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Greetings from the Principal's Office

January, as with August & September, is a very important month for our students. The first couple weeks after the break are some of the most crucial. It can be difficult for students to get back into the swing of classes, but getting themselves going sooner rather than later is critical. It takes a great deal more work to raise a grade than it does to lower one. Starting strong will help ensure a positive second semester. I look forward to the remaining five months of school this year.

Upcoming Events:

January 17<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Hi-Line 4:30/6/7:30PM  
January 17<sup>th</sup>: WR vs. South Loup 6PM  
January 18<sup>th</sup>: FCCLA District STAR @ Thedford  
January 18<sup>th</sup>: FFA District LDEs @ Anselmo-Merna  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: BWR @ South Loup 11AM  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: GWR @ Lexington 2PM  
January 20<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Ansley-Litchfield 4:30/6/7:30PM  
January 21<sup>st</sup>: Overton JHBB Tournament 9AM  
January 24<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Shelton 4:30/6/7:30PM  
January 25<sup>th</sup>: 2:27 Dismissal (JHBB vs. Kearney Catholic 3PM)  
January 27<sup>th</sup>: BWR @ Central Valley (Greeley) 11AM  
January 27<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM (Senior Night)  
January 28<sup>th</sup>: GWR @ Amherst 10AM  
January 28<sup>th</sup>: FKCB GBBB 1<sup>st</sup> Round Games TBD  
January 30<sup>th</sup>: FKCB GBBB Quarterfinals @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30PM  
January 31<sup>st</sup>: FKCB BBB Quarterfinals @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:30PM  
February 1<sup>st</sup>: JHBB @ Axtell 3PM  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>: FKCB/TVC WR @ Kenesaw  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: FKCB Art Show @ Holdrege High School (during BB games)  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>: FKCB GBB Semi-Finals @ Holdrege High School 6/7:30PM  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: GWR Districts @ Bridgeport  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>: FKCB BBB Semi-Finals @ Holdrege High School 6/7:30PM  
February 4<sup>th</sup>: FKCB GBBB Consolation & Finals 2/4/6/8PM

**Honor Roll:** Congratulations to all of the students who made the Honor Roll and Honorable Mention for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. This is great honor and proves that your hard work has paid off. Keep up the good work. A quick reminder that report cards are not mailed home for grades 5-12. Grades are available on PowerSchool or you can obtain a printed copy by contacting the school.

**Illness:** This time of year brings around an uptick in illnesses. Thank you for contacting the school when your child is sick. We are happy to gather homework for students also when this is requested. Students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medicine, before they can come back to school. Remember to wash your hands regularly to help prevent the spread of germs. Thank you for all your efforts to keep our students learning within our building.

Thank you for your support of the school. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or stop by and visit.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Fleischman".

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OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL  
**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

Joshua Henry



**FUTURE PLANS**

Attend Mid Plains Community College in North Platte and Major in Construction Technology

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

Wrestling Season - There's Nothing Better

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN**

Football & Wrestling

**FAVORITE MEAL**

Reuben Sandwich

OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL  
**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

Alisha Jarmin



**FUTURE PLANS**

Gap Year in Colorado

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

Senior Day

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN**

Cross Country, Track, & FCCLA

**FAVORITE MEAL**

Shrimp Alfredo



OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL  
**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

Jordyn Jeffries



**FUTURE PLANS**

I am committed to Dakota State University for softball! While in Madison, SD at DSU I will major in Elementary Education. Go Trojans!

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

Getting the chance to play high school softball for my dad while celebrating all of our victories & memories on the field together

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN**

LHS Softball, Track, Yearbook, One-Act  
NHS- President, Student Council- President,  
Prodigy Fastpitch 18u National, and  
Head Coach of 8u Lexington Fastpitch

**FAVORITE MEAL**

Filet Mignon & Funeral Potatoes  
But make it Gluten Free! :)

OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL  
**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

Austin Kennicutt



**FUTURE PLANS**

Attend a Community College and  
Major in either Welding or Culinary

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

Chadron Wrestling Camp Senior Year

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN**

Wrestling, Football, FFA,  
and Quiz Bowl & 4-H

**FAVORITE MEAL**

King Crab Legs



# Spelling Bee

Thursday, February 23  
1:00, south gym

Grades 3-8

## 5th-6th Grade Science

We have had a great start in 2023! Our 5th and 6th grade students had the great opportunity to go to the J-2 Hydroelectric Plant. Thank you Mrs. Lassen for setting up the trip! Students were able to view three bald eagles from the eagle observatory along with several ducks and a beaver. While on the visit, students learned about why this small ecosystem is great for eagles, the hydroelectric plant, where our water comes from, and how electricity is purchased and shared with the rest of the United States. This trip aligned well with the 5th grade curriculum, as they are starting to learn about ecosystems and the importance of water through our *Ecosystem Restoration* unit.

