FICA/Medicare	\$209,132.72		Retirement Plan Consultants (403b)	\$8,537.13
	Horace Mann Insurance Co	\$1,673.03		HSA Employer Deposits	\$11,674.27

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MPS	McCook Public Schools						
HS-12022024	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003208		Chesterman Company		Coca Cola Commissions	
280-2080	COCA COLA - Senior High School				14.00	0.00	14.00
280-2080	COCA COLA - Senior High School				7.20	0.00	7.20
280-2080	COCA COLA - Senior High School				23.60	0.00	23.60
JH-12202024	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003209		Chesterman Company		Coca Cola Commissions	
228-2028	Junior High Student Council				20.00	0.00	20.00
ME-12022024	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003210		Chesterman Company		Coca Cola Commissions	
543-5043	McCook Elementary				32.17	0.00	32.17
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools							96.97
Total for 12/02/2024							96.97

12/06/2024

MPS	McCook Public Schools						
6745	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003212		Graff		Swim/Dive	
195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				263.75	0.00	263.75
6769	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003214		Cookie sales		Basketball	
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				1,825.00	0.00	1,825.00
6795	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003216		Cookie sales		Basketball	
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				1,190.00	0.00	1,190.00
6796	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003217		Cookie sales		Basketball	
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				700.00	0.00	700.00
6797	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003215		Cookie sales		Basketball	
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				695.00	0.00	695.00
6798	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003211		Cookie sales		Basketball	
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				1,225.00	0.00	1,225.00
6799	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003213		Cookie sales		Basketball	
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				2,805.00	0.00	2,805.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools							8,703.75
Total for 12/06/2024							8,703.75

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MPS	McCook Public Schools							
6194		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003229		Lexington		Volleyball	
	110-2000	Football Equipment				10.00	0.00	10.00
6199		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003227		District Volleyball		District Volleyball	
	120-1010	Volleyball Gate Receipts				128.92	0.00	128.92
6733		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003220		Horizon Bank		Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions				200.00	0.00	200.00
6735		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003225		NORE		NORE	
	273-2073	NORE				50.00	0.00	50.00
6737		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003223		Bogardus		AP Test	
	251-2051	AP TESTING				100.00	0.00	100.00
6738		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003224		Class of 2026		Jr. Class Dues	
	388-3088	Class of 2026				25.00	0.00	25.00
6764		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003219		Anderson		Gym Rental	
	939-9039	Facility Use				180.00	0.00	180.00
6765		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003218		Stampede Players		Basketball	
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				50.00	0.00	50.00
6766		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003231		Stampede Players		Basketball	
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				500.00	0.00	500.00
6767		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003230		Mead Lumber/W Design		Swim/Dive	
	195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				200.00	0.00	200.00
6770		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003228		Stampede Players		Basketball	
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				70.00	0.00	70.00
6837		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003233		Collicott		Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions				62.50	0.00	62.50
6838		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003234		Safety Summit		Riembursement	
	938-9038	Revolving Account				700.00	0.00	700.00
6840		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003232		wood projects		Industrial Art Class	
	224-2024	Industrial Arts				115.00	0.00	115.00
6841		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003226		Senior Ads		Annual	
	215-2015	High School Annual				330.00	0.00	330.00
6843		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003221		Coffee Fundraiser		Powerlifting	
	271-2071	Powerlifting Club				3,910.00	0.00	3,910.00
6844		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003222		wood projects		Industrial Art Class	
	224-2024	Industrial Arts				99.71	0.00	99.71
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools								6,731.13
Total for 12/09/2024								6,731.13

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MPS	McCook Public Schools							
6196		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003269		VFB-Lexington		Football	
	110-1010	Football Gate Receipts				2,103.00	0.00	2,103.00
6731		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003270		Labor Auction Proceeds		FFA	
	210-2010	FFA				207.00	0.00	207.00
6734		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003273		fundraiser donation		NORE	
	273-2073	NORE				1,675.00	0.00	1,675.00
6736		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003256		concession stand sales		Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions				360.25	0.00	360.25
6739		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003259		Estrada		Tech Fees	
	948-9048	Technology Account				70.00	0.00	70.00
6740		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003257		Brain Bowl		Math Club	
	230-2030	Math Club				422.00	0.00	422.00
6741		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003254		Davidson, Amanda		Thespians	
	250-2050	Thespians				188.00	0.00	188.00
6743		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003255		Davidson, Amanda		Thespians	
	250-2050	Thespians				130.00	0.00	130.00
6744		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003260		Davidson, Amanda		Thespians	
	250-2050	Thespians				696.00	0.00	696.00
6746		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003253		concession stand sales		Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions				2,758.00	0.00	2,758.00
6747		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003252		concession stand sales		Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions				376.00	0.00	376.00
6768		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003268		Activity Ticket Sales		Activity Tickets	
	100-1060	Activity Tickets				156.00	0.00	156.00
6771		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003267		Stampede Players		Basketball	
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				20.00	0.00	20.00
6773		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003272		Cookie sales		Basketball	
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				3,323.00	0.00	3,323.00
6774		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003271		Graff		Swim/Dive	
	195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				55.00	0.00	55.00
6839		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003266		wood projects		Wood Projects	
	224-2024	Industrial Arts				290.00	0.00	290.00
6842		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003258		fundraiser donation		Powerlifting	
	271-2071	Powerlifting Club				3,290.00	0.00	3,290.00
6875		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003261		Activity Ticket Sales		Activity Tickets	
	100-1060	Activity Tickets				1.00	0.00	1.00
6876		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003262		Graff		Swim/Dive	
	195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				20.00	0.00	20.00
6900		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003263		Cattle Trail Tournament		Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions				1,632.00	0.00	1,632.00
6901		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003265		Blume		STUCO	
	222-2022	Student Council				1,124.00	0.00	1,124.00
6902		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003264		Labor Auction Proceeds		FFA	
	210-2010	FFA				25.00	0.00	25.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools								18,921.25
Total for 12/12/2024								18,921.25

