



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Greetings Falcon Nation,

I hope each one of our Falcon families are enjoying their summer vacation as the start of school is just around the corner. Please visit our website and app to get a list of back to school supplies, new lunch prices and all of your informational needs for the upcoming school year.

There is always a lot happening around the district during the summer months. I would like to thank the hard work of our office and custodial staff for the hard work that they put in during the summer months. Our buildings are looking fantastic and ready for students to once again fill our halls. Some of the major things that you may have or will notice shortly is that the district is replacing the runways on the track and fixing several spots on the track surface. The district is also working through the process of adding a greenhouse to the southwest corner of the parking lot of the Wilcox site.

Students, enjoy the rest of your summer break and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Greetings Falcon Family,

This time of year is a time of transition and an exciting time of year. We say farewell to some staff who have decided to move on to other opportunities or life experiences. This year we say goodbye to Mrs. Stratman, Ms. Niemeier, and Mrs. Simmons. These teachers and administrator have been an important part of our students' education and Falcon Family. We are going to miss all of them, but wish them well in their new adventures.

In addition to our new staff, there have been some staff that have changed assignments. Mrs. Muhlbach will be our new principal at the upper elementary building. Tiana Gibb is taking over the role of elementary guidance counselor and instructional coach. Mrs. Hohensee is moving to third grade and Mrs. Pokorney to kindergarten.

We would like you to help us welcome four new teachers to our school system. Amber Haight has accepted a position as our new 4th grade teacher. She went to high school in Minden and is a recent graduate of UNK. Ms. Haight is familiar with our district as she student taught here last year. Allegra Woollen is taking over as media specialist. Ms. Woollen is a veteran teacher, who most recently was employed with Holdrege Public Schools. Uriah Mata is originally from Scottsbluff and a recent graduate of UNL. He is newly married and plays in the Nebraska Army National Guard's Army Band. Julie Tarr, who is a familiar face around here, is filling our secondary special education position. Please help us in welcoming these new members to our communities, staff, and Falcon Family.

Parents, I have a few items for you. Please review handbooks that were approved at the July school board meeting. There are pages at the back that will need to be returned to the school. Notable changes to the student and athletic handbooks involve the addition of our drug testing policy, dress code changes, and wellness policy. Open houses and fall sports meetings are coming up in August. Impact tests for students involved in extracurricular activities take place the week of August 8th. Physicals and consent forms for students in grades 7-12 must be completed and turned into the office before students may participate in extracurricular activities. Again this year please check out "Events" on our school website for changes in time, date, or location of school activities. Throughout the year it is necessary to make adjustments after the calendars are printed.

Go Falcons!

Shannon Lovin

Fall Sports Parents' Meeting

August 8th

6:00 p.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth High School

Gymnasium

(Breakout Sessions to Follow)

IMPACT Testing for students

In grades 7, 9, and 11

Wilcox-Hildreth High School Media Center

Monday, August 8th

9th Grade Boys 1:00-2:00

9th Grade Girls 2:00-3:00

Tuesday, August 9th

11th Grade Boys 1:00 to 2:00

11th Grade Girls 2:00-3:00 or by Appt.

August 11th-12th

7th Grade during school

Meet your Upper Elementary Principal

Hello

My name is Joee Muhlbach, and I am so excited to share that I will be the new Upper Elementary Principal in Hildreth!

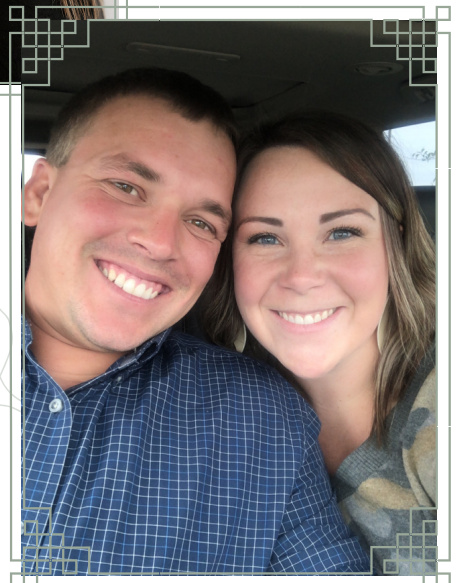
I previously served in the district as the 7-12 Special Education Teacher in Wilcox and student taught in both buildings during the 2016-2017 school year.

