

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 October 14th, 2019 in the high school conference room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Norm Koehlmoos, Donita Garry, Jarod Tolzin and Barb Asleson. Administrators present were Supt. Abi VanRegenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead, Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund from *The De Smet News*, Sheila Schmidt, representing DTO, Darcie Lee and Kyle Raph of Coop Architectures

Public Participation: None

Agenda: Supt. Abi noted the following agenda amendments to pull item E out of Consent Agenda for further discussion as item 9B. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to adopt the presented agenda with the afore mentioned change. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest: None

Surplus Property Bids: The following bids were received on the 2006 Mazda CS-7: Jon Sprang \$1256 and Marilyn Lobbins \$777.77. On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J. Tolzin to accept the high bid from Jon Sprang for \$1256. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to accept the lone bid of \$405.00 for the surplus weight equipment. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

NESC Report: Norm Koehlmoos, NESC representative, reported on the regular September meeting. A highlighted item was concerns raised by the Coop of giving services for 3 year old children that are attending pre-schools in other school districts

Education Enhancement Foundation: There were no reports for the Education Foundation.

Legislative Report: Pres. Roth, Jared Tolzin and Supt. Abi attended the ASBSD region meeting in Madison. Most of the topics discussed were continuations from prior legislative sessions concerning student mental health, funding and education salaries. It was noted that the ASBSD and SASD reps have met with Gov. Noem regarding the state aid capital outlay funding change that is scheduled for FY2020 that will drastically effect many school districts in the State.

Buildings and Facilities Report: This report will be included further down in the agenda other items concerning the buildings projects.

Principals Reports: Andy Armstead reviewed the following many MS/HS Fall events: Oral Interpretation competitions are underway with outstanding results including coach Jennifer Rudebusch giving birth to a baby boy at the beginning of the season. Music teacher Kayla Vockrodt introduced a middle school pops concert this fall that was a big success with positive feed-back from both students and the community. All State Chorus will take place on Oct. 31st - Nov. 2nd in Sioux Falls this year. The FFA have been competing in Land Judging contests and will be attending National Convention in Indianapolis the last week of October. FCCLA attended a leadership workshop in Huron recently and will be attending a regional conference in mid-November. De Smet will be hosting the Region Cross Country meet on Weds. October 16th. The State meet is in Huron on October 26th.

The Student Council will be hosting the Veterans Day Program on November 11th at 10:30 AM with the assistance of the American Legion. De Smet HS alumnus, Lyle Bowes, is the scheduled speaker. The council also hosted the “Set Me Free” Project on October 3rd and 4th. Mentors met with students in

grades 3-12. There was also a “Parents Only” meeting at the Event Center on the evening of October 3rd concerning social media safety and human trafficking.

Princ. Armstead noted that he will be attending the systems change conference in Chamberlain, a school law work shop and had attended an area principal’s meeting in Watertown earlier in the week. One of the concerns raised at the area meeting was the vaping issue. Discussion was held on vaping sensors but besides the high expense, schools are finding they are not necessarily the answer as they do not work very well. So at this point, all schools are looking for real solutions in helping students with this issue.

Pres. Roth applauded Princ. Armstead for his efforts as principal and tech coordinator. He has been contacted by several parents and community members as to the good things he has brought to our school district and community and the relationships he is building with students and staff.

Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter gave her principal and superintendent report. The board heard that the District has completed screening for the pre-school and early childhood students. Fifth grade students participated in the STARbase week long event, which was again, an overwhelming success and great hands on STEM program for students. Flu shots were offered the previous week to students and staff with a high participation rate by both.

The board heard that 53 surveys were returned to the office regarding before and after school care. Supt. Abi will be working with a committee to see what resources and grants could be available and report findings at a later date.

Supt. Abi will be representing the State of South Dakota at a conference in Washington DC in regards to homeless and education for youth including foster care, mental health issues and post high school trends. This National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth conference is paid for in full by the State Department of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by B. Asleson and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of Sept. 9th, 2019, the financial report for the period of September 1st through September 30th, the bills for payment as presented (see attached listing.);approval of solicitation for the annual transportation service quotes; approval of public school exemption for students A;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 8447.24, Pen&Int 106.05, Interest 478.88, Admissions 3102.00, Other Local 256.00, Co.Apport 1039.15, State Aid 70,110.00

Disbursements - 37,321.17 Sept. Payroll 186,887.06

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE -976,486.60

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 5394.65, Pen&Int 113.61; Other State 3708.61

Disbursements - 32,671.62

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 920,262.96

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 2703.91, Pen&Int 56.94, Medicaid Indirect 95.84

Disbursements - 6124.14, September Payroll 36,981.14

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 336,684.14

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Sales to Pupils 20,866.85, Sales to Adults 921.25, Other Sales 113.21; Meals paid by District 268.00; Federal Reimbursement Aug/Sept 7153.27

Disbursements - 7157.84 September Payroll 8136.71

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - 6765.44

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - None

Disbursements - None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3942.63

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue - 53,607.21

Disbursements - 52,374.59

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 119,235.64

Approval of solicitation of “De Smet School Dist Renovations Project”: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the solicitation of bids for the next part of the Phase I of renovation

of the National Guard areas for the wrestling room and weight room. At this time Kyle Raph of Co-op Architects, Inc. reviewed the plans again with the board and the time line. The advertisement of bids will be done immediately, a walk through for prospective contractors will be held on October 22nd with the bid opening on November 5th. A reasonable completion date for this phase would be mid-January.