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MPS	McCook Public Schools							
12312024	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003299		First Central Bank		Interest Earned		
947-9047	Bank Interest				809.44	0.00		809.44
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools								809.44
Total for 12/13/2024								809.44

12/18/2024

MPS	McCook Public Schools							
6191	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003244		Ogallala Dual		Ogallala Dual		
100-1080	Host Outside Events				957.25	0.00		957.25
6742	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003245		Davidson, Amanda		Thespians		
250-2050	Thespians				50.00	0.00		50.00
6845	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003248		Optimist Club		Powerlifting		
271-2071	Powerlifting Club				250.00	0.00		250.00
6846	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003249		NE Community Foundation		Grant		
940-9040	NE Community Foundation				8,528.00	0.00		8,528.00
6847	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003246		wood projects		Industrial Art Class		
224-2024	Industrial Arts				50.00	0.00		50.00
6849	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003247		Big Give Donation		Cheer		
235-2035	Cheerleaders				50.00	0.00		50.00
6850	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003243		Senior Ads		Annual		
215-2015	High School Annual				215.00	0.00		215.00
6851	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003240		Donations		Powerlifting		
271-2071	Powerlifting Club				480.00	0.00		480.00
6853	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003241		Senior Ads		Annual		
215-2015	High School Annual				335.00	0.00		335.00
6854	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003239		Nutrien		FFA		
210-2010	FFA				2,375.00	0.00		2,375.00
6877	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003242		Graff		Swim/Dive		
195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				325.00	0.00		325.00
6878	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003251		Activity Ticket Sales		Activity Tickets		
100-1060	Activity Tickets				45.00	0.00		45.00
6881	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003298		RGBBB-North Platte		Basketball		
131-1010	Boys BB Gate Receipts				276.50	0.00		276.50
132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts				276.50	0.00		276.50
6882	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003235		Stampede Players		Basketball		
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				170.00	0.00		170.00
6883	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003237		Bortner		GBB Basketball Posters		
195-4001	Girls Basketball Fundraising				50.00	0.00		50.00
6884	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003236		Stampede Players		Basketball		
195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				50.00	0.00		50.00
6903	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003250		Labor Auction Proceeds		FFA		
210-2010	FFA				6,081.80	0.00		6,081.80
6910	CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003238		Cattle Trail Tournament		Cattle Trail Tournament		
100-1080	Host Outside Events				276.00	0.00		276.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools								20,841.05
Total for 12/18/2024								20,841.05

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MPS	McCook Public Schools						
6749		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003291		Elementary PTO-Concessinos	Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions			812.00	0.00	812.00
6852		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003288		Donations	Powerlifting	
	271-2071	Powerlifting Club			50.00	0.00	50.00
6879		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003293		7GBB-Colby/Gothenburg/NP	Girls Basketball	
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			261.00	0.00	261.00
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			244.00	0.00	244.00
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			227.00	0.00	227.00
6880		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003296		8GBB-Cozad	Girls Basketball	
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			177.00	0.00	177.00
6886		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003295		8GBB-Lexington	Girls Basketball	
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			220.00	0.00	220.00
6887		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003294		JV/VGBB-Cozad	Girls Basketball	
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			310.00	0.00	310.00
6904		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003287		Book Club	STUCO	
	222-2022	Student Council			82.42	0.00	82.42
6905		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003275		Concessions-yearbook	Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions			526.00	0.00	526.00
6906		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003290		NORE-concessions	Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions			711.00	0.00	711.00
6907		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003289		concession stand sales	Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions			1,728.78	0.00	1,728.78
6908		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003292		8GBB-Hold/VGBB Chase Cty	Basketball	
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			220.00	0.00	220.00
	132-1010	Girls BB Gate Receipts			1,560.00	0.00	1,560.00
6909		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003297		Wrestling Dual-Cozad	Wrestling	
	141-1010	Boys Wrestling Gate Receipts			62.00	0.00	62.00
	142-1010	Girls Wrestling Gate Receipts			62.00	0.00	62.00
6911		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003274		Cattle Trail Tournament	Cattle Trail Tournament	
	100-1080	Host Outside Events			6,409.00	0.00	6,409.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools							13,662.20
Total for 12/19/2024							13,662.20

12/23/2024

MPS	McCook Public Schools						
6856		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003301		wood projects	Industrial Art Class	
	224-2024	Industrial Arts			900.00	0.00	900.00
6891		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003300		Boys Basketball	Basketball	
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising			80.00	0.00	80.00
6925		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003303		concession stand sales	Concessions	
	223-2023	Senior High Concessions			1,072.00	0.00	1,072.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools							2,052.00
Total for 12/23/2024							2,052.00

