

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 December 13th, 2021 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Jared Tolzin, Donita Garry and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andrew Armstead, Athletic Director Becky Geyer and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Mike Siefker of *Kingsbury Journal* and Marlys Larsen, DTO representative, Mike Luethmers, Jada Henrich, Jessica Wienk, Steve Wienk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Pres. Roth reviewed the Public Participation rules. The visitors deferred to do participation until the Board reached Agenda item #8.

AGENDA: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the presented agenda with the addition of adding open enrollments of students B and C to the consent agenda item 3. All voting "aye", motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of Nov. 8th, 2021; financial report for the period of November 1st through November 30th, 2021, the bills for payment as presented (See attached listing.); approval of public school exemption of student A, B & C; approval of surplus steel, tables and shelves - 40 Sheets of 24 gauge steel 12' long, 47 sheets of 24 gauge steel 20' long, 48 sheets of 24 gauge steel 20' long, 7 ribbed overhead doors 11'2" wide X 11' high, low headroom, rear torsion spring:

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 384,045.37, Pr.Yr Taxes 142.93, Pen&Int 48.16, Interest 82.08, Other local revenue 51.52, Co.Apport 1572.06, State Aid 91,611.00; Fed.Reimb Snack Prog 1412.76

Disbursements - 38,895.96, November Payroll 204,691.84

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,220,254.61

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 290,107.15, Pr. Yrs. Taxes 94.85, Pen&Int 34.54; Other 600.00

Disbursements - 31,278.20

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,526,609.89

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 152,202.21, Pr.Yrs Taxes 36.76, Pen&Int 16.49, ,

Disbursements - 14,473.42, November Payroll 45,751.47

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 388,811.81

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Meals paid by District 1908.00; Other Sales 474.07; Federal Reimb 22,191.81;

