

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 12th, 2020 in the high school conference room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jarod Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi VanRegenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead, Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund from *Kingsbury Journal*, Marlys Larsen representing DTO, Ryan Schoenfelder, Vicki Dylla-volleyball coach and volleyball players Jacie McCune, Cori Birkel, Olivia Johnson, Emma Albrecht, Ella Poppinga, Riley Myers, Katelyn Halverson, Kennadi Buchholz and Blaine Beck.

Public Participation: Volleyball players Katelyn Halverson, Riley Myers and Kennadi Buchholz spoke to the board on behalf of the varsity VB team. They asked the board to reconsider the District policy of JH volleyball players not being allowed to practice on Wednesday's after school. The girls noted that with the lack of numbers out for the sport having the JH girls there for one more practice due to games usually scheduled on Tuesday and Thursdays would be of great benefit. They asked for players that do not have a conflict with a church activity after school to be able to practice and for those that do, to have the option of joining practice afterwards. Ms. Buchholz also noted that she was allowed to practice basketball when she was moved up from JH to HS.

At this time, Pres. Roth read the policy for the benefit of those in attendance and to remind the Board of its contents. It reads as follows: Wednesday evenings will be reserved without exception for non-school activities. No contests or practices will be scheduled on Wednesday from 3:30pm through the evening for K-8 and 6:00pm through the evening for grades 9-12.

Ryan Schoenfelder also addressed the board and noted that he feels that the School Board is making a decision that should be a parental choice and should not be dictated by the board when they have given permission for the JH level girls to move up to the HS level. He noted that the church they attend does not have JH activities on Weds after school and his player could benefit from the additional practice. Mr. Schoenfelder also made the Board aware that he felt the permission slip parents must sign off on in order for JH students to play, is counter to the policy.

Head VB coach Vicki Dylla reiterated what the players and Mr. Schoenfelder had requested. She again emphasized the low number of participants and the need to strengthen the program with practices. Coach Dylla is also a member of the American Lutheran Church Council and has given explicit instructions to her players that they are never to skip church services and confirmation. She also noted that her daughter is involved in the ALC activities and is generally done in time that she would be able to take in an hour or more of practice after completing classes, but the policy restricts her from doing so. Coach Dylla also noted that she abides by the policy in having the Varsity practice completed and players out the door by 6 PM.

Agenda: No changes or amendments to the Agenda. On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the presented agenda. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest: None

NESC Report: Barb Asleson, NESC representative, reported on the regular September meeting. The NESC has hired Tom Oster to assist in the recruitment of an administrator to replace Director Jerry Aberle who is set to retire as of June 30th, 2021. There was some division amongst the board with different ideas as to how to make sure all are included in this selection. All 24 members will receive a binder and be able to give ideas and suggestions to the steering committee. The committee will use the suggestions in the process starting in January with interviews following and a hired director by July 1st.

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

Legislative Report: Pres. Roth noted that at this time the 2% increase of state aid will go forth and would like to see the Board re-open negotiations for discussions.

Buildings and Facilities Report: Evan Buckmiller and Jerod Tolzin reported that they had an informative meeting with Architectural Coop two weeks ago. They have given directions to the Coop to design and brainstorm a few other layouts of a remodel of the LIW building, estimates and common sense in the process. They want to make sure that they are looking at all alternatives and what is best for the future of the District's students.

Supt. Abi also said that the old boiler has been dismantled and taken out of the room in the old HS gym. A gas leak was discovered over the weekend in the area between the commons and the Armory Gym outside. A part was ordered and will be repaired in the next day or two. The kitchen menu will need to be altered as there will be no stoves available for certain food preparation.

Principals Reports: Princ. Armstead reported on recent afternoon in-service. Staff were able to finish up scoring for the State Interim Assessments. Those that were finished, went on to identifying areas that students are struggling with due lack of in-person instruction. Staff will move forward with implementing methods to improve those areas. The next early dismissal will be October 21st. Staff will complete grading and assessment data for Quarter 1, which ends Oct. 22nd.

The board heard that the Homecoming Coronation and Pep Fest was deemed a success at the athletic field with community members and staff giving positive feedback about the two events.

Guidance Counselor Kari Fods has set up Mental Health presentation for both the middle school and high school students through NAMI. The program is entitled "Ending the Silence" and will be done through ZOOM directly to the classrooms. The program targets student's mental health and how they managed through the school closure.

Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter reported to the board that the District has completed screening for the pre-school and early childhood students. The School for the Deaf mobile hearing lab will be here on October 20th and will screen approximately a dozen students.

Parent/Teacher conferences have been moved from October 29th to October 26th. They will be held virtually. Parents will set up appointments with the teacher and have the option to call or zoom in.

