

Hallway Happenings



October 2023 Issue 13
Litchfield Public Schools - PO Box 167 Litchfield, NE 68852
Phone: 308.446.2244 - Fax: 308.244.6608

Homecoming

This year for homecoming week we had dress up days. Monday was “PJ day.” The winners for PJ day were Kenny Downer and Hudson Varah in the elementary and in the highschool Wesley Fowler and Alison Holm. Tuesday was Barbie day. The winners in the elementary were Emmy Moser and Elsie Schrock and in high school were Mrs. Drew and Caydence Feldman. Wednesday was “Dress as your favorite teacher,” and winners were Rosa Gross, Collyn Cole, and Emmett Pierce for elementary and high school was Kamden Barker, Jenna Holm, and Taryn Cole. Thursday was “Business casual,” the winners were Ira Ritchie and Amelia Thomas for elementary and Knox Feldman and Ida Gross for high school. Friday was Spirit day. Winners for this day were Ryker Harder and Kesslyn Kusek and High School had Dawson Skrdla and Lyndsie McAuliff. On the sports side the volleyball team and football team both won their games.

Daily Drip Coffee

The senior class has started to sell drinks to the highschool and junior high. Their business is called “The Daily Drip Coffee.” They sell both cold coffee and hot coffee, along with hot chocolate, smoothies, and

lemonades to the highschool students. Junior high has the same options, except caffeinated beverages. The seniors also will be selling smoothies at the home volleyball games so don’t miss out! There are three flavors including tropical, berry blend, and strawberry/banana.



Spartan Sports

Volleyball

This month for volleyball games we won against Twin Loup, Mullen, Sandhills Thedford, and Arcadia Loup City. Our loss for the month is Central Valley. The volleyball team had a 3-0 win against Heartland Lutheran, and then lost against SEM. The volleyball team also had a win over the neighboring town of Ravenna.



Football

Ansley-Litchfield football is in full swing now and the team is 2-3. The Spartans beat the Pleasanton Bulldogs by a score of 56-32 the first game of September. Ashton Behmerwohld led the Spartan offense with four touchdowns. Another key moment was a kick return touchdown by Isaac O'Brien. The second game of September was a 28-22 win at home against Burwell. The stellar game ended with a hail mary pass for a touchdown caught by Ryan Bailey. The boys are really excited to see where the rest of the season takes them.



Cheer/Dance

The Cheer and dance team put on a cheer camp for the little kids to teach them some cheers. There were 33 little cheerleaders between Ansley and Litchfield. The little kids really enjoy being able to cheer with the high school girls. The kids were split into two groups, 1st through 3rd grade and 4th through 6th. The younger group cheered with the cheerleaders during the first quarter of the Anselmo-Merna football game in Ansley. The older group of kids joined us in the second quarter.



Clubs & Organization

FFA

The FFA chapter has been busy getting ready for a year of success. We have started with our Connecting Chapter Training with Farm Bureau members about Ag Literacy for our elementary schools. FFA officers attended this training as a part of our Connecting Chapter program at State FFA. As a second part of this, we attended the Farm Bureau annual banquet at Ord where FFA officers got to experience a Farm Bureau meeting first hand. An honor we would like to have noticed is our own member Lane Slocum getting a blue ribbon at the State Fair for his welding board display. Upcoming events for our chapter include our annual Drive Your Tractor to School Day which will be on October 3rd, 2023. Members will drive their tractors and students will present tractor safety to younger classes. Also coming through October are our Big Red Battlefield Boxes. These include donating items to overseas troops. The box is at the store, or you can

send them to the school. We will be collecting those and donating them at the end of October. Fruit sales will start on October 15th and continue until the beginning of November. These will include a variety of mixes such as butter braids, meats, cheeses, and desserts. Watch the Litchfield FFA Facebook to keep updated on our current events.