Disbursements - 13,954.09, November Payroll 10,888.06

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - -2388.16

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - none

Disbursements - none

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4005.22

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue – 71,746.14

Disbursements – 77,402.56

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 79,225.06

All voting “aye”, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: ACT, Testing fees 1226.88; Active Heating, repairs/maint 528.77; Adv.Fd. C.Schmidt reimb bckgrd check 53.25; R.Garry, Reimb MS Books 48.90; B.Geyer Reimb AD Supp 35.46; Dells St. Mary XC Fees 105.02; Wess.Spr HS, Reg 3BOI Fees 95.16; A.May, JH Line Judge 40; T.Munger JH/JV Ftbl Off 90; M.Luethmers JH/JV off/chain 115; M.Kerkvliet, Ftbl Chain Crew 100; L.Somsen, Ftbl Chain Crew 75; J.Rigge, JV?V Chain Ftbl 140; E.Wilkinson- JV Chain Crew 40; D.Vanregenmorter, JH/JV OFF/Chain Crew 190; D.Rounds, Travel 641.76; N.Gross, ReimbBckgr check 53.25; B.Geyer, Reimb First Aid Supp 170.36; A.VanRegenmorter, Reimb Travel 180.60; Sanford Health H.S.A. Fee 6.00; Fusion, Communications 863.71; T.Martin Reimb Bckgr Check 53.25; S. Larson Reimb Bckgr Check 53.25; Elkton HS XC Fees 66.85; I. Kreckelberg reimb all state chor trav 185.29; T. Holland reimb cust supp 402.06; Castlewood HS Dist OI Fees 242.99; J.Todd reimb bckgr check 53.25; Elkton HS DVC VB Tourn Fee 104.43; AB&T State OI Travel 48; Total General ADV Fd 4252.84; Alert Services, Ath Dir Supp 139.92; Arrowwood Resort, Bus.Mgr. Conf 203.90, Supt. Conf 232.90 Total 436.80; Avid Hawk LLC Prof Fees 45; Century Bus Prod. Copier Maint 489.75; City of De Smet, Utilities bus garage 40.79, LIW/MS-HS 368.05, building permit 22 Tota 430.84; Culligan, utilities 35; De Smet School Food Serv, Refund Snack Program Sept-Nov 2406.77, PT Conf Supp 124.80 Total 2531.57; Dust-Tex, COVID cleaning 342.80; Flaghouse, Inc PE Supp 117.15; Hillyard, Cust Supp 37.49; Horizon Health, Bus Driver Physicals 440; JW Pepper, Music Supplies 151.82; Kingsbury Electric, Trans Comunication 54.44, Repair/Maint - LIW Bldg 2313.68, Park. Lot Light Repair 699.68; Kingsbury Journal Journalism Fees 400, Bd. Comm 1147.47 Total 1547.47; Lake Preston School All State Chor Travel 790.50; Maynards Food Cust Supp 60, Cons. Sc Supp 417.75 Total 477.75; NESc, Gen Serv 22.51; NW Public Serv, Bus Garage Utilities 182.28, MS/HS Utilities 1254.84, LIW utilities 2716.89 Total 4154.01; O'Keefe Implement, Trans Repair 854.62; Office Peeps, Copier Supplies 854.85; Otter--Tail Power, Bus Gar.Utilities 34.76, Ath Fd Utilities 209.57, Bldgs Utilities 4919.98 Total 5164.31; Reind101, Inc. Serv Communications 559.02; Rich's Gas'n Service 2948.15; Safeguard Bus. Sys Bus off Supp 319.98; School Specialty Supplies, MS Supp 32.50, Art Supp 225.71, Title I Supp 71.28, MS Supp Total 361.99; Smith's Lumber Cust Supp/Class Improv 87.41; SD Dept of Pub Safety, Boiler Inspection 240; Ultra/Conn Pt, Prof Serv 693.60; Valley Fibercom, Ath Fd Comm 66.98; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 33,416.58 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Ace's Door Co LLC, Bus Gar Door Replacements (Fire) 28,701.31; Adv. Fd, C. Tangen, Reimb Lib Res Books 259.55, K.Buchholz, Reimb college Text 57.94; L.Nolte, Ann/Journ. Equipment 733.78 Total Adv. Fd 1051.27; Castlerock Construction Concrete Armory Repairs 19,898, Drain Tile Repairs 2683.68 Total 22,581.68; Collier Construction LLC, Bus Garage Fire Dam/Improve 15,263.74; De Smet FFA Project Acct, Reimb Iron for Shelving for Ath Dept 1120; Hauff Mid-America Sports Wish List BB Rack 526; GBB Rack 526 Total 1052; Smith's Lumber, Bus Garage Improve 2004.87; Sterilaser, Wish List Wrestling Matt Cleaner 2035; Ultra/Conn Pt, Tech Equipment 9272.34; TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES 83,082.21 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Adv. Fd. Fusion Communications 144.39; Maynards, Sped Supp 77.87; McCrossan Boys Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1567.40; NESc, Early Childhood 376.90, Child Psych 648.07, Speech Path 1132.27, Phys Therapist 279.60, Occup Therapist 51.12 Total NESc 2948.96; TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES 4738.62 FOOD SERVICE FUND: Child and Adult Nutrition, Food 626.85; CWD Aberdeen, Supplies 119.10, Food 3950.13 Total 4069.23; Maynards, Food 215.01; Prairie Blush Orchards, Food 157; Prairie Farms Dairy, Food 1246.30; Reinhard Food Service LLC Food 6624.01; TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES 12,938.40

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: C.Cavanaugh, Community Scholarship 1395; A.Close, Community Scholarship 505; A.Dobson, Arlene Harris Scholarship 1000; Kain Gilligan, Dave Wilson Scholarship 1000; T.Larson, Dave Wilson Scholarship 1000; E.McCune, Bowes Memorial Scholarship 1000, Community Scholarship 1395; N.Roth, Community Scholarship 1000; C.Wiese, Community Scholarship 2500; MacKenzie Zell, Bowes Memorial Scholarship 1000, Community Scholarship 1395; TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENDITURES 13,190.

