

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Hello Falcon Nation,
The Wilcox-Hildreth Board of Education is dedicated to the academic and activity success of all the students in Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools. The Board of Education has also taken a proactive approach to improving the facilities in which the students attend. The Board has been fiscally responsible when planning for the future facility needs of the district. It is very easy to notice that some facility upgrades have been taking place across the district. The construction project at the Wilcox site was paid for through a lease purchase agreement. That project is scheduled to be paid off in December of 2026.

The Board of Education has continued to look to the future and plan for the next steps of the multi-phase facility project that started with the addition of the Wilcox site. Many patrons have followed these conversations at the monthly board meetings, or through reading about it in the board minutes. As the next phase approaches, the Board of Education will be holding community engagement meetings to present the current needs of the facilities and options that have been explored to address the needs of the district. Be on the lookout for communication about these future meetings, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Go Falcons! Justin Patterson
Superintendent


# Wilcox-Hildreth Public School <br> Board of Education Regular Meeting <br> Monday, March 18, 2024 ~ 7:00 PM <br> Posting Locations: <br> Minden Courier Posting Date 3/7/2024 <br> Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 3/6/2024 <br> Conference Room - Wilcox <br> 404 Sapp Street <br> 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 Teresa Carey, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of the Regular February 19, 2024 Board Meeting

## 3.C. Approval of Claims

## 3.D. Financial Report

## 4. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors in attendance: Elise Lush, Jenny Hansen, Emily Lyons, Nicole Blank, Dustin Blank, Mary Johnson, Rydell Lienemann, Abby Lienemann, Mary Martin, Jordan Glenn, Hana Mach,

Jordan Volk, Tiana Gibb.
Rydell Lienemann addressed the Board about the high school boys basketball team. He is concerned about the lack of improvement in the starters over the last several seasons. He would like to see a new culture and new leadership for the program. Mary Johnson and Dustin Blank also addressed the board with similar concerns about the boys basketball program, expressing the frustration of players and fans about the lack of success in the program.

## 5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the absense of Kirk Nelson

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by John Donley, to absence of Kirk Nelson. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to accept the resignations of Katie Hohensee, Connie Lovin, Brie Meyer and Allegra Woollen.

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to accept the resignations of Katie Hohensee, Connie Lovin, Brie Meyer and Allegra Woollen. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the teaching contracts of Gavin Harold, Michelle Fouts and Emersen Cyza.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the teaching contracts of Gavin Harold, Emerson Cyza and Michelle Fouts. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to purchase additional SEL curriculum materials to be used K-12.

The board curriculum committee reviewed the proposed SEL curriculum and made the recommendation to the board to approve the purchase of the additional materials.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to purchase additional SEL curriculum materials to be used K-12. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 6. Discussion Items

## 6.A. Facility upgrade discussion for planning future meetings.

The Board of Education has been reviewing facility needs for the District for the past year and a half. The Board has been working with Wilkins ADP in Kearney to gather cost estimates to renovate portions of the district's buildings. The Board has also gathered proposed pricing for new construction for portions of the district buildings. The Board will be reviewing estimates and comparing renovation and new construction options. Future community engagement meetings will be held to further update the public on current facility needs and review pricing and plans for each potential type of project.

## 7. Administrator Report

## 7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. School Finance Updates
2. Safety and security grant
3. Facility upgrades and community engagement

## 7.B. Principal Report

Principal Lovin reported: Update on spring activities
Principal Muhlbach reported: Continuous Improvement Board Interviews

## 9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## Greetings Falcon Nation,

I wanted to give you a heads up that we have added a golf meet versus Silver Lake on Thursday, May 9th at the Hastings Elks Golf Course. The dual will begin at 1:00 p.m. Also, we are looking at adding a high school track meet for this spring yet. Please check the online calendar for the latest updates and any changes.

A couple dates for athletes and parents to know when planning activities for late summer.
August 5th- Conditioning Week for Fall Athletics
August 12th- The First Day of Practices for Fall Athletics
We are looking at putting up athletic and academic record boards in the school. Here are our current girls basketball records at this time. Please contact us and supply documentation if you have information that would help us recognize the most accurate accomplishments of our students.