~James Fletcher, FFA Reporter

One Act

One act is getting started and everyone is excited. On the 25 of September, all the one act kids and multiple members of the community came together to build this year's one act set. They worked late into the night and got a lot accomplished. Thank you to Trent Fecht, Shane Slocum, Mitch and Cassie Feldman, Jim Fletcher, Jade and Aubrey Janssen, Terry Ritchie, and Justin Zoerb for helping the students! We appreciate you.



Senior Spotlight

What is your favorite class subject? Why? I enjoy math class the most in school. My favorite part about math class is dealing with numbers.

What are your future plans once out of highschool? I want to attend college at Columbus CCC and study mechatronics.

What is your favorite song at this time? My favorite song at this moment is 'The Painter by Cody Johnson.'

What is your favorite way to pass time/Hobby? To pass time I like to work or play sports.

What advice would you give to the underclassmen? I would tell my underclassmen to show up to school as much as possible and to be involved and go out for sports.

What is something you will never forget about highschool? I will never forget my experience at State Basketball and in the football playoffs.



Principal's Report

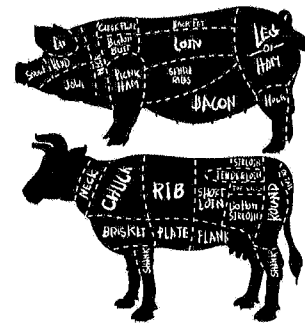
Welcome back! Nothing like the first day of school to see right away that not everyone feels the same about returning. Some need a bit of convincing (crying at preschool dropoff is normal at first!), some work pretty hard to hide their gladness (12th graders, if I'm being honest), and some are just genuinely and outwardly overjoyed (let's just assume this is everyone else).

For 174 days, we'll make 2023-2024 the best we can, but we can only do it one day at a time. Twenty-four times last year, we had 100% attendance in either elementary or highschool. There was only one day that both buildings were 100% (January 6, 2023 if you're curious). Obviously 100% is a pretty tough standard, especially because we all get sick eventually, and when we're contagious, we *need* to be at home instead! I'm looking forward to the first day we're all here, because that's worth celebrating, but the important thing is that when we are here, we're making it count. Every day we learn something new or experience something new, and "make-up work" can only partially fill gaps.

Students will hear plenty this year about the importance of making Every Day Matter, but it's a team effort. Let's make sure our kids at home are hearing the importance of daily attendance -- not only the value of the learning, but the work ethic that comes with the daily routine -- and doing what we can to get them there. Teachers and administrators have a huge responsibility too, to provide that daily learning and experience, but also to create an environment that shows kids how much we want them here every day. We don't show up every day for the classroom, we show up every day for the class.

Litchfield Farm to School Lunch Program

Litchfield Schools lunch program accepts local donations of beef and pork, these donations will then be served to our students. The program also accepts monetary donations for processing fees. The beef and pork must be processed at a USDA certified business. With any donation you will receive a receipt that may provide a tax incentive. Please contact Jen Mostek if you are interested in donating, (308) 446-2244.



October

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Youth Football 2-4 pm @ Litchfield	2 Custodial Appreciation Day One Act Practice 7:00 am	3 Varsity VB @ Bertrand 5:00/6:00/7:00 Drive your Tractor to School Day	4 School Audit School Pictures	5 One Act Practice 7:00 am Diesel Career Day -CCC Hastings V VB @Loomis 5:00/6:00/7:00 V CC @Wil-Hill 1:00	6 V Football @ Litchfield v Overton 7:00	7 JH VB Tournament @ Ansley 9:00 am JV VB Triangular @ Litchfield 9:00/10:00/11:00
8 Youth VB Tournament @ Ansley Youth Football 2-4 pm @ Litchfield	9 VB FKVC Tournament	10 One Act Practice 7:00 am FKVC VB Tournament	11 FFA Chapter Meeting 7:30 am 10 th Grade Youth Science Day @ Kearney College Fair @BB JH FB @ Litch v Pleasanton 3:30 JH VB @ Litch v Pleasanton 3:30	12 One Act Practice 6:30 pm FKC VB Tournament	13 Grandparent's Day V FB @ Elm Creek 7:00	14 Minden Band fest
15 NO SCHOOL- Teacher In-service	16 NO SCHOOL- Teacher In-service	17 One Act Practice 7:00 am Varsity VB Triangular @ Litchfield 5:00/6:00/7:00	18 National Guard Armory--Career Exploration	19 One Act Practice 6:30 pm	20 JV and Varsity VB Dual @ Litchfield v Pleasanton 5:00/6:00	21
22	23	24 One Act Practice 7 am Pre ACT testing - Soph FBLA Meeting 6:30 pm	25	26 One Act Practice 6:30 pm	27	28
29 One Act Dress Rehearsal 6:30 pm	30 Halloween	31	1 NO SCHOOL -- Teacher In-service	2 NO SCHOOL -- Fall Break	3	