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MPS	McCook Public Schools							
6748		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003281		Labor Auction Proceeds	FFA		
	210-2010	FFA				3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
6855		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003283		wood projects	Industrial Art Class		
	224-2024	Industrial Arts				105.00	0.00	105.00
6857		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003285		MNB	Swim/Dive		
	195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				50.00	0.00	50.00
6885		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003280		Graff	Swim/Dive		
	195-5001	Swimming Fundraising				70.25	0.00	70.25
6889		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003282		CTE Contructions	Poster Sponsors		
	195-4001	Girls Basketball Fundraising				50.00	0.00	50.00
6890		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003286		Hauxwell	FFA		
	210-2010	FFA				3,150.00	0.00	3,150.00
6892		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003284		Stampede Players	Basketball		
	195-8001	Boys Basketball Fundraising				310.00	0.00	310.00
6912		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003279		Entries	Unified Bowling		
	192-1013	Unified Bowling Entry Fee Receipts				604.00	0.00	604.00
6915		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003276		Bison Boosters	Banquets		
	100-9020	Reimburseables				1,302.27	0.00	1,302.27
6916		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003277		Hastings	Hastings Playoffs		
	110-1010	Football Gate Receipts				1,149.12	0.00	1,149.12
6917		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003278		Lodging Reimbursement	Topside Tipoff		
	131-5010	Boys BB Lodging				325.00	0.00	325.00
	132-5010	Girls BB Lodging				325.00	0.00	325.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools								10,440.64
Total for 12/26/2024								10,440.64

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MPS	McCook Public Schools							
12302024		CLEARED 12/31/2024	0000003304		CYBERGRANTS	Cybergrant		
	999-9099	First Central Bank/CD				5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total for site: MPS - McCook Public Schools								5,000.00
Total for 12/30/2024								5,000.00
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034859	MPS	Void	12/03/2024	Battle ABC LLC	25-085612	24500400	Football	-45.20
034977	MPS	Void	12/18/2024	Hastings High School	25-30	HHS-9212024	Softball	-100.00
034984	MPS	Cleared	12/03/2024	Nick's Distribution Inc	25-085971	145034	NORE	399.78
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034994	MPS	Cleared	12/03/2024	NCA	25-085978	DANCE-12032024	Dance	310.00
034995	MPS	Cleared	12/05/2024	Capital One	25-085915	652063072	Art Club	177.94
034996	MPS	Printed	12/04/2024	Fisher, Michael	25-152	MF-12052024	Basketball	140.00
034997	MPS	Cleared	12/04/2024	Dueland, Dan	25-153	DD-12052024	Basketball	90.00
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034999	MPS	Printed	12/04/2024	Kulwicki, Justin	25-155	JK-12062024	Basketball	85.00
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035001	MPS	Cleared	12/04/2024	Johnson, Jay	25-157	JJ-12062024	Basketball	70.00
035002	MPS	Cleared	12/04/2024	Johnson, Steven	25-158	SJ-12062024	Basketball	85.00
035003	MPS	Cleared	12/04/2024	Pierzina, Jason	25-159	JP-12062024	Basketball	170.00
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035011	MPS	Cleared	12/05/2024	Hamel, Tyler	25-167	TH-12102024	Basketball	500.00
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035039	MPS	Cleared	12/10/2024	Nichols, Darin	25-085194	DN-12092025	Bison Days	75.76
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035080	MPS	Cleared	12/17/2024	McCook Lettering	25-085158	46378	Basketball	80.00
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035083	MPS	Cleared	12/18/2024	Scheil, Amy	25-15	AS-1022025	Basketball	720.00
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035087	MPS	Printed	12/18/2024	Lee, Cody	25-191	CL-12172024	Basketball	165.00
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035091	MPS	Printed	12/18/2024	Coca Cola	25-085015	11645131	Concessions	149.76
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035095	MPS	Cleared	12/18/2024	Shifflet, Chase	25-204	CS-12192024	Wrestling	250.00
035096	MPS	Cleared	12/18/2024	Hasenauer, Alex	25-205	AH-12182024	Wrestling	250.00
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035100	MPS	Cleared	12/19/2024	Subway	25-085980	652922	FFA	117.56
035101	MPS	Printed	12/19/2024	Whitetail Screen Print	25-085186	18663	Swim/Dive	450.00
035102	MPS	Cleared	12/19/2024	Graff, Jon	25-085187	SC-0859	Swim/Dive	150.00
035103	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Cozad High School	25-35	CHS-12072024	Wrestling	175.00
035104	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	North Platte St. Pat's High Schools	25-36	NPSIP-12132024	Wrestling	100.00
035105	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Stapleton Public Schools	25-37	SPS-12142024	Wrestling	105.00
035106	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Holdrege High School	25-38	HHS-12142024	Wrestling	100.00
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035109	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Gothenburg High School	25-41	GHS-1092025	Wrestling	125.00
035110	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Beatrice Public Schools	25-42	BHS-1112025	Wrestling	175.00
035111	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Perkins County High School	25-43	PCHS-1142025	Wrestling	125.00
035112	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Ord High School	25-44	OHS-1162024	Wrestling	100.00
035113	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Lexington High School	25-45	LHS-1252025	Wrestling	225.00
035114	MPS	Printed	12/20/2024	Lexington High School	25-46	LHS-1242025	Wrestling	125.00

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035118	MPS	Printed	12/30/2024	TJ's Fun Center	25-085468	1858	Unified Bowling	864.00
035119	MPS	Printed	12/30/2024	Sports Shoppe	25-085409	0053	Football	260.00
035120	MPS	Printed	12/30/2024	Cambridge High School	25-34	CHS-11262024	Wrestling	75.00
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Report Total:								62,492.97

Adjustment Detail

Detail report. Sorted by Group ID.
From 12/01/2024 to 12/31/2024.