| Basketball | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individual |  | Career- |  |
| Game- |  | Points | Brooke Quadhamer-942 |
| Points | Brooke Quadhamer--26 (2020) | Assists | Brooke Quadhamer-261 |
| Assists | Cara Bunger-9 (2024) | Rebounds | Michaela Hinrichs- 844 |
| Rebounds | Michaela Hinrichs-21 | Steals | Brooke Quadhamer-269 |
| Steals | Madison Bunger 10 (2024) | Blocks | Madison Bunger 200 |
| Blocks | Madison Bunger 10 (2024) | 3 pt . | Brooke Quadhamer-63 |
| 3 pt . | Emilee Pool-4 (2014) Claire Ortgiesen-4 (2021) | FT | Brooke Quadhamer-201 |
| FT | Rachel Arehart-14 (2014) | 1000 points |  |
| Season- |  | Team |  |
| Points | Madison Bunger--335 (2024) | Game- |  |
| Assists | Cara Bunger-115 (2024) | Points | 82 vs. Harvard (2006) vs. Elwood (2007) |
|  |  | Fewest Points |  |
| Rebounds | Michaela Hinrichs- 285 | Allowed | 10 vs. Hi-Line (2023) |
| Steals | Madison Bunger 99 (2024) |  |  |
| Blocks | Madison Bunger 90+ (2024) | Season- |  |
| 3 pt . | Brooke Quadhamer-22 (2021) | Points | 1116 (2022-2023) |
| FT | Madison Bunger 83 (2024) | Average Points Game | 53.95 (2006-2007) |
|  |  | Fewest Points Allowed | 686 (2013-2014) |
|  |  | Fewest Points Allowed/ Game | 29.77 (2023-2024) |
|  |  | Best Record | 18-8 (2022-2023) |
| Go Falcons! |  | State Tourn. | 2023 |
| Shannon Lovin <br> Principal <br> Wilcox-Hildreth | Public Schools |  |  |

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Summer is right around the corner, but one last hurdle we have is state testing! Lower Elementary students and grades 9 and 10 will continue taking the MAP assessment while grades 38 and 11 complete the state-required assessment (NSCAS and NSCAS ACT). Even though the spring testing window brings a different assessment for some, all students are still being assessed in Math and Language Arts.

This is the 5th year of the Continuous Improvement Process (previously known as the School Improvement Process), which means it is time for an external team to come in and aid us in identifying things that are going well and areas we can improve in. In year 1, we collected data and identified student writing as the area of concern we wanted to focus on. We then took a year to develop and organize a plan for increasing writing opportunities


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CUTICULAR AREAS ALL and data collection. For the last 3 years, we have spent time collecting data and working to improve student writing. This is finally the year we get to take a step back and see our efforts from start to finish. Based on the graph below, a majority of the grades reflect an increased number of proficient writers after the two full years of district wide work! As we gear up for the visit in April, we are lining up staff and stakeholder interviews. The purpose of these interviews is to see the view the district with a broader lense (culture, strengths, needs etc.).

Student Proficient Per Grade
$\square$ Fall $2021 \square$ Fall 2023


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7-12 Counselor Updates

## Save the Date... Upcoming Events

March 26th: Jr. ACT Test

The juniors will be taking the ACT on March 26th. Juniors should report to the Wilcox Community Church at 7:45 am for breakfast. We will then take the ACT starting at 8 am. Students will be provide a meal and released for the rest of the day after completing the test. Even though this ACT is considered a "state" test, the scores can still be used for college admission purposes. This is an opportunity for the juniors to take the ACT for free.


## Scholarship Update

Just a reminder... most of our local scholarships will be due March 28th due to April ist falling on Easter break. We are so blessed with the amount of local scholarships that are available to our seniors. If you would like to learn more about our local scholarships, they are all posted on my scholarship website, which is located under Counselor Corner on our school website. The scholarships will be announced at the Athletic/Academic Banquet on April I8th. If your student has received any scholarships from his/her college or outside of school, he/she will want to let me know the information so that I can announce those as well. Colleges do not usually tell me what scholarships they are awarding seniors.


## Chad Cargill ACT Workshop

The juniors were fortunate to attend the Chad Cargill ACT workshop in Alma. Chad teaches students tricks and tips on how to improve their ACT score. Be sure to ask your juniors about his remarkable stories and knowledge with the ACT. He is always very informative and our students enjoy his session!

## 9th Grade Career Fair: April 24th

The 9th grade class will be attending a career fair in Holdrege on April 24th. They will be able to visit different local career booths to learn about the jobs that are available in the surrounding communities. A panel of young professionals will talk to the students about why they chose to move back to this area. They will also listen to Education Quest talk about way to pay for college (scholarships/ types of financial aid). As the date approaches, I will send out more information about this event.

## Athletic/Academic

Banquet: April i8th at 6 pm

## NHS Money Wars for CASA

National Honor Society has been busy organizing a K-ı2 money war for Cases for CASA. This project helps CASA put together overnight bags for children that are removed from their homes quickly. Cases for CASA provides a bag for children that includes toiletries, clean clothing, and a toy/stuffed animal. NHS has sponsored a pop shot and bake raffle, so the money war donations will add to this total. The winning class will receive an ice-cream sundae party!

