

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2**  
**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 April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the School Library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin. Evan Buckmiller was absent due to his business annual meeting. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, MS/HS Principal Andy Armstead, AD Becky Geyer and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun, Kayla, Brandon and Addie Vockrodt representing DTO, Traci Schoenfelder and Jackie Griffith for De Smet Music Boosters and Mike Siefker representing *Kingsbury Journal*.

**Public Participation:** None

**Agenda:** The board approved the presented and posted agenda with the following additions: Consent Agenda item g - approval of resignation of guidance counselor Kari Dossett, second grade teacher Roxy Fast resignation; addition of 8A - Tour of LIW Elementary Building and addition of name of MS/HS Principal-Activities Director Daniel Bettin to Item 15. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the additions and changes, all voting "aye", motion carried.

**Delegations:** There were no delegations present.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** No conflicts of interest disclosures were presented.

**Consent Agenda:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the following financial report for the period of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the bills presented for payment; approval of Workman's Compensation Agreement; Approval of resignation of Becky Geyer, athletic director, Angela Ostrander, asst. girls basketball coach, Lindsey Jeffrey, paraprofessional, Kari Dossett, guidance counselor and Roxy Fast, second grade teacher; approval to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2022-23 School Year;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 66,191.05; Pr.Yrs.Taxes 3250.33; Pen&Int 202.56; Interest 81.69; Admissions 339.06, Services to other LEA's 300.00; Medicaid Indirect 585.30; Other Local 4525.00; County Apport. 739.95, Rev. in Lieu of TaTaxes 8065.02; State Aid 82,860.00;

Disbursements – 50,890.74, Mar. Payroll 201,371.05

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 871,348.83

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 48,739.05; Pr.Yrs Taxes 2850.37; Pen&Int.141.29; Cont.&Donations 2779.38

Disbursements – 4784.19

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,558,268.65

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 24,371.13; Pr.Yrs 1472.56; Pen&Int 70.51; Medicaid InDirect Services 90.00 ,

Disbursements – 5432.75 March Payroll 42,256.19

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 266,009.59

FOOD SERVICE – Revenue – Sales to Pupils 20.00, Other Sales 108.00, Meals Paid by Dist 1729.75; Federal Reimb. 20,690.39

Disbursements – 13,988.45, March Payroll 8565.55

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -531.90

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – none

Disbursements – None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4005.22

TRUST AND AGENCY – Revenue – 66,589.57

Disbursements – 61,277.11

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - \$119,111.51

**GENERAL FUND:** A--OX Welding Supply Ag Welding supplies 387.95; Active Heating Inc HS Repairs 1083.43; Adv.Fd.- M.Johnson Wrest Fuel Reimb 120; K.Vockrodt Travel LP 94.08; AB&T GBB/Cheer State Trav 1028.00; L. Nolte Reimb LA Text 40.10; T. Holland Reimb Cust Trav 156.66; O.Johnson VB LJ 10; M. Beck BB/VB Off 60, R.Myer VB Off 40;