October

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ham Sandwich Muffins	2 Teriyaki Chicken Churro	3 Fajitas Pancakes	4 Sloppy Joe Omelets	5 Hot Dogs Doughnuts	6 Chicken Nuggets Doughnuts	7 Muffins
8 Runza Casserole Muffins	9 Pulled Pork Sandwich Churro	10 Meat Ball Sub Omelets	11 Turkey Sandwich Chocolate chip bars	12 Chicken Nuggets Doughnuts	13 Corn dogs Doughnuts	14 Muffins
15 No School	16 Italian Dunkers Muffins	17 Tator Tot Casserole Churro	18 Crispito Omelets	19 Corn dogs Doughnuts	20 Muffins	21 Muffins
22 Chicken Patty Muffins	23 Mexican Rice bowl Omelets	24 Nacho Churro	25 Popcorn Chicken French Toast	26 Taco Doughnuts	27 Muffins	28 Muffins
29 Chicken Alfredo Muffins	30 Muffins	31 Muffins				



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 9-15, 2023

The Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department and Sherman County Community Foundation would like to ensure that everyone in our community has a smoke alarm in each bedroom, a carbon monoxide detector on each floor, and a fire extinguisher in every house. If you are in need of smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, or a fire extinguisher please contact Alyssa Reynolds (308) 627-5941 or drop off a note at the Litchfield Fire Hall. The Litchfield Fire Department can also help with installation or answer any questions you might have about your alarms and extinguishers.

Put smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

Put smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home.

Put smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on the wall.

Test alarms monthly.

Fire and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Replace alarm batteries at least once a year.

Make and practice your fire escape plan.

October 2023 Counselor Corner

Happy Fall!

Worry time technique for anxious or worried kids.

Decide on a worry time period.

Set aside your worries.

Use coping strategies and mindfulness activities to return to the present moment.

Use that designated worry time to discuss the worries.

Red Ribbon Week

TADA will be sponsoring Red Ribbon Week from October 23 to October 28. Some of our dress-up days include Royalty, Put a Shade on Drugs, and Spartan Spirit Day. Members from TADA will visit elementary classrooms educating students on the benefits of staying away from drugs and alcohol. Posters about the week will be shared at a later date.

Testing

Juniors took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. ASVAB is the military placement test but also measures student knowledge and ability in several areas. This has a career exploration section that gives students an opportunity to learn more about themselves and the world of work, to identify and explore potential goals, and to develop a strategy to help get to those goals.

Sophomores will be taking the PreACT on October 24th. This test is very similar to the ACT test but shorter in length. It tests on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading, and science. The results predict future success on the ACT test, provide current achievement as well as projected ACT scores (1-36) on the ACT test they take as juniors. Students may begin sharing their information with colleges and scholarship agencies. The interest inventory provides students with a personalized view of colleges and career alignments. Sophomores may study for the PreACT as they would for the ACT. Sophomores, you have an OnToCollege account where you can prepare for the PreACT test. Please see Mrs. Poland for more information.

