



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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JANUARY, 2023

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Falcon Nation,

At the January Board meeting the district said farewell to long time board member, Gary Jensen, and welcomed a new member Teresa Carey. Gary served on the Wilcox-Hildreth Board of Education for the last 15 years. We wish him well, and thank him for so many years of service to the students of Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools.



Winter weather is always a concern this time of year. If you are not receiving updates for cancellations and late starts, please make sure you have a current number listed with the school district, and in the school app, make sure you have the notifications turned on. Remember, as parents and guardians, you may decide to keep your children at home in the event of inclement weather.

If you are interested in donating a financial contribution to support the Beef in Schools Program or would like to donate beef, please contact Justin Patterson. If you are a beef producer who would like to donate, please make arrangements with the school well in advance, as the processing will need to be scheduled months ahead of time. Financial donations help the school district offset the processing costs of the beef. Thank you for your support of the Beef in Schools Program at Wilcox-Hildreth.

If you are interested in donating to the Greenhouse construction project, please contact Justin Patterson. The construction portion of the project should be completed in the next few weeks. Our high school students are getting anxious to use it this spring.

Go Falcons,

Justin Patterson



Greetings Falcon Nation,

I would like to recognize some groups of people that help our school function. First, January is School Board Appreciation Month. If you see a current or past school board member please thank them for their service to our district. They have to make tough decisions regarding our school district each month. Each member listens to the constituents and respectfully discusses issues concerning our district. Our current board members are Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper, John Donley, Ryan Knaus, Kert Hansen, and Teresa Carey. Second, Feb. 6th-10th is School Counselor Appreciation week. We are blessed to have two very good school counselors. Mrs. Mach at the 7-12 level does an amazing job helping staff and students navigate difficult issues. Also, our seniors receive a large amount of financial aid for post secondary education each year. Her positive attitude brightens our school building each day. Mrs. Gibb has stepped into the elementary counselor role this year. She is a natural at it. Her love for kids has helped her make a seamless transition. You can tell by the smile on her face how much she enjoys her job. The last group would be our maintenance and custodial staff. Robert Bennetts does an amazing job of leading this group and solving issues that arise each day. Todd Bebensee, Carla Wilson, Tracy Carr, and Chloe Bennetts help him with the upkeep of the buildings. They are given unexpected issues each day that need their immediate attention. Each one of them is willing to stop their regular schedule to help someone out when they need it. Thanks to these people our buildings are second to none when it comes to upkeep and cleanliness. All of these groups may go unnoticed at times, but they are very important to the operations of our school district. Thank you everyone for all you do for our school district.

DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER?

An issue that I would like to address is attendance. Schools across the nation have seen a rise in the number of absent or tardy students since the pandemic. Attendance at school is a large indicator of future student success in school and beyond. One reason for this is that teacher instruction is the largest degree of effectiveness of student learning. It is not only the instruction, but the interaction and learning that happens among peers. While missing only 2 days of school a month while a student is in high school doesn't seem like much, it adds up to almost a semester of learning loss by the end of their senior year. It is considered chronic absenteeism. Many times chronically absent students fall behind in their learning. These students are seven times more likely to drop out of high school. It is not just found in our middle or secondary schools, but our elementary schools as well. Young students can develop good habits and build skills by being in school. Only 17 percent of kindergarten through third grade students that are chronically absent reach reading proficiency by the end of third grade. Students that are not proficient readers by the end of third grade are found to be four times more likely to drop out of school than proficient readers. We are so thankful for the support that we get from families and community members in helping to ensure our students make it to school. By placing an emphasis on education it increases our students chances of becoming productive members of society and future success.

Happy New Year!

Shannon Lovin



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 1/4/2023
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 1/11/2023
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. Consent Agenda

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of the Regular December 19, 2022 Board Meeting

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors in attendance: Deb Johnson, Randy Carey, Katie Sinsel and Pam Donley

5. Action Items

5.A. Reorganization of the Board of Education. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve officers and committee assignments

Nomination for President

Current positions:

Kirk Nelson Board President,

Kert Hansen Board Vice President,

Alan Casper Board Treasurer,

Ryan Knaus Board Secretary.

Administrative Staff Negotiations-Kert Hanson, John Donley, Teresa Carey;

Certified Staff Negotiations-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper, Ryan Knaus

Americanism-Kert Hanson, John Donley, Teresa Carey;

Technology and Equipment-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper;

Support Services-Kert Hanson,

Curriculum and Instruction-Teresa Carey, Alan Casper;

Building and Grounds-Kirk Nelson, Kert Hanson, Ryan Knaus;

Transportation-Alan Casper, Teresa Carey;

Finance-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper,

Volunteers in Public School-John Donley, Teresa Carey;

WACF-Teresa Carey, Kert Hanson;

Franklin County Community Foundation-

Phelps County Community Foundation-Alan Casper;

GRN-Alan Casper, Kert Hanson.