Group		Group Description			From 12/01/2024 to 12/31/2024.		
Activity ID	Activity Name	Site ID	Adj. Date	Description	Amount		
B	Organizations						
208-2008	Art Lab	MPS	12/02/2024	Incorrect amount	-\$ 10.00		
195-8001	Boys Basketball	MPS	12/13/2024	NSF check-BBB-Cookies sales	-\$ 95.00		
Group B Totals:					-\$ 105.00		
Report Totals :					-\$ 105.00		

McCook School Board Report
January 13, 2025
Special Education Dept., John Hanson, Director

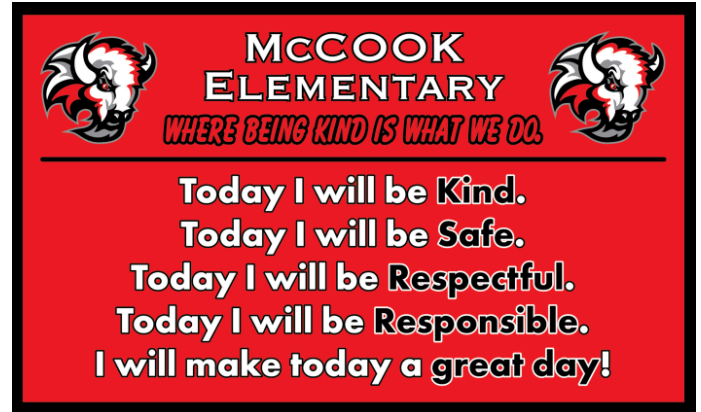
- 1) Little Bison Preschool is currently taking applications for next year 2025-26. We have one section in the AM for 3 year olds and one section in the PM for 4 year olds. The capacity is set at 17 students for each section because of space requirements set by the fire marshall and in accordance with NE Rule 11. We can't have more than 50% of the students have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Priority is given to students who qualify for free/reduced lunch, special education students, minority students, MPS staff's children, and children of families who have had siblings enroll also. Mrs. Holthus and I will make decisions on who gets in towards the middle of February. There are very few, if any, openings traditionally in the 4 year old class, because the three year olds just move up. We start with a new crop of 3 year olds every year usually.
- 2) We have had one parent of a high achieving preschooler request early entrance assessment to have MPS consider enrolling her in kindergarten early, because her birthday is in the middle of September, after the July 31st cutoff, but before the October 15th hard cutoff date. The first year that the state started this law was 2013, and we had a handful of early entrance assessments to conduct that year, but since then, it's only been about one early entrance assessment every two-four years.
- 3) Cherie Wallace, Veteran (and recently retired) teacher, is serving as a long term substitute special education teacher at McCook Junior High filling Ron Wolf's Behavioral Room teacher position. Next year, it will be Traci Jennings, who is currently serving as the 7th grade math teacher. Both teachers recently got their special education teaching certification from NDE.
- 4) As is usual for the Christmas holiday, we've had some students move in, and some students move out.
- 5) We will have our winter semester SPED PLC meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 2:30 at McCook Elementary library. The topic is reviewing various state complaints filed in the past year (which are on the rise across the state) outside of McCook (we've had one in the past 10 years).



McCook Elementary Board Report January 2024

1. Enrollment:

PreK 3-Year-Olds	17
Prek 4-Year-Olds	16
Kindergarten	76
1st Grade	103
2nd Grade	95
3rd Grade	98
Total	407



2. Curriculum/Instruction

- Winter Data has shown a decrease in 34% of students who no longer meet the Nebraska READS Intervention requirements. Our staff has worked extremely hard this semester to reduce those numbers.
- Mr. Borland is continuing to work on the presentation for the external review that takes place in February.

3. General Announcements

- On January 16 & 17 we will be hosting the Edgerton Explorit Center in collaboration with the YMCA and Wagner Auto. There will also be an evening activity open to the public.
- We have been able to hire 2 new paras to work in our DLC program. We are excited to have them.

4. PTO News

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Grade	Number of Students
4	97
5	91

Central Elementary School Update

2nd Semester

Kids and staff seemed to be rejuvenated and ready to come back for the 2nd Semester. There was just a lot of positive energy this entire first week that I'm really grateful for!

Edgerton Science/YMCA

We are partnering with Wagner Auto Group and the YMCA and having the Edgerton Science Explosion come to the Y. Each K-5 Grade Level will be able to have about 60-90 minutes with some science demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Winter Testing

We are finishing up our winter testing with Aimsweb, which will impact our WIN groups.

