

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 January 13th, 2020 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Norm Koehlmoos, Donita Garry, Barb Asleson and Jared Tolzin. Administrators present were Supt/ Elem Princ. Abi Van Regenmorter, MS/HS Princ. Andy Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund of the *De Smet News* and DTO representative Brandon Volkrodt. Wade Hofert joined the meeting at approximately 5:45.

Public participation: None

Agenda: On motion by N.Koehlmoos, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the proposed agenda with the addition of a building tour and deletion of the SD DOE presentation of the District Report Card which was left on from the previous year. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Delegations: There were no delegations present.

Conflicts of Interest: No Conflicts of interest were presented.

Consent Agenda: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of Dec. 9th, School Board election date of June 16, 2020, approval of open enrollment application for Students A and B; the financial report for the period of December 1st through December 31st, 2019, the bills presented for payment, the fuel escalation quotes listed after the financial report for the months of January, 2020 through June, 2020;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 45,572.79, Pr. Yrs Tax 171.16, Pen&Int 328.74, Interest 429.69, Admissions 2957.00, Rentals 2850.00 Co.Apport 877.18, State Aid 45998.00
Disbursements - 24,786.12, December Payroll 185,660.62

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,046,074.06

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 48,589.66, Pr.Yrs. Taxes 109.66, Pen&Int. 295.50,

Disbursements - 39,010.24

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,283,011.75

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 24,350.29, Pr.Yrs Tax 53.01, Pen&Int 147.83, Medicaid Indirect 86.15

Disbursements - 9135.12, December Payroll 39,662.71

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 443,630.26

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Sales to Pupil 12,022.55, Sales to Adults 429.00, Other Sales 796.18,

Disbursements -7250.39

December Payroll - 9161.82

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - -4547.63

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3942.63

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue - 65,968.51

Disbursements - 73,808.59

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 108,414.56

Fuel Escalation Quotes: (*denotes low quote) January 1st through June 30th, 2020.

Diesel Fuel - The Main Stop - Cost plus 25 cents*; Rich's Gas 'n Service - Cost plus 27 cents

Ethanol Fuel - Rich's Gas 'n Service - Cost plus 25 cents*; The Main Stop - Cost plus 28 cents

No quotes received from The Cowboy Country Store.

All members present voting “aye”, motion carried.

NESC Report: Mr. Koehlmoos reported that the board is working on evaluations for NESC administrators and will complete reviews at the January regular board meeting.

Education Foundation: No Report

Legislative Report: Pres. Roth will be attending ASBSD Legislative Day and meetings in Pierre on February 18th and 19th. Board members interested in attending should contact Bus. Mgr. Purinton to be registered.

Buildings and Facilities Report: The board will tour the HS complex to see the improvements that have been made in the HVAC and Armory facilities projects toward the end of the agenda. Supt. Abi noted that specialty plumbers have been called in to use cameras in the underground lines that are causing issues with backing up water in different areas of the LIW building. They will be here on Monday, January 20th. A meeting is scheduled with the Co-op engineers and planners on January 27th to review plans for possible renovations and current projects.

Principal's Report:

Principal Armstead gave a run-down of recent and future activities of the MS and HS students. The MS Christmas concert was done well with great performances and the students had fun dressing in fun sweaters for the evening.

The Student Council hosted Mr. VJ Smith for a presentation on gratitude. Area schools were invited to attend with Iroquois and Willow Lake being able to be our guests. The students were impressed with Mr. Smith and many parents gave positive feedback of their students talking about Mr. Smith's message.

Art Teacher April Rusche arranged an outstanding Art show on the evenings of basketball games with Arlington HS, December 19th and 20th. Area schools participating were Lake Preston, Willow Lake, Faith, Hamlin and Arlington. The art projects were judged by Ms. Juanita Braun.

The Third Quarter officially started today (January 13th) with drop and adds to change schedules until Friday, the 17th.

The One- Act Play will be performing their piece for the public on January 18th, at 7 PM at the Events Center. Region's will be held in Huron on January 22nd.

The HS Cheerleaders are hosting a Cheer Camp for elementary students during the week of January 27th, with a performance between games on January 30th.

Princ. Armstead and Supt. Abi noted to the board that during area administrative meetings there has been a heads up that there may be legislation introduced involving dual credit students and district's losing ADM for those classes.

Supt. Abi also announced that RN Darcie Lee and Counselor Alyssa Lindstrom will be conducting a new curriculum program that will help students with resilience. Research on this program has proven that students that have completed the program carry skills for coping, social skills and peer pressure for up to 6 years following.

Avid Hawk plans to have the first draft of the District's new website done in the vicinity of January 24th.

Supt. Abi noted that the reason for the calendar change for Parent/Teacher Conferences from March 26th and 27th is due to the 27th being the weekend of the “Y” tournament and State Youth Wrestling. She polled staff members and spoke with the calendar committee and they all agreed that the 24th would be a better solution.

Supt. Abi and Principal Armstead will be attending a Crisis Team Training the following week. The training involves dealing with suicides, car accidents and other situations that arise with students and the community.

The board heard that the pancake feed that was held for former staff member Arlen Larsen and elementary teacher Marlys Larsen on January 12th served over 265 people. Supt. Abi thanked the community for coming out to support the Larsen family. Mr. Larsen is currently undergoing health issues.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: At this time, Pres. Roth asked Deputy Wade Hofert if he would like to address the board as a public participation. Mr. Hofert asked the board to reconsider the current district training rules. He reviewed his point of view and how it may not be fair to all athletes depending on honesty of the student and parents. The board thanked Mr. Hofert for his input and tabled the matter for further consideration after having a chance to discuss the policy with Athletic Direct Marv McCune and to review the current policy.

HOMELESSNESS POLICY: The board reviewed the presented Homelessness Policy that the District is required to have in its handbook. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to adopt the following policy. All voting “aye”, motion carried. The De Smet School District policy is to:

- ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
- keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian.
- ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.
- provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
 - o Transportation services.
 - o Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
 - o Programs in vocational and technical education.
 - o School nutrition programs.

BUILDING TOUR: At this time the board was given a tour of the facility where the new improvements have been made to HVAC and the Armory/Gym.

SDRS BOARD MEMBER PETITION: Pres. Roth presented a petition for South Dakota Retirement System board member representative Kathy Greenway. He noted that she is a trust officer for a bank in Yankton and is currently running for re-election for the SDRS Board. Pres. Roth feels she is very knowledgeable and will continue to do a good job representing school boards. Board members who would like to support Ms. Greenway were welcome to sign the petition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to go into executive session at pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), Personnel Matters and SDCL 1-25-2(2) at 6:34 PM. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:38 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to offer contracts to Supt./Elem.Princ/Spec. Ed Direct Abi Van Regenmorter and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun for the school year 2020-2021 with salaries to be determined following negotiations with staff. 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. All voting “aye”, motion carried. (7:39 PM) All voting “aye”, motion carried.

ATTEST: President Shane Roth
Susan, L. Purintun, Business Manager

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