I live in Kearney with my husband (Logan) and daughter (Maren), who will turn one on the first day of school.

I attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney for my Undergrad and Master's degrees.

I enjoy traveling and camping with my family. Montana is by far my favorite destination so far.

I look forward to getting the school year started and meeting more of our incredible students and families.



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Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 7/6/2022
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 7/6/2022
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

3. Open Student Fees Hearing (Policy #5045). As per Nebraska Rev. Stat. 79-2-134

4. Open Parent Involvement Hearing (Policy #5018) as per Nebraska Rev. Stat. 79-533 and review the District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy #5057.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Gary Jensen, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.A. Approval of Agenda

5.B. Approval of minutes of Regular June 20, 2022 Board Meeting

5.C. Approval of Claims

5.D. Financial Report

6. Visitors and communication from the public

Teresa Carey and Emily Lyons were visitors.

7. Action Items

7.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the absence of Kert Hansen.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Gary Jensen, to approve the absence of Kert Hansen.
Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the proposed lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year.

Discussion was led by Superintendent Patterson in regards to breakfast and lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year. With increasing food prices and labor costs, it would be necessary to increase prices to cover these increasing expenses in the nutrition fund.

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Kirk Nelson, to approve the proposed lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the teaching contract for Allegra Woollen.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Gary Jensen, to approve the teaching contract of Allegra Woollen. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to revise board policies 2008, 2010, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3012, 3057, 4056, 5012, 6021.

Superintendent Patterson discussed the revisions to board policies that are required by law to revise.

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by John Donley, to approve the revisions as presented. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve a new board policy #4064 Transporting Students in Employee Vehicles.

Superintendent Patterson discussed the transporting of students in employee vehicles and working with attorneys to set a board policy in regards to transporting students. Discussion was held between board members in regards to this policy

7.F. Review Policy 5005 Transportation of Option Students

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the policy of 5005 in transporting option students. Currently, if option students live on the current bus route, we provide transportation. Supt. Patterson is suggesting the possibility of moving up the pick-up time due to adding additional stops for picking up option students due to adding on miles to current bus routes. Discussion was held in regards to providing this transportation. Policy 5005 will be revised to allow the district to pick up option enrollment students when possible.

Motion by Gary Jensen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve board policy 5005. Motion Passed.
Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.G. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the 2022-2023 Employee Handbook.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to approve the 2022-2023 Employee Handbook. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.H. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the 2022-2023 Student Handbook.

Motion by Kirk Nelson, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the 2022-2023 student handbook. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.I. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the 2022-2023 Student Activity Handbook.

Motion by Gary Jensen, seconded by John Donley, to approve the 2022-2023 Student Activity Handbook. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.J. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the proposed transportation pay schedule for the 22-23 school year.

Discussion was held in regards to the current transportation schedule and the proposed schedule to increase rates to keep our current bus drivers and recruit new drivers as well. This will help us to stay competitive with neighboring districts.

Motion by John Donley, seconded by Gary Jensen, to approve the proposed transportation pay schedule for the 22-23 school year. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Discussion Items

8.A. Review Board Policy 5054- Student Bullying

8.B. Review Board Policy 5001- Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

8.C. Discuss the potential use of electric school buses for daily routes

Superintendent Patterson discussed with the board the possibility of converting to electric school buses and grant opportunities that are available for these buses. The board asked several questions about the grant and the feasibility of operating electric and or propane powered buses vs. diesel buses.

