

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 March 9th, 2020 in the high school conference room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Norm Koehlmoos, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin and Barb Asleson was present by conference call. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund of the *De Smet News* and Cory Haugen, representing the DTO and Marv McCune. City officials arrived at approximately 6:12 PM: City finance officer Tracy Larsen, Commissioner George Cavanaugh and retired water superintendent Randy Asleson.

Public participation: None

The board reviewed and adopted the proposed agenda with the deletion of agenda item #9 - presentation of technology budget due to Mr. Armstead not being able to attend due to illness. On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J. Tolzin. All voting "aye", motion carried. It was noted that representatives from the City Council would be arriving at approximately 6 PM to discuss the rental agreement of the Events Center.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by D. Garry and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of February 10th, 2020; the financial report for the period of February 1st through February 29th, 2020; consideration and approval of all bills; set Driver Education rates at \$250 per student (no increase from FY19):

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 34,183.06; Pr.Yr.Taxes 1056.17; Pen&Int 35.63; Interest 313.71, Admissions 2652.00; Other Revenue 130.00; Co Apport 1161.66; State Aid 64,660.00; State Apport. 23,592.27; Bank Franchise Tax 15.12; Disbursements - 47,660.92 February Payroll 201,503.13

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 763,407.80

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 34,748.49, Pr.Yrs Taxes 1324.07; 5600.60; Pen&Int 42.23

Disbursements - 4680.27

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,047,957.42

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 13,464.68, Pr. Yrs Taxes 663.53; Pen&Int 21.17;

Disbursements - 6350.04, February Payroll 42,150.91

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 361,989.40

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Sales to Pupils 9986.35, Sales to Adults 138.00, Meals paid by Dist 114.70; Other Sales 130.07, Federal Reimburse. 3800.90

Disbursements - 9516.01, February Payroll 9302.43

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - -1501.24

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - None

Disbursements - None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - 3942.63

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue -60,981.11

Disbursements - 52,949.38

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 123,723.21

All voting “aye”, motion carried.

NESC REPORT: NESC Representative Norm Koehlmoos reported on the Feb. regular meeting. The board is setting things in motion to find a replacement for Director Aberle as he retires in the coming year. Reading Recovery rates were increased 2.5% for the satellite schools. Two school districts, Iroquois and Deuel, were approved to discontinue Reading Recovery for the next school year. De Smet and Elkton’s request to discontinue the Shared Services program for their districts, was also approved. The NESC approved hiring Rodney Freeman to assist with staff negotiations as in previous years.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION: No report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth reviewed the legislative session which will be ending this week. Education received a 2% increase. SB170 was passed which will change the way the majority of schools have received Capital Outlay taxes in the past. Dollars for that tax will be based on per student versus the levy times the per \$1000 evaluation. The bill includes ways to continue the 45% transfer to General Fund but with limitations. There is also an opt out option for schools who may need to continue the additional funding they received for funding the General Fund expenses and Capital projects and equipment.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES: A special board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 6th at 4:30 PM before the regular meeting to review the proposed LIW Elementary and HS Gym renovations. Team members from Co-op Architecture firm will be present to go through the proposal.

Supt. Abi noted that the elementary kitchen is up and working again after having major plumbing, drain and electricity issues. During the down time elementary students were served in the HS building a few days a week depending on the menu items.

PRINCIPALS REPORTS: Supt. Abi reported on behalf of Princ. Armstead: Three FFA students had the opportunity to participate in a training day at the Lake Norden facility and were given a tour of the cheese plant. Advisor Vanderwal felt it was an excellent learning experience for the students.

The Junior class were invited along with the 4th graders for the annual trip to Pierre. The juniors did not have the opportunity as their trip was cancelled due to weather. Nine juniors attended and they were great helpers with the fourth-grade students as well. The students were recognized in both houses along with the juniors watching as the Senate passed SB167 which changed the ACT requirements for the opportunity scholarship, which may benefit them in their future post academic careers.

The High School Chorus and Band students competed in the Region III Music contest and did very well in a number of areas.

