



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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JULY, 2023

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Greetings Falcon Nation,

I hope all of our Falcon families are enjoying the summer vacation as the start of school is just around the corner. Please visit our website and app for 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 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. The greenhouse that was constructed last school year will be an exciting addition to our school this year! The district is still accepting donations from patrons and businesses. A donor recognition sign will be constructed and displayed near the greenhouse to thank those families and organizations that donated to the project.

We have several new staff members joining our team this year. If you haven't seen their pictures and short bio's on the schools social media posts, please take a moment to check those out. When you see one of our new staff members please help them feel welcome in our communities.

Go Falcons!



Greetings Falcon Family!

I want to update you on some information regarding activities. Our home football game with Elba was replaced with a home game versus Heartland Lutheran due to low numbers for Elba. The NSAA was gracious enough to allow us to play a different opponent instead of us having an additional bye week. The game is scheduled for the same date and time as Elba was going to be, August 31st 7:00 p.m. Our girls wrestling schedule will not be completed by the time calendars come out. Not all of the meets have both boys and girls divisions. There still may be changes to our wrestling schedule for boys as well. As always you may check the events tab on our website for the latest schedules and times.

A couple years ago it was approved by the NSAA to assign classification based on separate boy and girl enrollment numbers for certain sports. A school could have boys playing in Class D-1 and the girls playing in Class D-2 for example based on enrollment numbers of each gender. We currently have a significant number of more boys than girls in high school and this trend will continue for the next couple years. This year is the year that the NSAA schedules football games for the next two years. The cutoff number to play six man football is 27 boys in grades 9-11 for the next cycle. They give you one grace period to be over the number. We have used that up with our enrollment numbers exceeding 27 boys in those grades the past couple years. The decision that needs to be made is whether to continue to play six man football and be ineligible for the playoffs the next 2 to 4 years or to play eight man football and be eligible for the playoffs. I know on the surface it seems like an easy decision, but if we are only eight man for a couple of years, is it worth it to switch back and forth between the two? We must also look at the athletes in our school and participation numbers. I would like your respectful input regarding this decision. This is not just a decision to be made by me, but by our school board and coaches as well with community input. I need to let the NSAA know by November 30th of our decision. Please contact me in person, via phone, or email if you have any questions, comments, or would like your opinion on the matter heard.

Here are some dates for your calendar.

August 1st Conditioning week

August 1st 10:00 A.M. SWAY (concussion testing) and ACL testing for all athletes in grades 7-12 in the new gym. If you can't attend please let me know.

August 8th Fall sports practice begins

August 14th 6:15 Fall sports parents' meeting

November 13th 6:15 Winter sports practices begin and parents' meeting

I hope you enjoy the few remaining days of your summer.

Go Falcons!

Shannon Lovin

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2023 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 7/6/2023
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 7/5/2023
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

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

2.B. 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

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

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

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular June 19, 2023 and June 27, 2023 Board Meeting

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

Emily Lyons was a visitor.

5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the rate schedule for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the rate schedule for the 2023-2024 academic 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.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve and or revise board policies 3001, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3033, 3059, 4003, 4045, 4059, 5003, 5004 5035, 5045, 5049, 5052, 5062, 5064, 6003, 6004, 6038, 6025, 6038

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Kirk Nelson, to approve and or revise board policies 3001, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3033, 3059, 4003, 4045, 4059, 5003, 5004 5035, 5045, 5049, 5052, 5062, 5064, 6003, 6004, 6038, 6025, 6038. 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 student, activity, and staff handbooks

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to approve the student, activity, and staff handbooks. 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 transportation pay schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the transportation pay schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:
Abstain (With Conflict), Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

6. Discussion Items

6.A. Review the 2023-2024 back to school plan to comply with ESSER requirements.

6.B. Review Board Policy 5054- Student Bullying

6.C. Review Board Policy 5001- Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. Update on school finances
2. Property Tax Request Authority Hearing during August board meeting
3. Wilcox Water intrusion- A second water intrusion test has been conducted. Mr. Patterson will be meeting next week with Branch Pattern and Specpro to determine the next steps to correct the water leak.
4. Transportation Updates- the district will plan on running five bus routes and 1 van route to transport students to and from school during the 23-24 academic year.