Our 6th graders have started working with spiders (digitally), learning how scientists are using spider silk to create ligaments for humans in our *Traits and Reproduction* unit. In 8th grade, students have been using hands-on observations, discovering how magnetic forces work and what real life applications can be used with them in our *Magnetic Forces* unit. The physical science and physics classes just finished working with the SPHERO robots, completing an inquiry/design activity by creating battle bots that would knock out other bots. Students used cups to put over the sphere shaped robots and battled them in teams of two. Have a great 2nd semester!



## IMPORTANT PHRASES WHEN YOUR CHILD IS STRUGGLING

When you experience setbacks, remember that it takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

This is tough. You should be so proud of yourself for sticking with it.

You have no control over how people act toward you. But **you have all control over how you respond.**

We don't grow when things are easy. We grow when we face challenges.

I've seen you do hard things before — and I believe you can do this, too.

Being on top of the mountain is fun, but **we grow in the valleys.**

Your comfort zone may be a safe place but **you'll never find adventure there!**

You're not making a mistake, you're learning.

**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 2023  
7:30 p.m.**

**Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:**

Brennan  
Jeffries  
Lassen  
Meier  
Rudeen  
Walahoski

**Notification:** The January 9, 2023 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, Beacon Observer, Overton Post Office, and the Security First Bank.

**Open Meetings Information:** To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

**Administration Present:** Mark Aten, Superintendent, Brian Fleischman, Principal

**Guests Present:** Aaron McCoy and Seth Ehlers

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments

**Reports:** No Reports

**Communications:** Thank you from OCF

**Oath of Office:** Board member Clayton Jeffries completed the Oath of Office

**Board of Education Election of Officers:** 2022 Board of Education was adjourned and the 2023 Board of Education was convened. Board elected the following officers: Board President, Joel Meier (6-0), Board Vice-President, Gordon Lassen (4-2), Board Secretary, Jared Walahoski (6-0), Board Treasurer, Heather Brennan (6-0).

**2023 Board Committees**

<b>Committee on American Civics:</b>	Heather Brennan, Clayton Jeffries, and Jared Walahoski
<b>Transportation:</b>	Gordon Lassen, Keith Rudeen, and Jared Walahoski
<b>Interlocal:</b>	Clayton Jeffries and Joel Meier
<b>Curriculum:</b>	Heather Brennan, Gordon Lassen, and Joel Meier
<b>Facilities and Property:</b>	Joel Meier, Keith Rudeen, and Jared Walahoski
<b>Negotiations:</b>	Gordon Lassen, Joel Meier, and Jared Walahoski

**Other:** None

**Action Items:**

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Brennan to approve the agenda of the January 9, 2023 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

2. **Minutes:** Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular board minutes and the December 12, 2022 Parental Involvement Hearing as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to pay the January General Fund bill roster in the amount \$58,892.75. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on several of the bills. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
4. Moved by Meier, seconded by Lassen to approve the Committee on American Civics which includes Heather Brennan, Clayton Jeffries, and Jared Walahoski. Discussion: The three volunteered to serve on the committee. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
5. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Rudeen to authorize the superintendent to use facsimile signatures for the board president, board treasurer, and board secretary. Discussion: Very little discussion as this is for business purposes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
6. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the enrollment option limits. Discussion: The board agreed the numbers should remain the same given the current and projected enrollment. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Brennan to approve KSB Law Firm to provide the district with legal counsel. Discussion: The board agreed that KSB is providing the needed services which include handbooks and board policy service. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
8. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Discussion: Limited discussion as the board agreed it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

### **Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

1. **Board Reports:**
  - a. Transportation:
  - b. Facilities and Grounds:
  - c. Negotiations:
  - d. American Civics:                      Approved three members for the 2023 school year
  - e. Interlocal:
2. **Discussion Topics:**
  - a. February Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
  - b. NASB Calendar of Events
  - c. Board reviewed the following 5000 board policies:
    - i. 5001                      Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism
    - ii. 5002                      Admission of Students
    - 5002.1                      Admission of Students Who Reside Out of the State of Nebraska
    - iii. 5003                      Admission of Part Time Students
    - iv. 5004                      Option Enrollment



v.	5005	Transportation of Option Students
vi.	5006	Foreign Exchange Students
vii.	5007	Enrollment of Expelled Students
viii.	5008	Pregnant or Parenting Students
ix.	5009	Adult Education
x.	5010	Immunizations
xi.	5012	Testing and Assessment Program
xii.	5011	Physical Examination and Visual Evaluation of Students

