

DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 5:30 PM on November 14th, 2022 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Jarod Tolzin, Evan Buckmiller and Norm Koehlmoos. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ-AD Dan Bettin and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting by conference call was Amy Halverson of *Kingsbury Journal* and Shannon Palmlund, representative of DTO.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve the agenda as presented. All members voting "aye", motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

REPORTS:

NESC – Rep. Barb Asleson reviewed the regular October meeting. The minutes of the advisory board reflected general business items, four vehicles declared surplus and the approval of center base rates.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION: None

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES: Supt. Abi thanked board member Evan Buckmiller for assisting with investigating the Otter Tail utility bill while the field is not being used. The school is looking into replacing the dry transformer with a single phase transformer to lower the monthly charges. Otter Tail Power has been contacted for their assistance.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth noted that he will be attending Delegate Assembly and the ASBSD board meeting on Friday, Nov. 18th. Standing positions have been sent out to those attending and can also be viewed on their website.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Princ. Bettin reported on workshops staff participated in on Oct. 14th and Nov. 4th. Staff worked on accreditation projects and Crisis Prevention and Intervention certification. Parent Teacher Conferences were held late afternoon on October 24th and 25th. Mr. Bettin had included a report with the number of parents each teacher saw during the two nights. Staff and administration are looking at how conferences can be changed to improve attendance. The first quarter ended October 26th.

Student's activities included the MS/HS Pops Concert on October 17th. The concert was well attended and is a fundraiser for the Music Boosters. The Student Council attended a regional workshop in Brookings on Oct 19th. Mr. Bettin felt it was a successful as the students are excited to implement ideas they learned about and move forward with ways to create a fun culture in the school. The Student Council also planned and organized the annual Veterans Day program. Guest speaker De Smet Legion Commander, Harvey Hubbard. Approximately 45 veterans registered and were acknowledged during

the program. Mrs. Nolte's sophomore class submitted poetry with top selections added to the program and her freshman class wrote Essays for the American Legion to select for their annual award. This year Aubree Blue shared her essay about her family's experience of her step-father being deployed and his recent return. Chase Temme was also honored for his essay and for choosing to pass the honor of reading during the program onto Ms. Blue.

MS Awards for the first quarter were given out on November 1st. Fall sports have wrapped up their seasons. Congratulations to Bella Wilkinson and Addy Gross for qualifying for the State Cross-Country meet which was held in Huron on October 22nd. Both had tremendous seasons and ran well at State. The volleyball team ended their season during Region play on November 1st with a loss to Castlewood, who would go on to State. The football team came within one game of going to the Dome but were defeated by Hitchcock-Tulare team who went on to win the State Championship. Winter sports begins today, with wrestling practice. First girls' basketball practice is Nov. 21st and boys will start on November 28th.

The board also was apprised of the following team structures: One JH boys basketball team composed of 6-8 students due to small participation numbers; Two JH Girls basketball teams composed of grades 7-8. The De Smet wrestlers will be grades 7-12. 6th graders will wrestle at the elementary/AAU level and not compete at the JH level, but will be allowed to practice with the older athletes. No board action is needed for students competing at this level as it is left at the discretion of the AD and Administration to decide what is in the best interest of the program and students that are involved. This year's wrestling program involves the four schools of De Smet, Arlington, Lake Preston and Iroquois.

The Oral Interpretation team will be competing in Regions on Nov. 15th in De Smet. State Competition will be held in Mitchell on Dec 1, 2 and 3rd.

The board heard from Supt. Abi that the State's school accreditation has been taking place. She called attention to the Staff Survey that was included in their board packets for their review. The staff and administration have been working on several documents that will need to be ready for review on Nov 17th and finalized in December.

The first trimester for the elementary students ended on Friday, November 11th. On Tuesday, there will be a Mini-Maker Camp for students from Kingsbury County schools. The event will be conducted by LATC and SDMTS students and sponsored by the following companies, DeSco, CMI Architectural, American Engineered Products, Lyle Signs, 21st Century Manufacturing and Legend Seeds. Students will learn about cobots, 3D printers, virtual welding, mechanical drives, virtual CNC and autonomous vehicles. Each student that attends will also have the opportunity to build and keep a drone. Jamie Lancaster of the De Smet Development Corporation has also been instrumental in planning the event to promote working in the CTE fields.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by B. Asleson and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of October 10th 2022, the financial report for the period of October 1st through October 31st, 2022, the bills for payment as presented; the resignation of Regan Garry as JH volleyball coach:

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 23,808.68, Pen&Int. 6.26, Interest 630.79, Admissions 2854.00; Other Local Revenue 4640.92, Co.Apport 1169.02, State Aid 93,381.00