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 Sept. 14th, 2020, the financial report for the period of September 1st through September 30th, the bills for payment as presented; approval of solicitation for the annual

transportation service quotes; approval of student teacher, Emily Pierce, band/choir and approval of volunteer girls basketball coach, Kasy Surat.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 12,342.65 , Pen&Int 165.67, Interest 93.25, Admissions 444.97, Co.Apport 900.44, State Aid 68,934.00

Disbursements - 56,134.75 Sept. Payroll 196,480.43

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,098,941.67

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 9603.36, Pen&Int 198.99; CARES Funds 124,200.00

Disbursements - 81,534.83

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,025,070.36

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 3721.24, Pen&Int 77.11,

Disbursements - 6952.48, September Payroll 39,852.97

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 411,115.74

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Sales to Pupils 6498.05, Other Sales 118.04; Meals paid by District 690.60; Federal Reimbursement Aug. 1851.54

Disbursements - 9422.52 September Payroll 7403.57

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - -3052.81

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - None

Disbursements - None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$4330.54

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue - 62,336.02

Disbursements - 49,645.43

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 144,214.51

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: Avid Hawk, Web Serv. 45.00; Bau Plumbing, Repairs 114.80; Blick Art, Elem Art Supplies 2.80; City of De Smet, Utilities Bus Garage 35.44, Buildings 401.48 Total 437.92; Colonial Research, COVID supp. 1208.21, Cust Supp 173.10 Total 1381.31; Culligan, utilities 87.10; De Smet Food Serv. Reimb meals 1668; Dust-Tex, COVID services 466.36; Elite Drain and Sewer, Inspect LIW 1332.75; Flinn Scientific, Science Supp 92.66; Hillyard, COVID Supp 857.02; Holland Const, Bus Gar Repairs 178.75; Innovative Office Solutions, Print Sup 200.31, Tech Supp 643.41; JW Pepper, music curr. 248.83; Johnny on the Spot, rentals 370.00; Kingsbury Elect, communications 54.44; Kingsbury Journal, communications 305.21; Maynards, Science Supp 6.88, Cons. Science supp 301.18 Cust Supp 42.93 total 350.99; Napa Auto, trans supp 194.64; NASCO, MS supp 11.52; Network Services, Cust Supp 243.59; NESC, Gen Serv 10.29, Read. Recovery 303.32 Total 313.61; NW Pub Serv, Bus Gar Utilities 13.47, Bldg Utilities 37.35 Total 50.82; O'Keefe Imple, Rep/Maint 763.04; Office Peeps, Elem Supp 2.20, HS Off Supp 151.01, Copier Supp 86.40, Cust Supp 212.32, Bus off supp 12.85, Copier Maint 239. 40 Total 704.18; Otter Tail, Bus Garage 32.98, Ath. Fd. 281.27, Bldgs 4847.81 Total 5162.06; Pfitzer Pest Con, Service 94.00; Pro-Tec Roof, Roof Repairs 535.29; Rich's Gas 'n Service, Fuel 180.03; Riddell/All Amer.Sports, Ftbll Supp 1342.24, Covid Sanitizer 273.90 Total 1616.16; Scholastic, MS/HS Wkbks 1123.04; Sherwin-Williams, Cust Supp 82.53; Smith's Lumber, vo-ag supp 209.11, cust supp 357.08 total 566.19; Taylor Music, instrument repairs 145.00; Trustworthy Hardware, cust supp 28.35; Warne's Appliance, cust supp 10.00; Welton Repair Inc, Transportation repairs 276.95; Advance Fund: T. Casper CC Official 107.56; M. Ruth VB Official 85.00; D. Duxbury VB Off/Trav. 135.40; A. Armstead Covid Supp 14.91; A. Armstead MS Tech Repair Supp 5.25; A. Armstead HS Tech Repair Supp 109.98; A. Armstead Tech Supp 43.45; Sanford Health HSA Fees 8.00; T. Holland Reimb Flag purch 75.51; K. Vockrodt Fee Reimb 122.00; K. Vockrodt Reimb Trav 47.04; T. Holland Reimb Trav 37.80; A. Ostrander Reimb Lab supp 47.00; T. Holland reimb irrigation supp 192.83; G. Duffy VB Off/Trav 95.08; T. Duffy VB Off 122.80; G. Carlson Ftbll Official 125.00; B. Arntzen Ftbll Official 125.00; C. Boone Ftbll Official 209.00; L. Neugebauer Ftbll Off 125.00; J. Greenway Ftbll Off 125.00; T. Holland Reimb Cust Supp 17.51; NE Area Supt Fees 50.00; C. Carda VB Off 85.00; J. Fuchs VB Off./Trav 114.40; D. Anderson VB Off 116.50; J. Hojer Reimb Reg Fees 106.66; J Hojer Reimb Elem Supp 25.40; S. Osthus Reimb Coach Class 35.00; L. Preston HS VB Fee 150.00; M. Hieb-Off Ftbll/Trav 209.00; J. Friman Off Ftbll 125.00; E. Stoll Off Ftbll 125.00; K.