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

- a. Calendar Update
- b. Enrollment Update
- c. Class Schedule Options

**Superintendent's Report:**

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- 2. Option Enrollment -
  - Out:
    - a.
  - In
    - a.
  - Change of Status
    - a.
- 3. Financial and Budget Update
- 4. Banking Update
- 5. State Lighting and Sound Project
- 6. Staffing Update



# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>Cheer 6AM.</p> <p>FFA State Degree @ Ansley.</p> <p>JHBB @ Axtell 3PM.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FKC Art Show @ Holdrege HS.</p> <p>FKC/TVC WR @ Kenesaw.</p> <p>FKC GBB Semifinals @ Holdrege 4:15/6/7:30PM.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FKC Art Show @ Holdrege HS.</p> <p>GWR Districts @ Bridgeport.</p> <p>FKC BBB Semifinals @ Holdrege 4:15/6/7:30PM.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>FKC Art Show @ Holdrege HS.</p> <p>GWR Districts @ Bridgeport.</p> <p>Dual WR Championships.</p> <p>FKC GBBB Consolation and Finals @ Holdrege HS 2/4/6/8PM.</p>
5	<p>6</p> <p>FFA mtg. 7AM.</p> <p>Student Council mtg. @ lunch.</p> <p>FCCLA mtg. 6:30PM.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>GBBB @ Wilcox-Hildreth 4:30/6/7:30PM.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>FFA District 8 CDE's @ Broken Bow.</p> <p>2:27 dismissal.</p> <p>JHBB vs. SEM 3PM.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 dismissal.</p> <p>P/T Conference 12:30-6:30PM (Bloodmobile 12-6PM).</p> <p>FKC Honors Instrumental @ Eustis-Farnam.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>NO SCHOOL.</p> <p>WR Districts @ Southern Valley.</p> <p>GBBB @ SEM 4:30/6/7:30PM.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>ACT Test Date @ Overton.</p> <p>WR Districts @ Southern Valley.</p>
12	<p>13</p> <p>FCCLA Week.</p> <p>TE 204 Students 1:25-3:25.</p> <p>Music Booster mtg. 5:30PM.</p> <p>GBB Sub-Districts.</p> <p>School Board mtg. 7:30PM.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>GBB Sub-Districts.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>2:27 Dismissal.</p> <p>JHBB vs. Elm Creek 3PM.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>State BWR @ Omaha.</p> <p>GBB Sub-districts.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>State BWR @ Omaha.</p> <p>State GWR @ Omaha.</p> <p>BBB @ Gibbon 6/7:30PM.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>State BWR @ Omaha.</p> <p>State GWR @ Omaha.</p>
19	<p>20</p> <p>3/4 LLBB Tourney @ Elm Creek.</p> <p>BBB Sub-Districts.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>BBB Sub-Districts.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>FKC Speech @ Loomis.</p> <p>JHBB @ Pleasanton 3PM.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BBB Sub-Districts.</p> <p>Spelling Bee 1PM.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>GBB District Finals.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BBB District Finals.</p>
26	<p>27</p> <p>5/6 LLBB Tourney @ Elm Creek.</p> <p>1st day of spring practice.</p> <p>FCCLA Peer Ed. Conf. @ Kearney.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cheer 6PM.</p>				

# February

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chocolate Donut & Sausage Taco Burger	2 Breakfast Pizza Chicken Stir Fry	3 Funnel Cake & Ham Pigs in a Blanket	4
5 Burritos w/cheese alternate	6 Banana Muffins & Combos	7 Churros & Scrambled Eggs Chicken Sandwich	8 Cinimini & Yogurt Pancakes & Eggs No Alternate Choice	9 French Toast & Sausage	10 No School	11
12 Hot Dog Alternate	13 Cinnamon Roll & Yogurt Chicken Alfredo	14 Apple Muffin & Ham Spaghetti & Meat Sauce	15 Breakfast Cookie & Omelet Super Nachos	16 Bagels & Sausage Chicken & Noodles w/Mashed Potatoes	17 Griddle Sandwich Fish Sandwich	18
19 Cheesy Garlic Bread w/Marinara Sauce Alternate	20 Cherry Turnover & Sausage	21 Donut Holes & Combos Sloppy Joes	22 Apple Fruedel & Omelets Potato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich	23 Oatmeal & Ham Chicken Pot Pie	24 Glazed Donut & Yogurt Cheese Quesadilla	25
26 Ham & Cheese Wrap Alternate	27 Breakfast on a Stick Lasagna	28 Breakfast Pizza Cheeseburger Macaroni	All meals are served with Milk, Fruit & Vegetable Serving	Overton Public School Is An Equal Opportunity Provider		