

The regular monthly Board of Education meeting was held Monday, January 12, 2026 in the Board Meeting Room in the Elementary Building. Administrators present were Superintendent Bland, Secondary Principal Burton and Elementary Principal Rennerfeldt. Board member Aaron Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and noted the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was properly posted and/or published by advance Public Notice in accordance with Board Policy #2008 with notice and advance agenda given to the President of the Board and all members prior to the meeting date. Notice of this meeting was published in the Burt County Independent, posted on the school website and hung at the Oakland Post Office, the Craig Post Office, Oakland-Craig Elementary and Oakland-Craig High School on January 8, 2026.

## **ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was called with the following members present: Jon Dockhorn, Marilee Groth, Brett Johnson, Dane Johnson, Diane Pelan-Johnson, Henry Unwin and Aaron Anderson.

## **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT**

At this time, the board was asked to make nominations for President. Anderson nominated Jon Dockhorn. Brett Johnson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Jon Dockhorn as the President of the Board of Education for 2026. Unwin seconded the motion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice-President were made. Diane Pelan-Johnson nominated Aaron Anderson. Diane Pelan-Johnson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Aaron Anderson as the Vice President of the Board of Education for 2026. Brett Johnson seconded the motion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Anderson moved to appoint Julie Ehlers as Secretary/Treasurer for 2026. Brett Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

President Dockhorn called the meeting to order and noted the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was properly posted and/or published by advance Public Notice in accordance with Board Policy #2008 with notice and advance agenda given to the President of the Board and all members prior to the meeting date.

No visitors were present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Unwin moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Groth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried. Items included in the consent agenda were the approval of January 12, 2026 meeting agenda; approval of claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$155,599.94 and the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$9,515.74 and the approval of minutes from the December 8, 2025 regular school board meeting.

**SET THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIME (ITEM J)**

Regular meetings of the Oakland-Craig Board of Education will be held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Adjustments may need to be made from time to time due to holidays.

**SELECTION OF BANK DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS (ITEM K)****BOARD RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") for Burt County School District No.11-0014, commonly known as Oakland-Craig Public Schools (the "School District") is a duly accredited Class III school district under the laws and statutes of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate one or more banks, capital stock financial institutions, or qualifying mutual financial institutions, situated within the boundaries of the School District as the official depository or depositories for School District funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby designates the following banks, capital stock financial institutions, or qualifying mutual financial institutions as the official depositories for School District Funds: First Northeast Bank of Nebraska

**APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)  
FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAM FOR TECHNOLOGY (ITEM L)****DESIGNATE THE DISTRICT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATIONS (ITEM M)**

Notices which the board is required to publish in a newspaper will generally be published in the Burt County Independent, the Omaha World Herald or any other newspaper which has a general circulation within the district.

**BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT ACTIONS (ITEM N)**

The Board of Education authorizes and grants the Superintendent or her designee authority to represent the District in all matters relating to local, state, and federal programs and funds, such as, but not limited to Title Programs, ESU#2 Co-op purchasing of supplies, etc.

**DESIGNATE THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL (ITEM O)**

Designate the attorneys of KSB School Law as the district legal counsel. The District reserves the right to use the legal services of Legal Counsel for the Nebraska Association of School Boards, as may be needed.

**DESIGNATE THE NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE AND TITLE IX COORDINATORS (ITEM P)**

Designate the Superintendent as the Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator to meet Federal Equal Employment Opportunity requirements and the Title IX Coordinator for Title IX enforcement.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS J-P**

Anderson moved that agenda items J-P be approved as presented. Unwin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION OF BOARD OPERATING PRINCIPLES**

Discussion was held on Board Operating Principles.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bland reviewed the information in the treasurer's report.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Elementary Principal Rennerfeldt reported that Kindergarten Round Up will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. Winter assessments have been completed and results sent to families. This month's staff shout out goes to the Behavior Team – Jennifer Anderson, Stephanie Brudigam, Lana Hagedorn, Jade Jacobsen, Aaron Meyer and Elyce Peterson – for their hard work last semester. A list of upcoming activities was provided. Current PK-6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment is 234 students, which is up 2 from last month and the same as last year.

Secondary Principal Burton reported current enrollment for the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades at 173 students, which is down 1 from last month and down 12 from last year. This month's staff shout out goes to our shared specials staff – Angie Meyer, Elyce Peterson, David Eriksen, Alex Howser and Nathan Beutler. Winter MAP and STAR testing will take place in January. Mrs. Burton shared information on artificial intelligence platforms that staff use. Mrs. Burton provided a listing of upcoming school activities.

Superintendent Bland reported that the football field lights have been installed. The Building and Grounds committee will meet soon to begin planning summer projects. The mileage rate for 2026 is \$0.725. Staff mileage reimbursement rate is 4 cents less than the federal rate so will be \$0.685. The NRCSA spring conference is March 18 – 20. Mrs. Bland ended her report by reporting her remaining vacation and sick days.