Disbursements – 27,252.72, Oct. Payroll 230,169.46

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,242,954.58

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 17,221.48, Pen&Int 3.29;
Disbursements – 11,945.49
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,240,508.96
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 8611.08, Pen&Int 1.64:
Disbursements – 12,811.68, October Payroll 45,240.70
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 272,990.89
BOND REDEMPTION FUND: Revenue – None
Expenditure – None
TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE: 522,368.56
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Revenue – Interest 5268.82
Disbursements – 6032.26
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND CASH BALANCE: \$8,312,869.50
FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – Interest 74.99; Sales to Pupil 5642.35, Sales to Adults 40.00, Reimb of
Adult Meals 2504.00; Other Sales 367.51, Snack/FFV 3473.92m Federal Reimb.12,457.30
Disbursements – 17,462.64, October Payroll 12,368.05
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – 18,147.23
ENTERPRISE FUND – Revenue – None
Disbursements – None
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4180.14
SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Revenue – None
Disbursement – None
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: 47,148.14
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue –105.092.36
Disbursements – 84.447.41
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 115.204.33
GENERAL FUND: Ace Hardware, ID Supplies 74.99; Adv.Fd – School of Perf Arts SDSU, Reg Fee 40.00;
K.Bot, VB Off/Trav 121.92; M.Ruth, VB off 90.00; T.Bass, VB Off/Trav 137.88; B.Ries, VB Off 90.00;
D.Bettin, Trav/Supplies 153.80; DVC, OI Tourn 74.69; K.Vockrodt, LP Travel 142.80; Howard School,
Reimb Meals 24.40; Eastern Dak Jr Music, Fees 117; A.VanRegenmorter, PBIS Reimb 87.57; Tri-Valley
School, Title IX Wkshop Fee 175; M. Johnson, Reimb Coach Fee 35; AB&T, State XC Trav 30; S.Palmlund,
Reimb CCS Supp 58.77; S. Palmland, Reimb MS CCS Supp 130.88; AB&T, All St Chor Travel 140; T. Duffy,
Off VB 90; S Wagner, Off VB/Trav 121.92; Avid Hawk, Reimb Tech Fees 45; N.Yseth, VB Off 90; T.Duffy,
VB Off/Trav 121.92; A.Jurren, Ftbll Off 125; J. Horn, Ftbll Off 125; E Watts, Ftbll Off/Trav 181.28;
H.Sacrison, Ftbll Off 125; J.Larsen, Ftbll Off 125; ASCA, Membership Fee 129; NE Tech HS, Dues/Fees 40;
J. Hojer, Reimb Elem Supp 292.50; Elkton HS, DVC VB Fee 131.16; S. Winter, Reimb Bckgr Check 53.25;
De Smet Flowers, Memorials 49; S. Palmland, Reimb MS Supp 147.20 Total Gen Adv Fd 3641.94; ASBSD,
Reg Fees 525; ATS, Communication Repairs 342; Austreim Landscaping, Ath Fd Maint 200; ABC, Fire
Alarm Mon System Maint 480; Avid Hawk, Prof Fee 45; Brooks Harper Enterprises, Bus Ed Texts 200;
Century Bus Prod, Copier Maint/Repairs 1119.20; City of De Smet, Bus Gar Utilities 42.59/Bldg Utilities
563.61 Total 606.20; Cooks Wastepaper, Utilities 1734.74; Culligan, Utilities 38; De Smet Food Serv,
Reimb Adult meals 1886, Snacks/FVR Total 2983.40; DSU Career/Prof Dev, Reg Fee 100; Duedwald
Transp, Ftbll Trav 2925; Dustex, Clean Serv 366.14; Fusion – Communication Oct/Nov 1193.43; Hillyard,
Cust Supp 2866.05; Horizon Health, Prof Fees Transpor. 448; Johnny on the Spot, Port Toilets Ath Fd
390; Kingsbury Elect, Comm Fee Trans 59.67; Kingsbury Journal, Journ Class 200, Early Childhood Adv
126, Board Comm 298.89 Total 624.89; Language Link, Prof Serv 36.82; Lifeline, AED Supp 100; NAPA
Auto, Trans Supplies 1952.26; NASCO, Art Supplies 168.96; Nebraska Scientific, MS Science Supp 35.34;
NESC, Gen Serv 35.01, Trans Drug Testing 561.68 Total 596.69; NW Public Service, Bus Gar Utilities
40.45, Bldg Utilities 1364.27 Total 1404.72; O'Keefe Implement Trans Rep/Maint 953.57; Off of Comm