5. Mr. Patterson and the Board set the date for the Budget Workshop for Tuesday, August 29 at 8:00 am in the Wilcox conference room.

7.B. Principal Report

Principal Muhlbach Reported:

- New teacher introductions and trainings

Principal Lovin Reported:

- 6th grade girl participation
- Athletic calendars
- Replacement FB game for Elba
- FB eligibility information

8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00 P.M. Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Wilcox conference room.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to adjourn meeting at 9:22 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



Get to know the NEW TEACHERS!

Connie Hansen

6-12 Special Education

Hello everyone! My name is Connie Hansen. I am a veteran teacher of 25 years, and helping others brings me instant happiness. I feel very fortunate being a member of the Falcon family because of its supportive administration and welcoming staff. I am looking forward to seeing what this year brings! Beyond teaching, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. My husband, Steve and I have been married for 29 years, and we live on a farm between Minden and Wilcox. We have two grown children, Sydney (26) and Jonas (23). Fun Fact: Sydney and I are self-proclaimed crime junkies. Every year we travel to an exciting destination to attend CrimeCon, which is a three day conference focused on all things crime and mystery.



Greg Yochum

K-12 Art

I graduated from UNK with an endorsement in K-12 Art Education in 2004 and from Fort Hays State University with an MFA in Intermedia in 2016. My wife and I have 6 adult children and 3 still in school(yes 9 total...yours, mine, and ours!) I play drums and guitar. I love the creative process and all of the benefits that come to students through expressing their own creativity. My favorite type of art is drawing, painting, printmaking, and photography. Fun fact, I was an extra in a movie once. Listening to music instantly makes my day better!...Oh... and caffeine! I am excited to be a part of a close family of teachers and staff that work together to help the students at Wilcox-Hildreth succeed, not only in school, but in life!



Elaine Archart

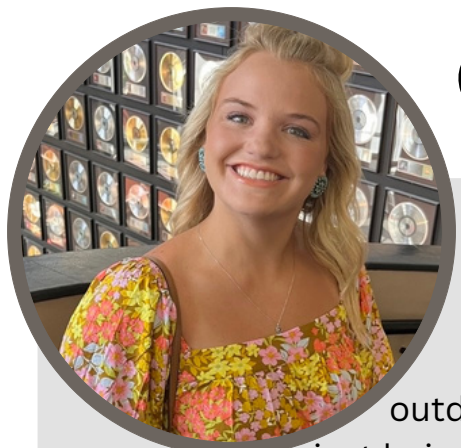
K-12 Music & Band

Hello Falcon Family! I am so excited to be your new music teacher! I love to sing, play the piano, and all kinds of instruments. Outside of music I enjoy spending as much time with my family as possible. My husbands name is Aaron and our son, Henry is 1 year old. We love to walk, bike and be active outside. Fun Fact: I lived in Ireland for 5 months, have been to 8 countries, and have traveled to 17 states. My day is instantly made better by smiling people! Nothing beats a positive attitude! I am most excited to join the Falcon Family to become a part of these strong and supportive communities.

Kiersten Lubke

7-12 Foreign Language

I am currently living in the Kearney area. I love dogs, nature, my family, and keeping busy. Some hobbies I enjoy are kayaking and taking care of house plants. A couple of fun facts are that I studied abroad in Spain for a month last summer and after working at a coffee shop for 2 1/2 years, I can do pretty great latte art. Coffee instantly makes my day better! As I join the Falcon Family, I am most excited to meet new people including fellow teachers and students who will help me grow into this new chapter.



Brie Meyer

2nd Grade

Hello! I grew up just down the road in Campbell on our family farm. I am so happy to be teaching, and coaching in a rural school so close to home! I enjoy spending time with my family, and friends as well as doing anything outdoors: sand volleyball, snowmobiling, kayaking, golfing, or just being on the boat are just a few of my hobbies. An iced coffee or energy drink will instantly make any day better! As I join the Falcon Family, I am excited to meet and get to know the students, players, and their families.