ELA Textbook Adoption:

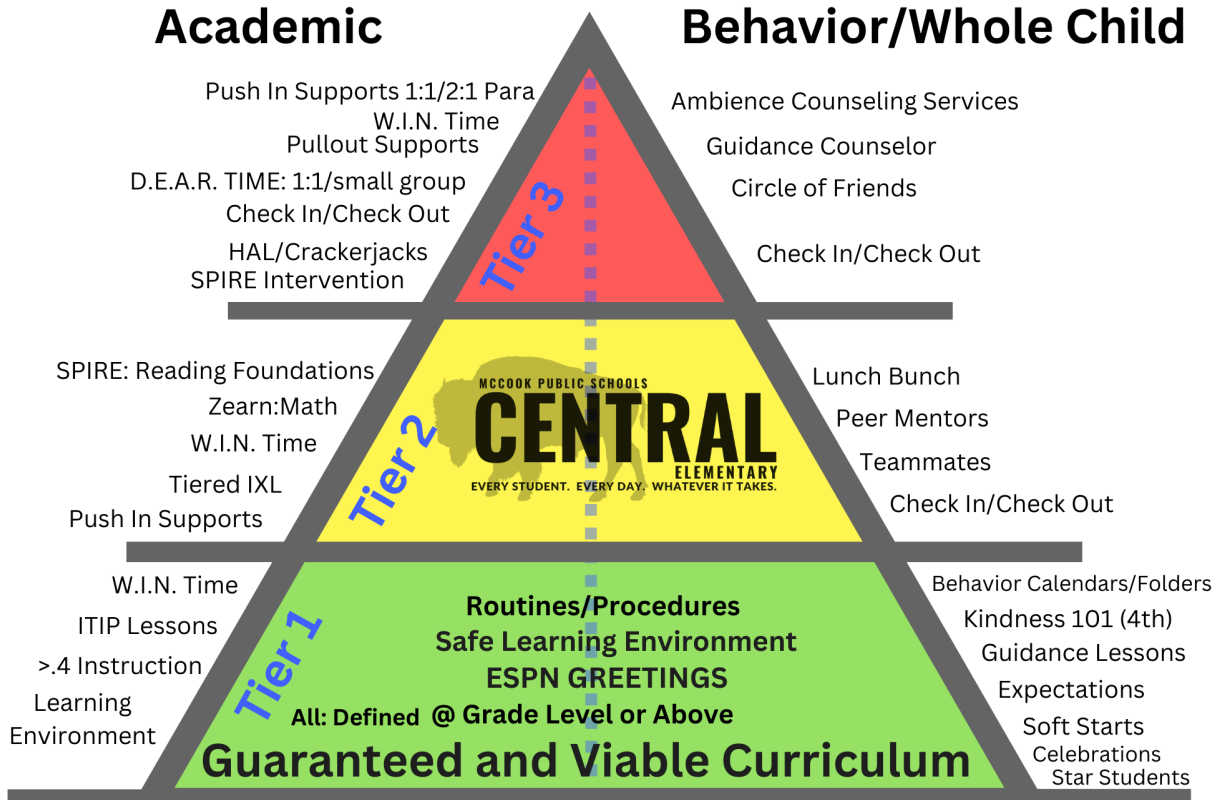
January 20th, we will have an ELA Zoom with K-5 teachers with at least 1 company to ask questions.

Rick Stiggins/January 20

We are having Rick Stiggins in to do a zoom with the entire staff. He is a big lead researcher on assessment and his latest work focuses on creating/maintaining confidence in our students. I personally see lots of kids give up when the first sign of setback occurs and also see kids flourish when they get some confidence. Coach K's quote is relevant to learning as well as basketball: "The key to winning is not losing twice in a row. "

External Team Visit:

As a staff, we are prepping for our school improvement and it's been good to just put things we are doing into some graphics like below.



Collective Responsibility: We believe in our ability to ensure high levels of learning for ALL kids!

Intervention: 'How' are we going to bridge the gap between what is expected and what is occurring.

Junior High Board Report
December 31, 2024
Chad Lyons, Principal

1. Junior high band and choir students performed in concert with a holiday theme.
2. There were two twenty-day student absent attendance parent meetings conducted.
3. Mr. Bednar assisted with an interview for our 7th-grade math opening. The offer was declined.
4. Junior high girls' basketball and boys' wrestling concluded.
5. Physical Education students experienced the National Guard Obstacle Course Challenge.
6. Enrollment- 6th-105, 7th-88, 8th-110 Total= 303

January 13th, 2025
SH Board Report
Senior High, Craig Dickes, Principal

December 2024-2025 Enrollment numbers

9th -118, 10th -111, 11th -130, 12th - 110. Total = 469

AVG Daily Attendance for December 2024 is 91.41%

- Activity 1863 periods
 - Excused 2576 periods
 - Illness 1617 periods
 - Waivered ILL 366 periods
 - Out of School Suspension 15 periods
 - Unexcused 150 periods
- Student Discipline for December 2024.
 - Attendance Violation 79 events by 58 students
 - Bullying 0 events by 0 students
 - Disorderly conduct 6 events by 6 students
 - Violation of School Rules 12 events by 12 students
 - Alcohol/Tobacco 0 event by 0 student
 - Drug Possession/Use 0 event by 0 student
 - Fighting 0 events by 0 students
 - Insubordination 0 events by 0 students
 - Weapons 0 events by 0 students
 - Theft 0 event by 0 student

We are actively working on staffing for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Solution Tree event that I attended was very good. It reaffirmed that we are doing a lot of things really well here in McCook.