REPORTS:

NESC: NESC rep Barb Asleson reviewed the November regular meeting noting that they have been reviewing and making changes in policies. They introduced and had the first readings for Article XII Medical Cannabis and Article V Use of Alcohol Drugs and Controlled Substances by employees

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION: There was no report from the Education Enhancement Foundation.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth noted that Governor Noem proposed during her recent budget proposal to give education a 6% increase to the school district funding formula. He also noted that starting in 2022 that due to the redistricting, our area will become part of the Madison Legislative area. The South Dakota Legislature will convene in January.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Supt. Abi told the board that the buildings and facilities committee would be meeting on Friday with Mayor Gary Wolkow, Attorney Todd Wilkinson, City Finance Office Tracy Larson and a city council representative. The committee will present preliminary elementary building plans and discuss what issues they could see from the City's vantage point.

Maintenance manager Terry Holland worked with Larsen Drilling on locating the geo wells to see how deep the footings of the new facility could go if it is located to the west of the MS/HS building. They were not able to locate using the maps that were provided from the original blueprints. However, the following week when ValleyFiber was working in the same area they bore through a geothermal line that according to the plan should have been several feet deeper.

The committee, Mr. Holland and Supt. Abi have been working to find snow removal assistance. The present company came in with a quote of \$150 per hour and that is using the District's leased tractor along with their equipment. A survey of area schools found that the prices they were being charged was much less. At this point, a couple of alternative ways to remove snow are being looked into but nothing is set or agreements signed.

PRINCIPALS' and AD REPORTS:

MS/HS Principal Armstead gave a quick review of the past month activities of the middle and high school students. The juniors were able to do a job shadow on November 17 that was conducted through the South Dakota Department of Labor. They were given an opportunity to explore careers for an afternoon with many different business' in Brookings.

The MS/HS Christmas concert was excellent and very well attended. The district and students were very appreciative of having Mr. Darold Rounds as a long-term band instructor while Mrs. Kayla Vockrodt was on an extended leave. Mr. Ian Krekelberg, the new vocal instructor, presented fun and challenging pieces for the audience to enjoy also.

The FCCLA regionals were held on December 6th. The Junior Quiz Bowl qualified for State. The competitors earned 1 bronze, 3 silver and 2 gold

On Wednesday, December 15th, the National Honor Society will again be hosting a Blood Drive at the Event Center from 1-6 PM.

The first semester will end on December 22nd. A reminder that the 22nd is a make up snow day with a 1:30 dismissal. Grades will be available and posted after the break. The second semester will start on January 3rd, when the students and staff return from Christmas break.

Supt. Abi reported that the elementary concert also went very and commended Mr. Krekelberg on an excellent concert along with Mrs. Vockrodt's conducting of the 5th grade band.

The LIW PTO has worked hard to set up a Holiday Shop for the elementary and middle school students to shop for their families. Many volunteers are a part of this event to make it the great success it is.

Mid-term testing has begun and will be completed by Christmas break for the elementary students who are on trimesters versus the 6-12 two semesters.

AD Becky Geyer handed out a composite of athletic awards and honors for football, volleyball and cross country. The winter sports season is in full swing with wrestling, boys and girls basketball. All teams are seeing many challenges with successful outcomes.

The "Wish List" has seen over \$3000 in donations. A Sterilaser wrestling matt cleaner and 3 basketball racks have been purchased to date with the donations. Lyle Signs is to be commended for designing Bulldog signs for the racks.

The SDHSAA has notified school districts that softball will be added as a spring sport. Schools will need to notify SDHSAA of their intent to participate in February, 2022.