Motion by John Donley, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to to approve officers and committee assignments as presented. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the Master Service Agreement with ESU 11 for the 2023-2024 school year

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the Master Service Agreement with ESU 11 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.C. Discuss Consider and take all necessary action to approve the teaching contract and resignation of Diana Hammer

Motion by John Donley, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve teaching contract and resignation of Diana Hammer. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the resignations of Deb Johnson.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to accept resignation of Deb Johnson. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Discussion Items

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. School Fincance Updates
2. Greenhouse construction project update. Donations from the public are being accepted.
3. Possible 22-23 calendar amendments due to hosting the FKC Music contest

7.B. Principal Report

Principal Lovin reported:

1. Citizenship tests for 8th and 12th graders
2. Flag etiquette
3. Christmas concert
4. Winter sports updates

Principal Muhlbach reported

1. Winter testing
2. SIP writing samples

8. Next Board Meeting:

Facility Work session with Wilkins ADP Tuesday January 24, 8:30 am in the Wilcox Conference Room.

Regular Monthly meeting: Monday, February 20 at 7:00 A.M. in the Wilcox conference room.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to adjourn meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moments with Muhlbach

Hello.

I hope everyone had a wonderful break! We are officially half way through the school year and beginning the downhill slide. As January comes to a close, we are wrapping up our winter testing window of NSCAS, aimswebPlus, and MAP. Looking forward, we are excited to see parents and guardians at Parent Teacher Conferences on February 9th in Hildreth from 2-8. The second round of LEAD (Leaders of Education, Activities, and Decisions) applications are out and due on January 20th by 4pm.

Mrs. Muhlbach

Attention Parents of Students with an IEP!

Parents,

We are conducting a survey in order to measure how our parents rate their involvement in the IEP process. We have been asked by Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to request this feedback from all parents of students in Special Education.

Please use a mobile device to scan this QR code in order to complete the survey.

Families with more than one child receiving Special Education and Related Services may select one child and answer all questions about their experiences with that child.

There is also a Spanish translation of the survey, which can be accessed by clicking on the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the survey screen.



SCAN ME

SCHOOL STUFF

7-12 Counselor Updates

Jr. High Guidance Updates:

7th Grade

The 7th graders are continuing to work through the Mosaic materials. They are learning about the importance of creating strong relationships, making good decisions, and having a growth mindset.

8th Grade

For second semester, we will be focusing more on career exploration. The students will work through *Habitudes*, which is a curriculum that helps students think about what it takes to be career ready. We will also look into different careers and talk about those pathways.

Freshmen

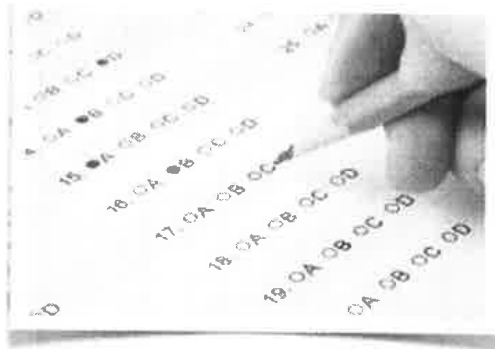
This semester, I will help the freshmen create their resumes so that they can continue to update them throughout high school this year. We will also talk about post-secondary options.



National Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to our new members of National Honor Society! On January 10th, Abby Tarr, our president, led the ceremony to induct six new members: Emma Donley, Sarah Jensen, Makayla Johnson, Keya Knaus, Addison Oversholser, and Georgia Ramsey. These students are chosen based off how they represent the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.





Juniors

Juniors are now taking Jr. Prep with Mrs. Hance. During second semester, they will be using the On to College curriculum that is developed by John Baylor. This opportunity is provided by our school, where many other schools require students to pay for the materials and find time outside of school to prep for it. College recruiters will also be visiting during this time so that juniors can learn about post-secondary options. I will also visit this class to discuss different opportunity as well.

The juniors will take the ACT this spring on April 4th. This test will serve as our state test, and students will be able to use these scores for scholarships and admittance to four year colleges. Two year institutions can use these scores for placement in math and English classes. This test will be free. They will also have the opportunity to take the ACT outside of school during the summer and their senior year.



Scholarship Updates

More and more scholarships are starting to appear on the counseling website. Please remind your seniors to be checking that website (the seniors have this site bookmarked) and their Scholarship Quest accounts from EducationQuest. Some of the big, upcoming deadlines include the Susan Thompson Buffet Scholarship (Feb. 1st) and the Phelps County Community Foundation Scholarship (Feb. 15th). The Phelps County Community Foundation houses all of our Wilcox Area Community Foundation Scholarships.