Color Day will be on Saturday, January 25th at the LIFT gym. Coronation will be after the games on January 24th in the High School Gym.

Bison Days are February 10th and 11th, they will be here before you know it. The committee has been doing outstanding work getting ready for the event.

We are getting started working on a master schedule for 2025-2026.

McCook High School Clubs and Organizations Activity Report

Art

December

- Finishing printing shirts
- Coming up with a christmas activity to do before break

January

- First meeting of the new year 1/14/2025

Band

December

- December 2 was the concert
- First Winter Pep Band is Dec. 6th
- Drumline is performing for Noel on Norris
- Mrs. Priebe is playing carols for Noel on Norris 😊
- December 18 Jazz Band Tour around town
- Working on Honor Band Music for next semester

January

- Jan 11, is 8th grade All State Band in Kearney
- Jan 20, is Underclassmen Honor Band in Kearney
- Jan 27th is UNK Honor Band

Bison eSports

December

- Competed in an Online PlayVS tournament to test out it's formatting and rules. Looking to compete more with PlayVS in the future

January

- Start of Spring Season. Tryouts and the season starts at the end of the month

Choir

December

- Christmas Concert with band Monday, December 2nd
- Choir students will be attending Moana 2 Friday, December 6th at 1 PM
- Select Choir students are performing at the bandshell for Noel on Norris Saturday, December 7th

January

- 21 choir students will be attending the UNK Honor Band/Choir Festival on Monday, January 27th all day.
- Working on music for our "Seasons" themed fundraiser concert on March 11th.
- Beginning work to prep for hosting SWC Fine Arts Festival on March 22nd.

Class of 2025

- We submitted information for caps and gowns, tassels & stoles for graduation, submitted spring diploma name lists to Jostens
- We're hosting FAFSA completion days for parents on January 13th & 14th since the FAFSA is a graduation requirement this year. Several parents have already submitted their seniors FAFSA applications.
- Senior Hour is just focused on working on scholarship applications this month.

Class of 2026

- Working on prom plans. They have a contract for the DJ and waiting on details for the venue.
- Junior class has been given a survey to give theme ideas.

Class of 2027

- Officers have been elected. We will be selling concessions at the October 7 volleyball game.
- We are selling concessions at the December 6 basketball game.

Class of 2028

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Creative Writing Club

December

- Individual projects

January

- UNK writing contest

Destination Imagination

December

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January

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FBLA

December

- 12/12 Meeting and Potluck
- 12/09 to 12/23 Salvation Army - Ringing the Bell

January

- 01/09 Meeting

FFA

December

- Labor Auction brought in \$25,000
- LDE Contest #2 @NCTA December 10

January

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Math Club

December

- Trip to UNL for Math Day has been set. Participants are JP Janes, Ashley Gross, Abby Renner, Jack Bates, Blake Rodewald.
- Next meeting: 1-9.

January

- UNL Math Day participants will be taking Probe 1 test for the competition.

McCook Bison.TV

December

- Kick off December with live streaming the band and choir concert on December 2nd.
- Creating Player Profile/Starting Lineup videos for the screen in the gym.
- First varsity basketball live stream will be Friday, December 6th.
- First varsity wrestling dual is Thursday, December 12th.

January

- Winter sports live streaming is in full swing with dive, swim, basketball, and wrestling events.

Mock Trial

December

- No activity

January

- No activity

National Honor Society

December

- Wrote Christmas cards for nursing home residents
- Donated Christmas gifts for Hillcrest

January

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Newspaper

December

- Will publish our third edition of *The Stampede* on December 16.
- Submitting editorial and feature articles to the JEA winter contest

January

- Our next publication date for *The Stampede* is February 14.

NORE

December

- Wrapping presents at the Chamber's Polar Express

January

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One-Act (Play Production):

December

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January

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Quiz Bowl

December

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January

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Special Olympics

December

- Nothing at this time

January

- Practices will begin for swimming on Tuesday, January 14th.
- Bowling scores reported to State Office for competition in February

Speech Team:

December

- Cozad Holiday Tournament 12/14

January

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Student Council:

December

- “Lock in” to plan future events
- Concessions at Cattle Trail

January

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Thespians:

December

- Looking into shows to see professionally.

January

- Will be coming up with service projects.

Unified Bowling

December

- District Bowling will be on December 3rd in Hastings at Pastime Lanes

January

- End of year banquet scheduled for January 5th will be rescheduled due to weather.
Date TBD

Yearbook

December

- We are submitting feature and action photography, yearbook sports and feature writing, and yearbook layout pages for the JEA winter contest.
- We sold concessions for the wrestling meet on December 12.

January

- We continue to work on winter sports/activity pages for the yearbook.
- We are communicating with Jostens regarding our budget and sales goals for the 2024-25 yearbook.