ACT Test Dates

Registered for October 28th national ACT test? Remember to study with our OnToCollege ACT Test preparation. December 9th registration deadline is November 3rd. Go to www.act.org to register. Some students may qualify for an ACT fee waiver. Please have your student contact Mrs. Poland to inquire. *Seniors*, remember to use the John Baylor OnToCollege website and ACT Academy to review for your ACT test. *Juniors*, keep up on your OnToCollege and review any material as we go. Utilize Khan Academy to help review material, too.

College Tours

The Juniors will attend the EducationQuest-sponsored College Fair on October 11th in Broken Bow and will have the opportunity to meet with over 35 colleges, specialty colleges, and military representatives.

Many colleges have left open the opportunity to visit them virtually. Visit the college's website for more information. [The College Tour](#) TV show is a great resource for colleges. Each episode tells the story of a college through the lens of a student.

Seniors, please continue to tour your respective potential colleges. Juniors, begin looking for the colleges you wish to tour. Getting yourself and your parents on campus is the best way to make a decision. See if you feel "at home" on the campus, visit with the instructors and students, and check out their classrooms and activities.

Scholarships

There is a scholarship opportunity for students taking dual-enrollment college courses. Students participating in dual-enrollment college courses or early admit programs are encouraged to apply for the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship if they show financial need. This state and federally-funded scholarship will pay tuition and

mandatory fees at participating Nebraska colleges. Applications will be reviewed by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). If you have questions, contact me or Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, CCPE, ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov, or 402.471.0032.

For local and state scholarships, visit [Scholarship Quest](#) at EducationQuest.org. It is never too early to begin searching for scholarships as well as making your list of strengths, volunteer activities, and other notable characteristics about yourself.

Prepare for the FAFSA with free programs and resources (Get informed about the "Better FAFSA")

If you're a senior, it's time to start preparing for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll complete the form after *December 1 (possibly)* and typically, before April 1 depending on your college's priority deadline. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

The following Education link will help you learn more about the financial aid process and the FAFSA <http://www.educationquest.org> Kearney office 308-234-6310. Follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

FAFSA Webinars

EducationQuest will be conducting several FAFSA tutorial virtual events throughout the months of October and November. Please check out their [website to register](#) for the fall webinars.

Apply 2 College Day (sponsored by Education Quest) at our school was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Students completed applications and began work on scholarships as some had already applied to their colleges so used this time to begin scholarship work.

Education Quest's Financial Aid Webinar (Junior/Senior parents) will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Education Quest specialists will inform attendees via distance learning about ways to receive financial aid. They may also discuss the "Better FAFSA".

EVENTS In October

- October 4th: 6:30 pm. FAFSA Webinar by EducationaQuest--HS Library--Junior/Seniors and parents
- October 5th: Diesel Career Day--CCC Hastings--Juniors/Seniors
- October 11th: EducationQuest College Fair--Broken Bow--Juniors (afternoon)
- October 18th: High School Career Exploration Day-National Guard Armory--Sophomores (morning)
- October 19th: Industry and Career Exploration Day--Hastings CCC
- October 24th: PreACT test--Sophomores (morning)

NAME: Susan Poland

SCHOOL: Litchfield Public Schools

CLASS: PreK-12 School Counselor

SCHOOL PHONE: (308)-446-2244 ext 204

Email: susan.poland@litchfieldps.org

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/litchfieldps.org/mrspoland/>