Service Project Completed!

In December, our district came together to complete a K-12 Service Learning project. Our students were able to deliver a personal letter along with an ornament to the nursing home residents in Holdrege and Minden. We were so proud of the time and thought our students put into this project.

A week ago, I received a phone call from the daughter of one of the residents. She told me that her mother had passed away and that they had been going through her things in the nursing home. While looking through her items, they came across the letter that one of our students had written her. The daughter wanted us to know how big of an impact that project had on her mother, and she was so grateful that our school took the time to think of others. I am so happy that our district continues to spread joy to others.

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January 20, 2023

To Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to inform you that as the Media Specialist, I will be introducing 6th through 12th grade students to our SORA database and instructing them on how to use it. This is an online library resource that allows students to have access to electronic media (books and magazines) that they may not have available to them within the Media Center. Wilcox-Hildreth School has partnered with several other schools within our ESU in order to make this resource available. The students will be instructed how to utilize materials within their appropriate grade and reading levels, however we strongly encourage your partnership in monitoring student use and communicating with them in regard to the materials they are reading.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Allegra Woollen
Media Specialist
Wilcox-Hildreth Public School



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! We are so excited to offer this opportunity to our school community! And, as always, every book that is purchased earns rewards for our school.

Our school's Book Fair will take place from Monday, February 6th to Thursday, February 9th (through Parent Teacher Conferences), at our Hildreth site in the Media Center.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get information about online shopping:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/wilcoxhildrethpublicschool>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
The countdown to more book-joy is on! See you at the Fair!

Happy reading!



Allegra Woollen
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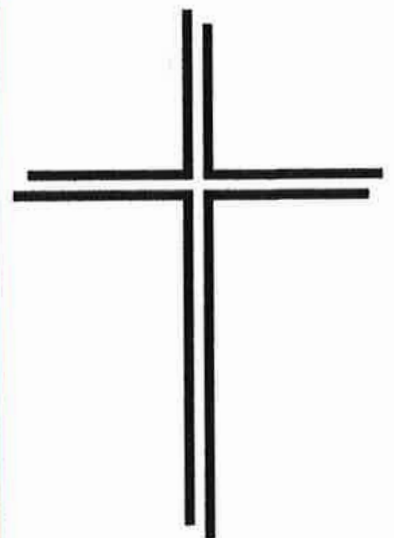
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WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY

Breakfast: Banana Bread **6**

A: Meatball Sub
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito **13**

A: Italian Dunkers
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Donut **20**

A: Chicken Fried Steak
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Granola Bar **27**

A: BLT Wrap
B: PB&J

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy **7**

A: Personal Pizza
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick **14**

A: Ham
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich **21**

A: BBQ Rib Sandwich
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit **28**

A: Mandarin Orange Chicken
B: PB&J

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt & Granola **1**

A: Pizza Pocket
B: PB&J



Breakfast: Ham Bar **8**

A: BBQ Pork on Bun
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza **15**

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

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll **22**

A: Bosco Bostix
B: PB&J

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Apple Bosco **2**

A: Hot Dog
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Banana Choc Chunk Bar **9**

A: Chicken Strip Wrap
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Round **16**

A: Popcorn Chicken
B: PB&J

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks **23**

A: FKC Bowl
B: PB&J

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Bagel **3**

A: Chicken Strips
B: PB&J

NO SCHOOL **10**

Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel Pizza **17**

A: Smothered Burrito
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Frudel **24**

A: Fish Sandwich
B: PB&J

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAR
2023

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs
5

Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel Pizza
7

Breakfast: Ham & Egg Sandwich
1
A: Breakfast for Lunch – Biscuits & Gravy
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Pancakes
2
A: Chicken Nacho Boat
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Muffin
3
A: Cheese Pizza
B: PB&J

A: Bosco Bostix
B: PB&J

A: Corn Dog
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Tac & Go
8
A: Fried Chicken Legs
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Waffle
9
A: Taquitos
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Yogurt & Granola
10
A: Italian Dunkers
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Apple Bosco
13
A: Pizza Pocket
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Bagel
14
A: Chicken Nuggets
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Banana Bread
15
A: Nacho Day
B: PB&J

NO SCHOOL
16

NO SCHOOL
17

NO SCHOOL
20

Breakfast: Banana Chocolate Chunk Bar
21
A: Pig in a Blanket
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito
22
A: Beef Enchilada
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick
23
A: BBQ Chicken on Bun
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Round
24
A: Macaroni & Cheese
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Chocolate Crescent
27
A: Chicken & Waffles
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza
28
A: Combo Sub
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich
29
A: Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll
30
A: Chili & Cinnamon Roll
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Donut
31
A: Fish Sandwich
B: PB&J

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