## **HIRING OF STAFF**

Unwin moved to approve the contract for Cale Kai as the Industrial Technology teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Dane Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

Brett Johnson moved to go into closed session to discuss certified negotiations at 8:39 p.m. Closed session is necessary for the protection of public interest and permissible under law. Dane Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

Brett Johnson moved to resume regular session at 8:50 p.m. Diane Pelan-Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **CERTIFIED STAFF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT FOR 2026-2027**

Brett Johnson moved to approve the proposed teacher negotiated agreement for 2026-2027. Groth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0; Unwin abstained. Motion carried.

## **REVIEW OF DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT**

Mrs. Bland reviewed the 2024-2025 audit report and discussed the findings. Diane Pelan-Johnson moved to approve the audit as presented. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **PURCHASE OF VAN**

Mrs. Bland reported that the van we ordered in August arrived last week. She also explained that she would like to purchase another van since there is one in stock. After much discussion, Diane Pelan-Johnson moved to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Transit 350 All-Wheel Drive (Low Roof) and to order another one of the same model. Dane Johnson seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Groth reported that there will be a high school art show at the Swedish Heritage Center in conjunction with the February 1<sup>st</sup> meal.

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2026**

President Dockhorn asked for members' input on what committees they would prefer to serve. Committee assignments for 2026 are as follows: Building/Grounds/Transportation – Brett Johnson (Chair), Dane Johnson, Aaron Anderson; Committee on American Civics/Education/Policies – Henry Unwin (Chair), Jon Dockhorn, Marilee Groth; Finance/Negotiations – Diane Pelan-Johnson (Chair), Brett Johnson, Dane Johnson; Auditing – Marilee Groth (Chair), Henry Unwin, Jon Dockhorn. Unwin will continue to serve as our P2T representative.

Brett Johnson moved to go into closed session to discuss administrative contracts at 9:20 p.m. Closed session is necessary for the protection of public interest and permissible under law. Diane Pelan-Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

Dane Johnson moved to resume regular session at 10:08 p.m. Brett Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS**

Brett Johnson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Elementary Principal Contract with total package increase of 5% over the 2025-2026 contract, the 2026-2027 Secondary Principal Contract with total package increase of 4% over the 2025-2026 contract and the 2026-2027 Superintendent Contract with total package increase of 5% over the 2025-2026 contract. Dane

Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voting results were: For Motion-7; Against Motion-0. Motion carried.

There being no further business on the agenda of this meeting, President Dockhorn adjourned this meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Secretary,

Julie Ehlers

**GENERAL FUND**

AKSARBEN CLEANING LLC	\$3,620.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	\$2,033.23
BURT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	\$369.04
BURTON, MICHELLE	\$35.54
CENTRAL VALLEY AG	\$2,899.19
CHEM TECH PEST SOLUTIONS	\$150.00
CITY OF OAKLAND	\$444.85
CLASSIC CLEAN CAR WASH	\$44.34
COLLEGE BOARD	\$163.44
COMPUTER HARDWARE INC	\$522.00
DANA F COLE & COMPANY LLP	\$3,327.45
DJ AUTO	\$759.91
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$2,392.27
EDEN EVENTS, GIFTS, FLORALS	\$100.00
ESU 2	\$77,498.66
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	\$304.85
FILTER SHOP, INC., THE	\$414.74
FIRST BANKCARD	\$69.64
FOOD PRIDE	\$36.69
GOODHEART-WILCOX PUBLISHER	\$1,905.99
HD SUPPLY	\$731.94
HEARTLAND FOUNDATION	\$3,525.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$1,148.21
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS INC	\$201.16
JENSEN PLUMBING AND HEATING IN	\$240.00
JOSTENS	\$326.35
JOYRIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT	\$1,520.00
KRUTILEK, JAKOB	\$73.92
KSB SCHOOL LAW	\$301.00
LUNCHFUND	\$17.00
MARTINEZ, LISA	\$588.00
MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS AND SERVICE	\$137.70
NCSA	\$205.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER	\$3,767.44
NORTHEAST INSTANT RAIN	\$1,700.00
NRCSA	\$100.00
OAKLAND EXPRESS	\$323.78
REVOLVING ACCOUNT	\$70.13
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	\$2,090.76
SECOND STREET STATION	\$90.90
SPARQ DATA SOLUTIONS	\$4,900.00
SPORTSMAN LAKE LLC	\$7,500.00
U. S. BANK	\$1,505.51
US OMNI & TSACG COMPLIANCE SERVICES	\$8.36
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	\$23,896.45
WOLKEN THERAPY & WELLNESS	\$196.80
WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC	\$3,307.75
MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC.	\$34.95
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**LUNCH FUND**

AC & R SPECIALISTS	\$1,672.08
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	\$3,013.08
FOOD PRIDE	\$85.37
HILAND DAIRY	\$1,615.40
LINDSTROM, CAROL	\$30.00
RUDA SEPTIC, LLC	\$325.00
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	\$437.95
SYSCO LINCOLN	\$2,336.86
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