K.Buchholz VB Off 70; K.Halverson VB OFF 60; J.Burke VB Off 45; J.McCune VB Off 35; E.Poppinga VB off 20; C.Birkel VB Off 75; C.Fields VB Off 175; A.Asleson VB Off 50; D.Hansen Off BB 50; D.Wilkinson Off BB 25; C.Munger Off BB 20; M.Dylla Off VB 20; E.Albrech VB/BB Off 75; T.VanRegenmorter BB Off 60; B.VanREgenmoter Off BB 100; D.VanRegenmorter Off BB 50; B.Timp Off BB 65; E.Sudenga Off BB 90; L.Somsen Off BB 505; D McCune Off BB 305; W.Linke Off BB 185; M.Kerkvliet Off BB 230; A.VanRegenmorter Travel 182.55; AB&T State BBB Travel 768; AB&T State Cheer Travel 264; Flowers On Main Memorial 31.95; A.Armstead Travel 41.95; J.Penney Reimb Supp 89.79; SDSU Foundation Science Fee 100; C.Tangen Library Reimb 715.45; K.Dossett Reimb State Trav 133.08; Sunshine Bible Track Fee 125; B.Geyer Reimb AD Trav 399.53; S.Purintun Bus Off Trav 29.70; Vince Relays Track Fee 150; Total Gen Fd. Adv. Fd 7279.84; Avid Hawk Tech Serv 45; Burnison Plumbing, Camera for LIW Lines 1248.48; Century Business Prod Copier Maint 952.76; City of De Smet Utilities Bus Gar 42.59, Bldg Utilities 499.29 Total 541.88; Culligan Utilities 26; Dakota Potter Supply Kiln Repair 256; De Smet Flowers Memorials 120; De Smet Food Serv Reimb Feb/Mar Adult meals 3424, Snack Refund 1365.71 Total 4789.71; Dustex Cleaning Serv 543.65; Foreman Bus Sales Trans Repairs 203.48; G&R Controls LIW Repairs 2133.68; Hillyard Cust Supp 3839.23; Innovative Off Solutions Cust Supp 205.30; Instrumentalist Music Awards 146; Jones School Supply Music Awards 65.16; Jostens Grad Supp 248.70, Awards 179.62 Ath Awards 70.95 Total 499.27; Kingsbury Electric Trans Comm 54.44, Shop Repairs 136.30 Total 190.74; Kingsbury Journal Bd Comm 164.28, Journalism Pages 200 Total 364.28; Lang Link Prof Serv 18.36; Maynards Cons.Sc Supp 171.38; McLeod's Printing Election Supp 86.67; Music in Motion Band Supp 41.40; NESC Gen Serv 22.51 Trans Drug Testing 360.54 Total NESC 383.05; NW Serv Bus Gar Utilities 302.77, Bldg Utilities 2904.94 Total 4207.71; O'Keefe Implement Trans Rep/Maint 114.01; Office Peeps Copier Supp 702.67; Otter Tail Power Bus Gar Utilities 180.34, Ath Fd Utilities 130.26 Bldg Utilities 6705.47 Total 7016.07; Pitney Bowes Comm 146.10; Ramkota Hotel Watertown GBB St Tournament 4479.60; Ramkota Inn Aberdeen BBB State Tourna 5807.56; Rich's Gas 'n Serv 524.84; Runnings Cust Supp 49.56; SDHSAA State Medals 21; Smith's Lumber Cust Supp 160.90; Tessman Seed Hort Supp 298.12; Trustworthy Hardware Cust Supp 19.89; Valley Fibercom Ath Fd Comm 66.98; Zell Manufacturing Repairs/Maint 40; **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 49,277.71**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** Ultra-Conn Point UPS/Network 2563.34 **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 2563.34**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES:** McCrossan Boys Ranch Out of Dist Tuition 1802.51; Mitchell School Dist Out of Dist Tuition 800; NESC Early Childhood 376.90, School Psych 648.07, Speech Path 1132.27, Physical Therapy 279.60, Occupational Therapy 512.12 Total NESC 2948.96; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 5551.47**

**FOOD SERVICE:** CASH-WA of Fargo Supplies 498.74, Food 6510.23 Total CASH-WA 7008.97; Child and Adult Nutrition Food 32.55; Maynards Food 360.30; Nita Muser Reimb Diet Requir. 184.54; Performance Foodservice Supplies 117.45, Food 4530.24 Total 4647.69; Prairie Farms Dairy Food 789.01; School Nutrition Association Membership Fees 97.00 **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES 13,120.06**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS 70,512.58**

Pres Roth, on behalf of the Board of Education, added a thank you to Coach Geyer for all she has done for the District and students. How much everyone has appreciated her efforts for all the athletic programs. Additional gratitude was extended to Lindsey Jeffrey, who has assisted the district as not only a para, but as a long-term substitute when needed; to Kari Dossett, who has counseled students during difficult times of the pandemic and also stepped up when needed as cheer and prom advisor. The Board also thanked Roxy Fast who has been an excellent elementary teacher for many years. She will be greatly missed by both students and staff.