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		1,387.46
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
ANSLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY		310.70
Ansley Public Schools		12,784.14
ASK Supply Co		93.08
Axmann Heating & Air Conditioning		7,061.70
B.E. Publishing		1,467.68
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		185.73
Culligan Water Conditioning		67.50
Custer Public Power		5,926.21
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		345.42
Depreciation Fund		92,547.75
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		211.51
Educational Service Unit 10		609.55
ERICSON FORD, INC		391.64
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		85.88
Farmers Co-op Association		1,128.13
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC		1,410.83
HAMILTON		131.51
HOMETOWN LEASING		341.51
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		336.90
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		147.61
JOURNEYED.COM, INC. DBA JOURNEYED		500.00
JW Pepper & Son Inc		212.89
LIPS PRINTING SERVICE		182.49
McGraw-Hill		2,472.09
Menards		276.76
MIDWEST FLOOR SPECIALISTS LLC		2,890.00
MOSA MACK SCIENCE, INC		275.00
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLIES		78.42
Ne Council School Administrat		450.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC		866.46
P & D MARKET		5.04
PETTY CASH FUND		668.00
Platte Valley Communications		376.25
Sherman County Times		7.37
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO, THE		995.12
SLOCUM, AMANDA		73.82
U.S. BANK		5,017.54
US FOODS		993.36
VERIZON		33.56
Village Of Litchfield		454.95
WEX BANK		638.16
Fund Number 01		<u>144,539.72</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>144,539.72</u>

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2023

Vice President Jim Holm called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Marie Sweley, Jim Holm, Cole Lewandowski, April Gross, and Alyssa Reynolds.

Visitors:

Vice President Jim Holm announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

Marie Sweley motion to approve the absence of Mitch Feldman. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion passed 5-0.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Cole Lewandowski moved to approve the minutes. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer, April Gross reported a general fund statement beginning balance of \$549,405.20, general fund receipts \$46,607.76, actual general fund bank balance \$357,214.74 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$325,856.26 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley moved to pay the claims. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Moser discussed student handbook, title IV summary, improving communications using the Remind app, and meetings with teachers & paras.

In the Superintendent's report Mr. Drew reported on coaching and great communication between us and Ansley AD, football 14 total out, volleyball 16 out and cross country has 3 out, Staffing, Upcoming Board Meeting Dates, Budget and Finance Presentation, Building & grounds, Transportation, and Student handbook.

Marie Sweley moved to approve revised or adopted Litchfield Board Policies; 0501.0, 0502.01, 0502.02, 0502.03, 0502.04, 0502.05, 0502.06, 0502.07, 0502.08, 0502.09(this one will be deleted), 0612.01, 0612.02, 0612.03, 0612.04, 0612.05, 0612.06, 0612.07, 0612.08, 0612.09, 0612.10, 0612.11, 0612.12, 0612.13,

0612.14, 0612.15, 0612.16, 0612.17, 0612.18, 0612.19. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley moved to approve Superintendent to increase budget authority up to 7%. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Cole Lewandowski moved to approve the purchase of Computers with money from the Depreciation Fund. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross moved to approve the purchase of a new van from Erickson Ford pending van meets Rule 92 Standards. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Alyssa Reynolds moved to enter closed session for the protection of the public interest. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Board entered closed session at 9:28 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski moved to exit closed session. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Board exited closed session at 9:43 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 18, 2023 with the Budget workshop with regular meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary

09/13/2023 11:28 AM

Posted - All; Fund Number 01; Processing Month 09/2023

User ID: TDF

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
A TO Z LAWN PRO & LANDSCAPING		1,387.46
ACROMAT LLC		618.52
Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.		100.00
Ansley Public Schools		18,528.77
AREA SERVICES		943.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		171.15
CANNON SPORTS		35.52
CAREER SAFE		96.00
CEV MULTIMEDIA, LLC		1,500.00
Custer Public Power		700.89
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE		267.63
DREW, MATT		175.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTION		1,003.35
Educational Service Unit 10		1,140.46
ESSENTIAL SCREENS		208.88
ESU Coordinating Council		632.50
EWELL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES		210.00
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC		1,410.83
GROCERY KART		15.08
HAMILTON		131.51
HOMETOWN LEASING		362.18
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS		719.00
Jerry M. Rolfsmeyer		3,089.51
Jim's Trenching & Plumbing		438.74
KEARNEY TOWING		669.40
KEYSER, DAN		400.00
LIL REDS CLEANING		1,500.00
Litchfield Hot Lunch		629.71
McGraw-Hill		910.91
Menards		14.83
MOSER, BRIAN		41.14
Moser, Jeralynn		126.06
NASB ALICAP		77,748.00
NE Assoc. Of School Boards		40.00
NICHOLS REPAIR INC.		5,086.99
P & D MARKET		37.98
Pep Co., Inc		650.00
PETSKA BACKHOE & PLUMBING INC.		295.00
PETTY CASH FUND		435.68
PIONEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY		97.01
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC		4,287.65
RAVENNA SANITATION LLC		2,054.72
School Mate		377.50
Sherman County Times		10.80
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO, THE		142.32
T & M UPHOLSTERY		1,360.00
U.S. BANK		1,882.25
VERIZON		40.01
WEX BANK		1,282.03
Yanda's Music		76.00
Zaner-Bloser		386.38
Fund Number 01		<hr/> 134,468.35
Checking Account ID 1		<hr/> 134,468.35