SCHOOL STUFF

Updates for 7th-12th Grade

Supply list for guidance: 7th, 8th, and 9th grade

This year, we will be using the Find Your Grind curriculum for guidance. This curriculum focuses on students setting goals and finding careers that support their interests and strengths. Students in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade will need to bring or purchase a set of headphones. These do not need to be expensive headphones; they just need to work. Our new curriculum requires them to have a set because they will be able to discover more about their individual career interests through interactive videos that will fit their individual interests.

Schedule Changes

If students would like to make a change to their schedule, they will have the opportunity to do so when school starts in August. Students will need to make a change by Aug. 21st. Changes must be approved by the guardian and teacher.

Reminder... Juniors and Seniors taking CCC College Courses

If you are interested in taking a college class through Central Community College, please make sure to complete your Docusign form that Diana emailed you. This form requires you to have your guardian sign off on your class as well.

If you have recently decided to take a college class but did not meet with Diana, please email me as soon as possible so that I can help you get registered. These classes tend to fill up quickly, so it works best to be registered before school starts. Let me know if you have any questions!

Save the date... Orientations!

If you have an incoming 6th, 7th, or 9th grade student, we will be having their back to school orientation on August 10th!

We invite parents/guardians and their students to join us during the following times:

6th and 7th Graders: 6 pm

9th Graders: 7 pm

Orientation will take place in the Wilcox cafeteria. Join us to learn about schedules, activities, and expectations! Each session will end with a tour! We hope to see you there!

I hope everyone is having a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

- Mrs. Mach



MEDIA CENTER



Happenings



SEPTEMBER SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

(GRADES: PREK-8TH)

COMING SOON!

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
THROUGH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
WILCOX MEDIA CENTER**

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE THIS FALL! 



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Breakfast: Bagel A. Hot Ham & Cheese B: PB&J	Breakfast: Banana Bread A: Chicken Nacho Boat B: PB&J	Break: Banana Choc. Bar A: Cheese Pizza B: PB&J	Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy A: Mand. Orange Chicken B: PB&J	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Breakfast: Break. Bagel A: BBQ Chicken on Bun B: PB&J	Break: Sausage Egg Roll A: Pig in a Blanket B: PB&J	Breakfast: Break Burrito A: Chicken Noodle Soup B: PB&J	Breakfast: Break. on Stick A: Beef Enchilada B: PB&J	Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza A: Bacon Cheeseburger B: PB&J	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Breakfast: Break. Round A: Fried Chicken Legs B: PB&J	Break: Break. Sandwich A: Taquitos B: PB&J	Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit A: BLT Wrap B: PB&J	Breakfast: Choc. Crescent A: Hamburger B: PB&J		
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September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Breakfast: A: Hamb Gravy & Mashed B: PB&J	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL	5 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll A: Italian Dunkers B: PB&J	6 Breakfast: Donuts A:Egg roll & Fried Rice B: PB&J	7 Breakfast: French Toast A: Popcorn Chicken B: PB&J	8 Breakfast: Stuffed hash. A: Smothered Burrito B: PB&J	9
10	11 Breakfast: Fruit Smoothie A: Meatball Bowl B: PB&J	12 Breakfast: Granola Bar A: Personal Pizza B: PB&J	13 Breakfast: Ham& egg sand A: Pulled Pork on Bun B: PB&J	14 Breakfast: Ham Bar A: Chicken Strip Wrap B: PB&J	15 Breakfast: Pancakes A: Sloppy Joe on Bun B: PB&J	16
17	18 Breakfast: Monte Cristo A: Turkey Chef Salad B: PB&J	19 Breakfast: Muffins A: Lasagna B: PB&J	20 Breakfast: Pop Tart A: Pizza Pocket B: PB&J	21 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs A: Hot Dogs B: PB&J	22 NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 Breakfast: Waffles A: Chicken Fried Steak B: PB&J	26 Breakfast: yogurt & Granola A: Macaroni & Chesse B: PB&J	27 Breakfast: Bagel A: BBQ Rib Sandwich B: PB&J	28 Breakfast: Banana Bread A: FKC Bowl B: PB&J	29 Break:Banana Choc. Bar A: Meatball Sub B: PB&J	30
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