**NESC Report:** Barb Asleson, NESC Representative, reported that the Coop is in the midst of negotiations and working on the preliminary budget for FY23. The NESC main office is undergoing renovations to address drainage issues and areas in need of repairs and updates.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report

**Legislative Report:** No report

**Buildings and Facilities Report:** The board and guests will tour the LIW elementary building further down in the agenda.

**Principals Reports:**

On Weds, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Case Renaas along with Steve Rowe, Lake County Deputy Sheriff and school resource officer will be speaking to De Smet, Arlington, Iroquois, Lake Preston and Willow Lake High School students about the consequences of underage drinking and driving. With spring prom and graduation celebrations, the presentation is a timely reminder to students.

The Quarter 4 midterms are Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

CPR Training for both 8<sup>th</sup> and senior students will be held the following week. The State of South Dakota requires Districts to do at least one training before graduation. De Smet offers the training to MS and then, again as seniors as a refresher.

Prom will be held on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with parents hosting after-prom activities following. The Drive-up will begin at 7 PM. The paperwork needed for guests and photos along with sign-up sheets have been in the office for several weeks.

The Sanford Underground Research team that had been scheduled earlier in the year will be doing their presentation on April 28<sup>th</sup> for students 6-12. Topics will include Darkmatter, Life in a Borehole and Neutrinos. Math instructor Connie Geyer will be taking students to Deubrook HS on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the D&D math contest. What had been an annual tradition for many years, has been cancelled the last two years due to the pandemic.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. For board members that are participating in the ceremony, practice will be held the morning of

Supt. Abi reported that elementary standardized testing is being completed. Mrs. Dossett has done a nice job helping the students and staff through the process.

The LIW students will be attending a children's play at SDSU on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The activity is paid for through the "Box Top" Funds. There are many other field trips that will be taking place over the next few weeks as school nears the completion of yet another year.

AD Geyer completed the reports noting a very successful winter sports season for wrestling, girls basketball and boys basketball, with many accolades being bestowed on individual athletes. Kalen Garry and Rett Osthus have been nominated for Mr. Basketball. Kennadi Buchholz and Kalen Garry have each been selected as top "5" basketball players in the State by media sportswriters. Both athletes have been interviewed by television media crews and received numerous awards for their exceptional HS athletic careers. AD Geyer also noted that she has updated the wrestling portion of the school website and is currently working on the basketball pages.

The spring sports started immediately after the State Tournaments were completed. Track equipment is out for practicing and at this time, there are 5 home track meets scheduled with weather permitting.

The Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Booster Club will be held on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. An apology was offered for the Sunday event but finding an evening date that does not conflict with other activities has been impossible.

The Fall and winter schedule is completed and HS secretary Melody Perry is working to add it online to the website calendar. It is not only athletics, but the music concerts and drama are also scheduled. Ms. Geyer is hoping for a smooth transition to the new activities director but will also be available for assistance. The Board again, thanked her for going above and beyond in this year after losing long time Athletic Director Marv McCune. The District was more than fortunate to have her skills and insight to make sure all bases were covered not only for the District, but most especially for the athletes to be given all opportunities that they could upon such successful seasons.

**Music Boosters Trip:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve Music Boosters Trip in Spring 2024.

Traci Schoenfelder and Jackie Griffith, music booster officers, reviewed the proposed itinerary for music students to travel to Chicago March 31-April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The reason for the switch from past trips to Washington DC and New York is the continued threat of COVID and restrictions. Although looking out two years, they felt it prudent to make changes now and for addressing expenses for the smaller groups. Students will have opportunities to perform both in instrumental and vocal presentations. Fundraising continues for this endeavor and as they do so, having a booked trip helps all of those involved to know the goals anticipated. The Board thanked Mrs. Schoenfelder and Mrs. Griffith, along with the Music Booster Board, for all their work and efforts to make this trip and opportunity available for the students. All members voting "aye", motion carried.

**Elementary Building Tour:** At this time the board and guests toured the LIW elementary school building. The tour provided a chance to review the necessity of a new structure for the elementary students and staff due to building

deficiencies. Mr. Terry Holland, head of buildings and grounds maintenance, was not able to be present but provided a significant list of the issues and problems the elementary building is experiencing. The plumbing, HVAC and ADA requirements top the list of making renovations extremely complicated and extensive. Other issues include security, cement work, playground surfaces, and kitchen repair.