ASBSD Motion for Delegate Assembly Representative: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to nominate Shane Roth as the official board delegate for the ASBSD Delegate Assembly on November 15th in Pierre. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

ASBSD LAN Member: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to nominate Shane Roth as LAN member for ASBSD for Legislative session 2020. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Bid Acceptance for DSHS 2019 HVAC Improvements: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to accept the bid from Active Heating Inc for the De Smet High School 2019 HVAC Improvements in the amount of \$153,000. All voting “aye”, motion carried. There was one other bid from Allied Climate Professionals for \$178,362. All voting “aye”, motion carried. Work will commence on Weds., October 16th.

Acceptance of G&R Proposal for De Smet School Armory Controls: On motion by B. Asleson, Seconded by D. Garry to accept the G& R proposal for De Smet School Armory HVAC controls in the amount of \$3327. The building committee gave a recommendation of Travis Sichmeller to use G&R Armory for the this system and continue to use Johnson Controls for the MS/HS Complex and Geo-thermal computerized system. Pres. Roth noted that the company he works for uses G&R for all of their needs and they have been very reliable. All voting “aye”, motion carried

Bid acceptance for AvidHawk website development: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to accept AvidHawk’s proposal for Website Development and Services at a cost of one-time development of \$2675 and a monthly servicing package of \$45 per month. Supt. Abi and Princ. Armstead explained to the Board of Ed. that while our website is OK, it is not meeting the needs of the community and it is time to make upgrades. The students do a good job with what they have to work with, but they need a base program that is more user friendly and easier to maintain. Our website has served its purpose, but we need assistance in upgrading what we currently have. The website is also only partially ADA compliant and the District needs to bring it up to code. Supt. Abi and Princ. Armstead met with Mr. Ryan Hafey of AvidHawk, a local website developer. He proposed the package along with being willing to work with the students to learn about the development of the site and the graphics. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

De Smet School District Report Card: Supt. Abi reviewed the 2018-2019 school district report card. The De Smet School District Report Card is based on data from graduation rates, standardized testing in grades 3-8 and 11, student attendance, school safety and teacher qualifications. The high school scored an 88 on a 100-point scale, while the middle school and elementary earn a 63 and 72, respectively. The De Smet High School graduation rate is a 96% compared to the state average of 84%. Standardized testing at the 11th grade showed 70% of the class were proficient, compared to the state average of 54%. 45% of our juniors met proficiency in the area of math while the state average was 46%. Middle school and elementary test scores were all well above the state average in both English language arts and math. In the area of attendance, middle school students had 90% and elementary students had 99% attendance.

Sportsmanship Discussion: Supt. Abi noted that in the Board member’s packets for this meeting, a pamphlet on “Spectator’s Code of Conduct” was included. This pamphlet was distributed at a recent football game and will be available at future ballgames. This came about after an incident that occurred at the Castlewood JV football game when a De Smet fan used disrespectful language towards a Castlewood junior varsity player. A post on social media about the incident spread quickly putting the school district and community in a negative light. Phone calls between the Castlewood administration and the student’s parents were held. The individual was called in by the administration to discuss the incident and consequences. An email was sent out to staff asking for their help in reporting poor behavior by adults or students to the administration so that it can be addressed. Board members thanked Donna Palmlund of the *De Smet News* for her recent editorial on the incident. Supt. Abi was

also thanked for her well-crafted notice in the paper addressing the District sportsmanship policy and repercussions that will follow unsportsmanlike and disrespectful conduct. The board also thanked and were very appreciative of LIW secretary Sheila Poppen for the wonderfully designed and informative brochure that she put together.

De Smet Event and Wellness Center usage: Pres. Roth, Board member Tolzin and Supt. Abi will be meeting with members of the City Council regarding the rental agreement for the Event Center on October 23rd. The current rent for the year is \$11,500 with all water included for the athletic field. Pres Roth asked board members for their feelings and input for an increase in the rental price. Discussion included being sure that the event center is accessible for rest room use and inside seating for those who choose to, along with being able to take shelter during inclement weather. There have been several incidents where other engagements were scheduled with the football games and limited fan use of the facility. These were items that are included in the agreement along with what the public perceived as part of the benefit of having the event center and athletic field joined together. Other discussion included the possibility of digging a well and providing our own water for the football field along with building restrooms and concession area. Board members noted that the community at large will not understand if these issues cannot be addressed and worked out for the benefit of the students and fans. They also have heard several complaints that it is one taxing entity taxing another and are unhappy that the rental agreement was ever imposed after all the donations and tax dollars that have already funded both entities. The consensus was to see what the City proposes and start negotiations from there.

There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. (6:56 PM)

ATTEST: President Shane Roth
Business Manager Susan Purintun

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