Kroupenske Off Ftbl 125.00; T. Hauglid Off Ftbl 125.00; Watertown PO Subscription 110.40; K. Fods Reimb Background Check 54.45; S. Valley HS CC Fees 35.00; T. Holland Reimb Cust Supp 536.73; Total ADV.FD General 4104.66; Fusion, Guidance Comm 80.31, Athletic Comm 72.13, Princ Off Comm 155.44, Supt Off Comm 117.01 Total 424.89; Impact Applications, Concuss Testing 435.00; Inst. Comp. Solutions Reg Fee Title IV 299.00; NW Public Service, Utilities Bldgs 242.59; Remind Inc, Service 508.20; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES \$27,053.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES: Co-op Arch, Prof Fees 3750.00; Riverside Technologies, Tech Equip 668.00; Savvas Learning Company, Elem Curr 327.03; Ultra/Conn Point, Tech Admin. 556.00; Wm.Sadler, MS Lang software 1207.49; ADV FD. C. Tangen Lib.Res.Books 322.46; J. Gruenhagen College Texts 287.83; HUDL Ftbl Software Subscription 900.00; L.Nolte Reimb LA Text curr 602.00; HUDL, BBB Software Subscription 450.00 Total ADV FD 2562.30; TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 9070.82

SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES: McCrossan Boys Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1594.53; NESCS, Early Childhood 401.93, Trans/Tech 29.62, Psychologist 700.14, Speech Therapist 1211.93, Physical Therapy 342.24, Occupational Therapy 516.71 Total NESCS 3202.57; Prof Hearing Services, 1281.00; Fusion, Communication 70.08; R. Gigov, Reimb COVID supp 163.89; Reimb Supp 1020.35 Total 1184.24; TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES 15,909.06

FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES: Cashwa of Fargo, Supplies 178.67, Food 5609.25 Total 5787.92; Child ad Adult Nutrition, Food 656.78; Maynards, Food 137.83; Prairie Farms Dairy, Food 942.48; US Foods, Supplies 201.52, Food 4144.66 Total 4346.18 TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 11,871.19

ASBSD Motion for Delegate Assembly Representative/LAN Member: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to nominate Shane Roth as the official board delegate for the ASBSD Delegate Assembly on November 20th in Pierre, as well as the LAN member for ASBSD. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Pres. Roth presented the board with a beautiful plaque and gavel for attaining the bronze level membership for Board member participation in training and workshops with the ASBSD. Congratulations to all board members for your dedication to your position on the Board of Education.

Motion for approval of JH girl athletes to participate on Varsity Girls Basketball: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the participation of JH girl athletes on the varsity girls basketball team due to low participation levels. All voting "aye", motion carried.

JH Sports Practices on Wednesdays: Pres. Roth thanked the participants who have reached out to the board along with those who have called board members concerned of changes being made. He also stressed that he was unaware, and as far he knew, board members were not aware that there had been a diversion from the policy of JH students participating in practices on Weds. The administration will obtain the participation agreement that parents/guardians sign and check on the wording since it was referenced by a student and Coach Dylla that it has taken place in other activities. He and other board members noted that if coaches wanted JH students to practice, the practices took place on Weds. mornings before school. Mrs. Asleson did mention that for those students who are in more than one activity, that can also become problematic.

There is concern by parents that leaving it up to their discretion puts them in a position that their JH students may see repercussions such as playing time, for not being at practices on Weds. The policy has been in effect for more than 40 years and policies often need to be tweaked. Board members do not necessarily see a problem with coming after a church

activity but also understand that not all parents and students are affiliated with a church and have no issue with their JH student participating with Weds. practices. Pastors have appeared before the board reminding the district of the policy, and for it to be honored on Weds. after school with JH activities and for the HS to be dismissed by 6 PM for family nights. Pres. Roth asked for proper guidance from the administration and coaches and that they should accommodate the policies in effect. The general consensus of the board is to leave the policy as it currently is.

COVID Quarantine Amendment: Supt. Abi felt the board should review the current procedures for close contacts at school. Several school districts have revisited their policies as the CDC and Department of Health guidelines have changed. There have been many different options adopted and all districts seem to be doing things differently depending on their own rates of community spread. At this point our district's numbers have been good and Supt. Abi gave kudos to the students for practicing good hygiene and their families doing their best to protect others. After reviewing the options, the board consensus was to leave our current COVID quarantine policy as is. They did agree that they most likely will need to revisit the policy when wrestling begins and team members from three cooperating schools have different quarantine times. Princ. Armstead noted to the board that there has been discussion amongst administration and coaches that students, parents and coaches need to be honest as to close contacts and respecting their team, classmates and staff. The District cannot mandate testing and it is a concern that if they are not tested, they will not take the risk of mandatory quarantine of themselves and possibly the team. The administration will continue to monitor the situations along with community health professionals to keep the board informed and the possible need to amend the policy.

Executive Session: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to go into executive session in regard to negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). All voting "aye", motion carried. 6:24 PM

Regular session resumed at 7:13

There being no further business at this time, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. (7:14 PM)

ATTEST: President Shane Roth
Business Manager Susan Purintun

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