8.D. Back to school employee BBQ

9. Administrator Report

9.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. School finance updates
2. Board Policy updates
3. Student transportation pick up time changes for bus routes and the potential for adding non-resident students to bus routes to recruit new families into the district.
4. Grant opportunity that provides the opportunity to get free electric route buses.

9.B. Principal Report

Principal Lovin reported:

1. Sport and weight room activities over the summer
2. VB and FB overlapping games this fall- due to FB official shortages
3. VB will play in GI against Pleasanton on Aug. 27 during the State Fair
4. Outdoor sports will now be using a Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer to help prevent heat-related injuries to student athletes.

The Board welcomed Principal Muhlbach as the new Upper Elementary Principal. Her first official day is July 25.

10. Next Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Monday, August 15, 2022 in the Wilcox conference room.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Alan Casper, to adjourn at 9:05 P.M.. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Absent, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:

Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1



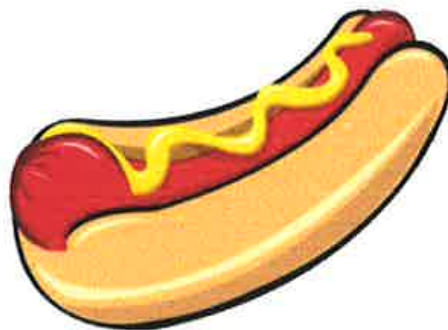
TEAMMATES KICK OFF TO ANOTHER YEAR OF FUN!

The board is hosting a
Welcome back BBQ on

Friday, August 12th

6:30 p.m. at the Hildreth Park

This is our welcome back event
for the family members of
mentors and mentees!



If possible please RSVP Donnette at 308-478-5488 or 308-440-7178

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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A. Chicken & Waffles
B. PB&J

A. Combo Sub
B. PB&J

A. Chicken Broccoli
Alfredo
B. PB&J

A. Chili
B. PB&J

B- Banana Choc Bar **22**

B- Biscuits & Gravy **23**

B- Breakfast Burrito **24**

B- Breakfast on a Stick **25**

B- Breakfast Pizza **26**

A. Pig in a Blanket
B. PB&J

A. Chicken Noodle
Soup
B. PB&J

A. Beef Enchilada
B. PB&J

A. Bacon
Cheeseburger
B. PB&J

A. BBQ Chicken on
Bun
B. PB&J

B- Breakfast Round **29**

B- Breakfast Sand. **30**

B- Chocolate Crescent **31**

NEW

A. Frito Chili Cheese
Wrap
B. PB&J

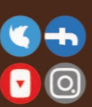
A. Cheese Pizza
B. PB&J

A. Hot Ham & Cheese
B. PB&J



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WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SEPT
2022

**NO
SCHOOL**

Breakfast: Pancakes

A: Meatball Bowl
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs

A: Walking Taco
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Bagel

A: Chicken Fried Steak
B: PB&J

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks

A: Turkey Chef Salad
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Ham & Egg Sandwich

A: Personal Pizza
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Waffle

A: Italian Dunkers
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Banana Bread

A: Macaroni & Cheese
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Frudel
NEW

A: Pizza Pocket
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Monte Cristo

A: BBQ Pork on a Bun
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Yogurt & Granola

A: Egg Roll & Fried Rice
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy

A: BBQ Rib Sandwich
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll

A: Mandarin Orange Chicken
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Fruit Smoothie

A: Hot Dog
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Muffin

A: Chicken Strip Wrap
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Apple Bosco

A: Popcorn Chicken
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Ham Bar

A: FKC Bowl
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Donut

A: Hamburger
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Granola Bar

A: Chicken Strips
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Pop Tart

A: Meatball Sub
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Apple Bosco

**NO
SCHOOL**

Breakfast: Banana Choc Chunk Bar

A: Sloppy Joe on a Bun
B: PB&J

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