Monthly Business Manager Board of Education Report Dec 2024 for January 2025 Board Meeting

Monthly Lunch #'s = 11,655 meals served

Financial #'s = After 33%% of fiscal year = General Fund YTD Revenue is 30% YTD Expense is 35%
All Funds YTD Revenue is 30%, YTD Expenses is 34%

Facilities - Updates

Ordered one more 14' x 20" Awning for the Tennis facility

Upcoming Projects

SH Hall by Gymnasium project

SH Hallway drop ceiling/lighting

Bond Project

Need to schedule facilities committee meeting

Federal/state Reports filed in December:

None

RACHEL RYDGREN

CERTIFIED SPED TEACHER

CONTACT



EDUCATION

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Platte Valley High School

2009-2012

ANTICIPATED TEMPORARY CERTIFIED TEACHING LICENSE

August 2025

BACHELORS IN EDUCATION WITH SPED K-12 ENDORSEMENT

Chadron State College

Current- December 2027

SKILLS

- CPR/First Aid Certified
- Medical background as a Certified Nurse Aid/QMAP for the State of Colorado
- Member of the JAG Advisory Board with McCook Public Schools
- Special Needs Parent and Advocate

SUMMARY

I am a driven individual with an immense amount of experience both personally and professionally in working with children with special needs. With my background and experience, I feel that I would be an excellent candidate for the Special Education positions available at McCook High School.

EXPERIENCE

PARAPROFESSIONAL

McCook Public Schools

2022 - Present

- Assist and support students with IEPs in the classroom
- Assist in co-teaching curriculum in the general education classrooms in small groups or a one-on-one basis
- Manage behaviors in the classroom
- Modify and administer testing according to accommodations and modifications on students' IEPs
- Process paperwork, organize or maintain calendars based on due dates, report student progress to case managers

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/TEACHER

Bee Little Childcare

2021-2022

- Maintain staffing for classrooms in order to stay within compliance to the State of Nebraska
- Assist with teaching in classrooms for children ages 6 weeks-12 years of age
- Providing nutrition for the children, assisting in building maintenance, and supporting teachers with curriculum based projects

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE/QMAP

Meadowview of Greeley

2012-2013

- Responsible for providing care for Assisted Living and Dementia Care residents
- Distribution of medications to residents based on their medical plans and prescriptions.



Cherie A. Wallace

Core Qualifications:

Curriculum and Instruction	Supervision
Extensive Teaching Experience Pre-K-3	Assessment
Professional Leadership	Professional Development

Professional Learning Communities Leadership Team (PLC)
Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Leadership Team (PBIS)
Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) - Response to Intervention (RTI)

Education and Training

2021-2023 Chadron State College, Chadron, NE 69337

- **M.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction, K-12 Special Education December 2023**

2009-2011 University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68847

- **M.S.Ed., Instructional Technology July 2011**

2005-2008 University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68847

- **M.A.Ed., Educational Administration, 7-12 Principalship Endorsement May 2008**

2003-2005 University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68847

- **M.A.Ed., Educational Administration, PK-6 Principalship August 2005**

1982-1984 Kearney State College, Kearney, NE 68847

- **B.A.Ed., Elementary/Early Childhood Education, December 1984**

1980-1982 Mid Plains Community College, North Platte, NE 69101

- **Associate of Arts, May 1982**



**Nebraska Educator's Certification
Standard Administrative Certificate**

- Early Childhood Education PK-3
- Elementary K-6
- Special Education K-12
- Principal PK-12

**2017-2024 Response to Intervention Director, McCook Elementary School
McCook Public Schools, McCook, NE**

- 2017-2024 RTI - MTSS Implementation
- 2015-2024 PBIS Team Member
- 2013-2024 PLC Leadership Team
- 2013-2024 Crisis Team
- 2005-2021 Mentor/Cooperating Teacher Program
- 2007-2024 Summer School Administrator and Lead Teacher

**2005-2017 Assistant Principal, McCook Elementary School
McCook Public Schools, McCook, NE**

- 2006-2017 RTI Coordinator
- 2005-2012 Assessment Team
- 2005-2007 Reading First Leadership Team

**1998-2024 Elementary Teacher, McCook Elementary School
McCook Public Schools, McCook, NE**

- 2016-2024 Third Grade Teacher
- 2015-2016 Second Grade Teacher
- 2008-2010, 2014-2015 First Grade Teacher
- 2010-2014 Primary Intervention Classroom Teacher
- 2001-2008 Kindergarten Teacher
- 2000-2001 Third Grade Teacher
- 1999-2000 Fourth Grade Teacher
- 1998-1999 Third Grade Teacher

Fall 2024 McCook Public Schools, McCook, NE

- Substitute Teacher

Meagan Lee Paul

OBJECTIVE: To provide speech and language services in public schools, hospitals, and/or clinical settings.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology July 2017
Fort Hays State University, Hays KS
Major/Cumulative GPA: 3.87/4.0

Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences May 2015
The University of Nebraska, Lincoln NE
Major GPA: 3.85/4.0 Cumulative GPA: 3.57/4.0

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Externship – Graduate Clinician

Bryan Medical Center West Campus

May 15 – July 11, 2017

- Apply classroom knowledge in evaluating typical and disordered communication, swallowing abilities for a safe diet, and cognitive skills for adults in an inpatient rehabilitation setting
- Participate in modified barium swallows to evaluate a safe diet for patients
- Provide functional speech-language pathology services to the adult population with disorders of language, cognition, dysphagia, and voice
- Educate patients, parents, and caregivers on disorders while providing appropriate materials for carryover
- Complete daily progress notes to track progress toward goals for insurance
- Collaborate with therapists of other disciplines, such as occupational and physical therapy