Counselor Alyssa Lindstrom trained the staff during a recent in-service, on how to administer the state tests and the scheduling of the tests over the next two months. State testing will begin on March 17th with math. Grades involved are 6th - 8th and the juniors. The other classes will be in small trainings such as CPR, mental health and opioid prevention

There will be a Clay Target meeting at the Event Center on March 17th. Training rules will be covered during that meeting.

Kindergarten screening was held on March 26th at the Event Center. There were 26 students screened. The District will graduate 21 students this year.

Teacher of the Year: Supt. Abi announced to the Board that this year's District Teacher of the Year is 5th grade teacher, Jennifer Hojer.

Tax Appeals Representatives: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by D. Garry to allow the entire board to participate as able, in the appeals process of assessed property values at Township Board meetings and the De Smet City Council that will be conducted during the week of March 16th-20th, 2020. Jared Tolzin volunteered to attend, with Shane Roth as alternative. The other board members will be on call, if needed. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Technology Budget: Postponed for the regular meeting of April, 2020.

Covid-19 - Emergency Operation Plan: Supt. Abi reported that the District is in the preventative stage of our emergency operation plan. Students and staff are reminded of proper hygiene practices, keeping adults and students at home when ill. The Music Boosters will be meeting later in the evening to talk about what could possibly occur with the Music Trip. There are schools cancelling. The local health providers are in communication with the administration. The SD Dept of Health and Governors office will most likely dictate action and the closing of the schools

Negotiations Representatives: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to appoint Shane Roth and Barb Asleson to represent the Board of Education for negotiations purposes. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Executive Session: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by D. Garry to go into executive session at 5:56 PM on personnel Matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Marv McCune also was present during the executive session.

Regular session resumed at 6:12 PM

Event Center Contract: At 6:12 PM, the board listened to concerns of City Officials, Tracy Larson, City Finance Office, George Cavanaugh, Council Member and Randy Asleson, retired Water Superintendent. Pres. Roth noted that he and Mr. Tolzin had met with the Event Center Committee previously and narrowed down points on the rental agreement. A letter from Mayor Wolkow was sent certified mail to Supt. Van Regenmorter on Friday. Included in the letter were changes discussed at the meeting and the lack of a response from the Board of Education with termination of rental agreement of March 10th if there is no response. Pres. Roth clarified that another meeting would need to be scheduled with the committee to negotiate items assumed agreed upon and further points that are included in the letter.

Supt. Abi reported that the well permit that the District applied for with the State would be finalized on March 12th providing that there is no petition against. The permit allows for the option but does not commit the school to installing a well but gives the option if the need presents itself.

Pres. Roth also proposed that the final survey of property needs to be done. The original engineering company had not completed this phase. He proposed that the city should split this cost.

Mr. Asleson spoke to the possible issues that could arise from the school installing their own well. He told the board that he wasn't for or against what they decided to do, but felt the

school needs to understand what they may be getting into. He was concerned of the risks to the city's system of contamination of untreated water. He cited that by law, that the school would not be allowed to have a cross connection of valves. Mr. Tolzin and Mr. Koehlmoos disagreed with this and noted that they are allowed such on their own property.

Supt. Abi and Mr. Asleson had visited earlier about the costs of the meter pit along with placement and maintenance costs of a well and the irrigation system. Further discussion was held as to how the meters work, pump pressure and flows. City officials also raised concerns of water waste and the cost to them for the treated water. Mr. Tolzin noted that the use of untreated water would be healthier for the turf of the football field and felt that from his research, the dollar amount the city was quoting for chemicals was too high. Athletic Director McCune noted that the District goes by the advice of turf experts as to the irrigation schedule and how much water is needed. Everyone agreed that this past summer they were able to cut the use substantially because of the abundance of rain.

Discussion returned to the rental agreement and items that were not previously part of it. Supt. Abi and Finance Officer Tracy Larson will schedule a meeting in the future for the event center committee to iron out the details of the said document. Pres. Roth felt that both entities need to work together to come to an agreement that is in the best interest of the taxpayers and meet their expectations of what was promised when the facilities were constructed.

There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. (6:35 PM)

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth

Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager

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