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING MEETING
September 18, 2023

President Mitch Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Alyssa Reynolds, Cole Lewandowski, and Marie Sweley.

Visitors:

Alyssa Reynolds moved to count Jim Holm and April Gross absent and excused. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew went over the budget and numbers for the 2023-2024 School year.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Marie Sweley second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 16, 2023 at the schoolhouse. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TAX ASKING HEARING
September 18, 2023

President Mitch Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Alyssa Reynolds, Cole Lewandowski, and Marie Sweley.

Visitors:

Alyssa Reynolds moved to count Jim Holm and April Gross absent and excused. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew went over the tax asking for the 2023-2024 School year.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Litchfield Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Litchfield Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$	2,641,414.00
Bond Fund:	\$	-
Special Building Fund:	\$	101,010.00
Qualified Capital Purpose	\$	-
Undertaking Fund:		

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 0.7 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.973682 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Litchfield Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.99381 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Litchfield Public Schools will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 7.9 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Motion by Cole Lewandowski, seconded by Alyssa Reynolds to adopt Resolution # 2023-2024

Voting yes were:

Mitch Feldman
Marie D. Sweley
Alyssa Reynolds
Jim Holm - Absent
April Gross - Absent

Voting no were:

Dated this 18th day of September, 2023

Cole Lewandowski made a motion. Second by Alyssa Reynolds to accept present tax asking. Motion carried 4-0.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Marie Sweley second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 16, 2023 at the schoolhouse. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2023

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Marie Sweley, Alyssa Reynolds, and Cole Lewandowski.

Visitors: Susan Poland, Kim Jonas, and Gerod Fernau

President Mitch Feldman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to excuse Jim Holm and April Gross from the meeting. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Drew gave the treasurer report as General Fund Statement beginning balance of \$364,430.24, general funds receipts \$53,932.00, and actual cash available in general fund of \$114,248.23 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$318,206.83 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Alyssa Reynolds. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Moser discussed Remind an new form of communicating attendance, down/failing, more accurate timing, P/T Conferences upcoming next Monday, Teachers and Staff; LMHP, Paras, SpEd, and Subs from UNK, and Curriculum, training, and networking.

Matt Drew presented a COOP presentation, Staffing, and Insurance claims, transportation, building and grounds, plumbing, new floor in preschool bathroom, and tree removal this winter.

Marie Sweley moved to revise and adopt Polices; 0502.10, 0502.11, 0503.01, 0503.02, 0503.03, 0503.04, 0503.05, 0503.06, 0503.07, 0503.08, 0503.09, 0504.01, 0504.02, 0504.03, and McKinney-Vento District Homeless Policy, and Delete 502.09. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Alyssa Reynolds made a motion to approve Litchfield School Budget for 2023-2024 as presented by Matt Drew. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to enter into closed session for the protection of public interest. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Board entered into closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Marie Sweley made a motion to exit closed session. Second by Cole Lewandowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Board exited closed session at 8:48 p.m.

Cole Lewandowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 16, 2023. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
500 N MAIN ST
LITCHFIELD, NE 68852