Externship – Graduate Clinician

McCook Public Schools

March 13 – May 5, 2017

- Applied classroom knowledge in evaluating typical and disordered communication skills for the pediatric population
- Provided functional speech-language pathology services to the pediatric population with disorders of articulation, language, pragmatics, cognition, and occasional fluency
- Lead small-group communication circles, targeting pragmatic skills
- Completed daily progress notes and documentation to track progress toward goals
- Created functional goals to increase student's speech, language, and social skills
- Participated in Individual Education Plan and multidisciplinary meetings
- Collaborated with school teachers, administrators, parents/caregivers and professionals of other disciplines, such as occupational therapy and physical therapy, to provide best quality of care to students
- Educated students, parents/caregivers, and school staff (e.g., teachers, administrators) on disorders while providing appropriate materials for carryover

Externship – Graduate Clinician

St. Patrick Catholic School in McCook NE

March 13 – May 5, 2017

- Applied classroom knowledge in evaluating typical and disordered communication skills for the pediatric population
- Provided functional speech-language pathology services to the pediatric population with disorders of articulation, language, and pragmatics
- Collaborated with school teachers, administrators, parents/caregivers and professionals of other disciplines, such as occupational therapy and physical therapy, to provide best quality of care to students
- Educated students, parents/caregivers, and school staff (e.g., teachers, administrators) on disorders while providing appropriate materials for carryover

Externship – Graduate Clinician

Madonna Rehabilitation Pediatric Outpatient Clinic

January – March 2017

- Applied classroom knowledge in evaluating typical and disordered communication and cognitive skills for the pediatric population
- Provided functional speech-language pathology services to the pediatric population with disorders of articulation, language, pragmatics, cognition, and occasional dysphagia and voice
- Educated patients, parents, and caregivers on disorders while providing appropriate materials for carryover
- Completed daily SOAP notes, monthly progress notes, frequently updated plan of care's, and wrote a letter of medical necessity to request an augmentative and alternative communication device from insurance for a patient
- Collaborated with representatives from Augmentative and Alternative Communication companies to trial a variety of devices to meet client communication needs and troubleshoot any difficulties presented with the devices
- Collaborated and co-treated with therapists of other disciplines such as occupational and physical therapy
- Collaborated with school teachers, administrators, and school specialist to generate the necessary accommodations for students with traumatic brain injury to be successful in school
- Collaborated with interpreters of various languages to communicate with patients, parents and caregivers

Graduate Clinician

Geneva Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, Hays, KS

August 2015 – December 2016

- Applied classroom knowledge in evaluating typical and disordered communication and cognitive skills
- Administered hearing screenings using tympanometry and pure-tone audiometry
- Provided functional speech-language pathology services to young children, school-age children, and adults with disorders of articulation, phonology, language, and cognition in individual and group settings
- Provided functional speech-language pathology services to elementary students through online telepractice services
- Completed daily progress notes and frequently progress monitored targeted skills while completing on-going documentation
- Participated in Individual Education Plan meetings
- Educated patients, parents, and caregivers on disorders while providing appropriate materials for carryover

- Collaborated with teachers and administrators regarding progress and performance of students in the classroom

Graduate Clinician

Good Samaritan Society, Hays, KS

January 2016 – May 2016

- Administered services to adults with dementia and progressive neurodegenerative diseases in long-term care setting
- Administered varying diagnostic tests of cognitive function
- Collaborated with nurses and nurse aids to treat patients and increase carryover of skills for residents
- Lead small-group interactions to increase and maintain pragmatic skills

Graduate Clinician

Lincoln Elementary School, Hays, KS

August 2015 - December 2015

- Administered various diagnostic tests of language and articulation
- Provided phonological awareness group treatment to first grade students
- Completed daily documentation notes to track progress toward goals
- Collaborated with teachers and administrators regarding progress and performance of students in the classroom

HONORS, ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

CPR Certification , American Red Cross	November 2015 – Present
Member , FHSU National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association	September 2015 – Present
Certification of Attendance , Reading, Writing, and Spelling: It's About Oral Language and Building the Brain for Literacy (by Dr. Jan Wasowicz)	June 2016
Student Facilitator , Parkinson's Disease Support Group	March & May 2016
Student Facilitator , Adult Communication Group	January – April 2016
Student Facilitator , Stroke and Neuro Support Group	March 2016
Poster Presenter , American Speech-Language-Hearing National Conference	November 2016
Completion , successfully passed composition exam	December 2016
Completion , successfully passed Praxis Speech-Language Pathology test	February 2017

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OBSERVATIONS

McCook Public Schools Speech-Language Pathology	March 13 – May 5, 2017
St. Patrick Catholic School in McCook, NE Speech-Language Pathology	March 13 – May 5, 2017
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Pediatric Outpatient Clinic	January 2016 – March 2017
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Adult Inpatient Clinic	January 2016
Geneva Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic	September 2015 – November 2016
Barkley Memorial Center	September 2013 – April 2015
Wahoo Elementary Speech-Language Pathology	March 2013
McCook Community Hospital Speech-Language Pathology	May – August 2013

WORK HISTORY

Speech-Language Pathologist
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

August 14, 2017 – Present

Two-Year-Old Lead Teacher
Little Brookland Daycare, Lincoln Nebraska

May 2014 – July 2015

Physical Therapy Technician
Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy, McCook Nebraska

May 2011 – December 2013