Inspect, Wrest Scale Inspec 56; Office Peeps, HS Math Supp 50.60, Copier Supp 657.60 Total 708.20; Otter Tail Power, Ath Fd Utilities 289.69, Bus Gar Util 47.11, Bldg Utilities 5002.69 Total 5339.49; Premier Equip, Repairs/Maint 2203.74; Rich's Gas 'n Serv, Fuel 1077.85; SASD, Wkshop Fee 125; Smith's Lumber, MS Supp 258.28, Cust Supp 59.12 Total 317.40; Taylor Music, Inst Repair 146; Trustworthy Hardware, Bldg supp 111.26; Ultra Inc/Conn Point, Comm repairs 92.50; Valleyfiber, Internet Serv Ath Fd 66.98; Walkers Inc, Bd of Ed Supp 119.23; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 36,575.66
CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES: Adv Fd – C.Tangen, Reimb Library books 248.54, J.Hojer, Reimb Elem Software 297.78, L. Nolte, Reimb LA Textbooks 630.47 Total CO Adv Fd 1176.79; Riverside Tech Inc, Lap Top Comp 31,120; Software House Int, Instruc Software 2500; William H. Sadlier, Inc., Vocab Software 1237.95 TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 36,034.74
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES: Adv Fd – R.Gigov, Sped texts/supplies 222.68; Fusion, Sped Comm. Oct/Nov 193.09; McCrossan Boys Ranch, Services 250; Mitchell School, Out of Dist Tuition 945; NESC, Early Childhood 568.17, Psychologist 999.66, Speech Path 1627.36, Phys Therapy 422.05, Occup Therapy 739.03, Out of Dist Tuition 5262.37 Total NESC 9618.64; TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 11,229.41
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES: Co-Op Arch, Prof Fees 4383.90; TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES 4383.90
FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES: CASH-WA of Fargo, Food 7532.72, Supplies 170.39 Total 7703.11; Child and Adult Nutrition, Food 615.36; East Side Jersey Dairy, Food 1381.01; Maynards, Food 339.15; Performance Foodservice – Marshall, Supplies 498.95, Food 6240.39 Total 6739.34; TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES 16,777.97
All voting “aye”, motion carried.

CLEAN SCHOOL BUS GRANT FUNDING UPDATE: The district has been awarded \$375,000 for an all electric bus plus \$20,000 for a charging station. De Smet was one of 6 Districts in the State to be selected for this grant. Supt. Abi gave the board two bus quotes with specifications that she had received from Lion and IState Truck Center. Harlow's is also interested in providing a quote but did not have a prepared spec sheet available. A representative from LionC and Harlows each had visited about the prospect of electric buses' on routes with the pros and cons. LionC is a company out of Canada that has been in business since 2008 and is currently building a manufacturing facility in Illinois. Electric buses generally hold charges for 4-5 hours. Gravel roads are not an issue for the buses. Both buses that were presented were 71 passenger but could be configured as to how it best fits the Districts needs including for handicapped/wheelchair lifts. IState (Thomas Bus') has support out of Bismark, Harlows works with North Central out of Sioux Falls and LionC has support out of Shakopee and also does work remotely. There will be more information forthcoming from the government on the bidding process. A 6-9 month wait for the bus from order to delivery is common. The charging station must be in place before the delivery. Supt. Abi has been in contact with Brian Bindert as to possible insurance issues. At this time, he was not aware of any, but would investigate further.

BUILDING PROJECT: The board received an update on the construction project. Footings are poured on the south side of the building site. Next week, they will move to the north side, with weather permitting. Two change orders have been received and are being considered. The first is for \$10,000 for more glycol as the current glycol that was retrieved does not have high enough percentages to meet the needs of Sichmeller Engineer's current HVAC work. Board members questioned the need and awaited a call back from one of the project's engineer's, Luke Malsom. The other change order would be a cost savings of \$64,800 if the District did not replace the water heaters. The current water heaters are the original to the 1997 build of the MS/HS, the recommendation from the architects is to replace but to consider stainless steel versus copper. This would still offer a savings of approximately \$35,000.

Discussion was held as to the best life expectancy with De Smet water quality. Also mentioned was that the internet fiber for the current LIW building that needed to be moved was pulled through pipe with the assistance of SDN and Valleyfiber. Supt. Abi reminded board members that there are bi-monthly construction meetings with most everyone joining in by conference call or zoom. The next meeting will be held on November 23rd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by B. Asleson to go into executive session at 6:06 PM per SDCL 1-25-2(1) All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:20 PM.

There being no further business at this time, on motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth

Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager

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