## Schedules for Next Year

Next month, I will start scheduling students. If your student is going to be a freshman next year, I will be sending a math recommendation sheet. A freshman is able to choose between Algebra I or Algebra IA. Algebra IA is a slower paced math class. Mrs. Myers an Mrs. Lovin look at student performance in the classroom and MAP data to determine which class your student will be most successful in.

When I schedule students, I will have the student bring a copy home for parents/guardians to sign off on. Your student will have to turn in that sheet to be able to check out of school for the summer. I will put a post on the school app to let you know when we begin that process.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or questions!

Thanks, Hana <br> \title{
2024 Junior/Senior Prom <br> \title{
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## Schedule:

## 6:00-6:15 p.m. - Car Parade around Wilcox

Prom attendees will line up in vehicles at the football field.
A vehicle will lead the parade around town.
6:15 p.m. - Public gather in gym
Prom Attendees gather in commons to be breathalyzed and line up for introductions.

## 6:30 p.m. - Prom Introductions

Public seated for introductions.
As your student(s) are introduced, you may come forward to take photos.
Once introductions are completed, please help us by removing the chairs from the gym floor.
At this time, the public is asked to depart.

## 7:00 p.m. - Couple, Indívídual, and Class Pictures

Capture Photography
Once the public has departed, attendees should line up to have couple/individual photos taken (if ordered).

Class and group pictures will follow.

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\text { 7:45 p.m. - Dinner } \\
\text { 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Dance }
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Spotlight Entertainment
11:00-11:30 p.m.

Retrieve post prom clothing, change, return bags to vehicles and re-enter the school to be breathalyzed.

## 11:45 p.m.-2:30 a.m. - Post Prom

## Wilcox-Hildreth Gym!

Outer doors and locker room doors will be locked.
Students will not be allowed to re-enter the building if they leave.


## Scan For:



FREE THRESHOLD DELIVERY WITH PURCHASE OF ANY MATTRESS
(SET UP DELIVERY AVAILABLE AT ADDITIONAL COST)

## FALCON COOKBOOK



The Journalism students are putting together a Falcon cookbook. You can type in your recipe at the Morris Press website https://www.typensave.com/get-started/. Go to "typensave." The User name is: Falcons2023 and the password is: nectarine264. After you type in the recipe then you can click "preview" and see if you like the way it looks. Then select "save" and you are done. If you don't want to type in your recipe, you can either email it to nurita.lambert@whfalcons.org or drop off your hard copy of the recipe to either school office in Hildreth or Wilcox. Thank you so very much. We would like to have all recipes submitted by September 1, 2024.



| Aug. 12 | Fall sports practice begins |
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| Aug. $8,9,12$ | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice |
| Aug. 13 | School begins 1:00 dismiss |


| Sept. 2 | NO SCHOOL - Labor Day |
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| Sept. 3 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice |
| Sept. 24 | PT Conf 2:00-8:00 1:00 dismiss |
| Sept. 27 | No School |


| Oct 17 | 1st quarter ends (45 days) |
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| Oct. 18 | No School |


| Nov. 4 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice |
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| Nov. 27-29 | NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving break |





| Dec. 20 | 2nd Qtr Ends (41 days) |
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| Dec. 20 | End of first semester (86 days) |
| Dec. 21-Jan. 5 | Christmas Break |


| Jan. 3 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice |
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| Jan. 6 | School Begins |


| Feb. 20 | P/T Conf 2:00-8:00 1:00 dismissal |
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| Feb. 21 | No School |


| November |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mar. 7 | End of 3rd QTR. (44 Days) |
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| Mar. 10-11 | NO SCHOOL- TEACHER INSERVICE |
| Mar. 12-14 | NO SCHOOL - Spring break |


| Apr. 18-21 | NO SCHOOL - Easter Break |
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| May 10 | Commencement |
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| May 20 | End of Year 1:00 Dismissal |
| May 20 | End of Qtr 4 (45 days) Sem. 2 89 days) |
| May. 21 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice |


|  | Staff Inservice-No School |
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|  | Students Return |
|  | End of Qtr.or Sem. |
|  | No School |


| Total Student Days | $\mathbf{1 7 5}$ |
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| Total Teacher Days | $\mathbf{1 8 4}$ |
| First Semester Days | $\mathbf{8 6}$ |
| Second Semester Days | $\mathbf{8 9}$ |

Quarter 1 Teacher- 48 Student- 45
Quarter 2 Teacher- 42 Student- 41
Quarter 3 Teacher- 45 Student- 44
Quarter 4 Teacher-49 Student- 45

| Student Days by Month |  |  |  |
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| Aug | 14 | Jan | 20 |
| Sept | 18 | Feb | 19 |
| Oct | 22 | Mar | 16 |
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| Dec | 15 | May | 14 |



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