**Discussion and possible motion on Bond Resolution:** The board re-visited prior discussions of the building project and the proposed bond resolution, agreeing that there is absolutely a need for renovation or new construction.

The problems are growing and becoming more expensive even with the repairs and “band-aids” being done.

Board members noted that they have been contacted by community members as to the proposed project and some have concerns of timing and need. Pres. Roth noted that due to the cost to the tax payer and the project expense, he proposed to table agenda items 9 and 10 (Motion on Bond Resolution and Approval of Engagement with DA Davidson) until all board members are present to vote along with after the public meeting that is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> for public input along with the public tours scheduled for later in April. Bond attorney Todd Meierhenry had been contacted through DA Davidson and Company and it was reported back that the Board could go as late as the regular May 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting and meet all legal notification deadlines. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to table agenda items #9 and #10 until the next regular meeting. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Motion to approve Engagement Contract with DA Davidson for issuance of general obligation Bonds:** Tabled for May regular meeting.

**Health Insurance Contract FY2023:** The board reviewed the presented health insurance increases. The district received an 8% increase, or \$67.91 on a single plan. Overall rate increases within the pool ranged from rate reduction of -14% to increases of 8%. The district will continue to offer three deductibles of \$1000, \$1500 and \$2000 along with a health savings plan of \$4000. Coverage continues through the Northern Plains Insurance Pool with a change of vendor to Wellmark BCBS effective July 1, 2022. There were also slight increases for the dental and vision plans but no increase in life insurance plans. The NPIP will continue offering identity theft coverage and the employee wellness plan. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the district’s renewal in the Northern Plains Pool. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Motion to adjust spring coaching positions based on participation numbers:** Supt. Abi asked the board to adjust the additional track coaching position that was not assigned to the golf program. There are 43 track athletes with 1 head coach and 2 assistants. The golf program has 35 athletes with 1 coach. Supt. Abi consulted with the DTO, who were agreeable to making the transfer of coaching positions for the larger need in the golf program. On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the position change. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Motion to cast ballot for ASBSD Board of Directors:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to cast the district ballot for Shane Roth for the position of Northeast Area ASBSD position. All voting “aye”, motion carried. Pres. Roth reported that the NE area had recently held an online meeting and discussed similar concerns, such as negotiations. He said one always learns from the experience of visiting with other board members from other Districts. He also encouraged board members to consider attending the ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention in August.

**Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the presented 2022-2023 negotiated agreement. Certified staff received a 6% increase along with remaining with the current health insurance benefit of \$1000 deductible. The Hiring Base was raised from \$43,000 to \$44,000. All voting “aye”, motion carried. Pres. Roth and Vice-Pres. Asleson reported that the DTO negotiating members Lindsey Nolte and Tacy Boldt thanked the district for the proposed increases along with the bonus’ given last August. Staff were very appreciative of the Board’s generosity

**Motion to approve Daniel Bettin as MS/HS Principal and Activities Director:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded J. Tolzin to approve the contract of Daniel Bettin for FY 2023 as MS/HS Principal and Activities Director. All voting “aye”, motion carried. Supt. Abi reported that 10 applications were received and the committee interviewed three individuals. All were very strong and excellent candidates. Principal Bettin comes to the De Smet School from Russell-Tyler-Ruthton HS with 22 years of experience with a vast knowledge in many areas of academics and activities. He has researched the De Smet Community and was impressed with how progressive and friendly it is. The Board thanked Principal Armstead for all he has done for the school along with his versatility in both academics and technology and wish he and his family the best in his new position near his family.

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:** The board agreed to the proposal of gifting all staff members with De Smet Chamber Bucks along with meat and cheese platters for each building. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Executive Session:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B.Asleson to go into executive session at 6:44 PM pursuant to student matters SDCL 1-25-2(2) and Personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:48 PM

**Motion for special meeting concerning personnel:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to hold a special meeting concerning personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 AM. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. (7:51 PM) All voting “aye”, motion carried.

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth

Susan L. Purintun, Bus. Mgr.

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