

MCPHERSON CO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.....July 14, 2025

School District #90 Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Lana Watson at 7:02pm.

Watson noted that the open meetings law was posted in the room and asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No recordings. Legal publication notice of the meeting was posted at the customary sites on July 7, 2025.

Roll call of members present: Jana Gragg, Chad Fisher, Josh Streiff, Amber McNutt, Andrea Blake and Lana Watson. Superintendent Pritchard and Principal Florea were also present.

Watson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Streiff moved to approve the agenda as prepared. Fisher 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye-Streiff, Fisher, Gragg, Blake, McNutt & Watson. Nay - none. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE:** 6 students attended NAYI (Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute) last week and looked like they had a great time. Ms. Pritchard wanted to personally thank Mrs. Florea for organizing the Maverick's kickball game on July 2nd. Fun was had by all! Over 50 students, parents, community members and spectators enjoyed the evening. Next Maverick's fun night will be August 4th in Stapleton.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda-specific):** No visitors wish to speak. Conflict of interest statement read aloud.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Housing/Facility/Transportation: Discussion was held on repairs in the superintendent kitchen, along with the garage door and a water heater in other teacherages. Discussion held on recent bus issues/repairs. The new transportation director role is in effect.

Negotiations/Finance: Budget workshop will be scheduled once the Certification of Table Value and the Allowable Growth Percentage Computation Forms are received.

Americanism/Multiculturalism/Curriculum/Policy: Policy committee meeting will be August 5th at 5:30pm.

Marketing: No new report.

Co-op: Next meeting to be held August 7, 2025 at 7:00pm in Stapleton.

Student Representative: The new student representative will campaign and be elected at the end of August by their peers to begin service to the Board in September.

Principal's Report: Principal Florea presented her goals for the 2025-2026 school year: encouraging teacher's individual goals/values, being intentional with everyone in the community, and developing protocols to support the entire District and students at all levels. Teachers report back to school on August 6th for 4 days of meetings, training, and preparation for the new year. The Back to School Night Open House will be Monday August 11th from 5:30-7:30pm and a Title 1 Presentation at 6:30pm. School starts Tuesday August 12, 2025.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Pritchard presented the Board with her goals for the 2025-2026 year. These included: communication/climate within the District, ensuring District policies are aligned with KSB law, be fiscally conscientious, and to have consistent systems within the building. Ms. Pritchard walked the Board through her current projects and objectives.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Blake moved to approve the previous minutes from June 11, 2025 with no amendments, the monthly July Financial Report, and claims payable for the month of July 2025. Streiff 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Blake, Streiff, McNutt, Gragg, Fisher & Watson. Nay - none. Conflict of interest statement was signed by board members required to do so. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**#1:** Amber McNutt and Allison Pritchard will need approval to sign Centris Federal Credit Union and Sandhills State Bank signature cards to enable them to conduct school financial business in the District.

**#2:** Custer Public Power recently discovered an error in billing that took place after the District's new HVAC system was installed. Once the error was corrected - a large difference remained. Custer forgave the District for June 2024-December 2024 and any penalties, but the District is still responsible for a

remaining balance of \$14,265.57 and is an action item for approval.

- #3: Discuss and approve the McPherson County Schools Student/Parent Handbook as presented.
- #4: Discuss and approve the McPherson County Schools Activities Handbook as presented.
- #5: Discuss and approve the McPherson County Schools Staff as presented.
- #6: Supt Pritchard would like for the Board to review Policy 2007 on Meal Per Diem and consider adjusting these amounts to meet the escalating prices of food and dining expenses.
- #7: The Policy committee will meet to review policies that will need to be approved in the August meeting due to legislative laws that have been passed and will go into effect starting September 9, 2025.
- #8: Supt Pritchard presented the Board with news from the Department of Education regarding federal funds. The District will have a loss of around \$12,000.00 out of the \$6.9 Billion funding cuts.
- #9: Supt Pritchard asked the Board for clarification on the *Retention Initiative* of the Negotiated Agreement.
- #10: Stapleton's Supt Redinger requested a Sports Co-op Committee meeting on Aug. 7th.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- #1: Fisher moved to approve giving authority to Amber McNutt and Allison Pritchard to sign for Centris Federal Credit Union and Sandhills State Bank to conduct School financial business for the McPherson County School District. Blake 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Fisher, Blake, Gragg, Streiff & Watson. Abstain - McNutt. Nay - none. All required members signed banking documents. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- #2: Streiff moved to approve payment of \$14,265.57 to Custer Public Power to cover the remaining balance. Gragg 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Streiff, Gragg, McNutt, Blake & Watson.. Nay - none. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- #3: Gragg moved to approve the 2025-2026 McPherson County Schools Student/Parent Handbook as presented. Blake 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Gragg, Blake, Fisher, Streiff, McNutt & Watson. Nay- none. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- #4: Fisher moved to approve the 2025-2026 McPherson County Schools Activities Handbook as presented. Gragg 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Fisher, Gragg, Streiff, Blake, McNutt & Watson. Nay - none. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- #5: Blake moved to approve the 2025-2026 McPherson County Schools Staff Handbook as presented. Gragg 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Blake, Gragg, McNutt, Streiff, Fisher & Watson. Nay - none. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda specific concerns):** No visitors wish to speak.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Policies, District Safety Plan 25-26, Meal Per Diem (Policy 2007), and possible NRSCA visit.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday August 13, 2025 at 7:00pm in the High School Commons.

Gragg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fisher 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye - Gragg, Fisher, McNutt, Blake, Streiff & Watson. Nay - none. No further discussion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.