MOTION FOR 6TH GRADE PARTICIPATION IN JH BASKETBALL: At this time, Pres. Roth asked for a motion to approve 6th grade students to participate in JH basketball, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry. Ms. Geyer presented a policy, "Guidelines for De Smet Junior High Sports", explaining that it would be good to have something down on paper with specifics to follow. It was noted that in the past "playing up" in the MS/JH was an athletic director and administrator decision. The decision was based on if there were enough students participating in the 7th and 8th grade that they were able to compete in either a combined class event, or separate classes than there is no need to pull 6th grade students up. This year's recent request is different in that there is one lone 6th grader that does not have a team to play with as the class does not have a team. There were also questions as to whether the 6th grade participant(s) are relegated to practicing or practicing/participating. Further discussion and comments regarding the positive and negatives, fairness amongst programs were discussed by board members and administrators along with statements from Coach Luethmers and Jessica Wienk. Ms. Geyer feels the policy will help put to rest any confusion and have everyone on the same page. J. Tolzin motioned, seconded by E. Buckmiller to amend the motion with adoption of the presented policy deleting policy #9. "An exception to Rule 8: However, except for football and with the approval of the school board, 6th grade students will be permitted to participate on the junior high teams when: 1. The junior high school team has low participation numbers, and to fill a team, 6th grade students must participate and a word change in #8. With the approval of the athletic director and coach space permitting, when there is no youth program available in the sport of volleyball and basketball, the 6th grade students may ~~practice~~ **participate** with the JH team, and only with the JH team. After further discussion, D. Garry motioned to amend the amendment to remove in #1. "with the approval of the school board" and eliminate in 1.b. "and brought forth to the school board by the athletic director and coach", seconded by B. Asleson. Board members held further discussions noting that our past policies have held back younger athletes who had the ability to play up and compete at a higher level, while if it were an academia situation, the student would be allowed to participate in higher level classes, which in some opinions seems unfair when athletics is solely based on numbers of participants and not on ability. Board members Garry and

Asleson further noted that there needs to be trust in the athletic director and coaches to know the athletes and their ability to make the decisions in regards to the students and program. While Principal Armstead noted that he agreed with board members Garry and Asleson, he also noted that academics are easier to judge based on testing, while athletics are based on coaches judgement and from a parent and spectators view, it is not quite as black and white, its gray. Ms. Geyer also noted that it is important to remember the reason for the programs is that they are here for the kids. De Smet does not have a try-out and/or cutting program for these sports and the policy allows for the exceptional athlete to participate at the level they can compete at. Coaches need to develop relationships with the students and parents. It was noted that many of the issues of playing up, is learning lesson as well of a younger person applying and receiving a job, over someone older with experience. Pres. Roth closed discussion and asked for a vote on the amendment of the amendment: Roll call vote: D. Garry, aye; J. Tolzin, nay; E. Buckmiller, aye; B. Asleson, aye; S.Roth, nay. The amendment to the amendment is passed 3 "Ayes" to 2 "Nays."

President Roth asked for a roll call vote on the amendment to the motion: D.Garry, "aye", J. Tolzin, "aye", E. Buckmiller, "aye", B. Asleson, "aye", S.Roth, "aye". Motion carried, 5 "aye", 0 "nay"

President Roth asked for a roll call vote on the original motion as amended: D. Garry, "aye", J.Tolzin, "nay", E.Buckmiller, "aye", B.Asleson, "aye", S.Roth, "naye". Motion carried, 3 "aye", 2 "nay". The policy is as follows:

"Guidelines for De Smet Junior High Sports": According to the South Dakota High School Activities Association, Constitution & By-Laws, Section 3 states rules regarding SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CONTESTANTS. It states that member schools may use seventh and eighth grade students on high school teams for high school contests provided they meet scholastic standards fully equivalent to those required for students in grades 9-12 by the Association. The De Smet School District and the school board will take the following stance on junior high sports and their participants. 1. With the exception of football and with the approval of the athletic director and coach, 8th-grade students will be permitted to participate on the junior varsity and varsity teams when: a. The high school team has low participation numbers, and to fill a team, 8thgrade students must participate. b. When an exceptionally gifted 8th-grade student can assist our high school program; this will be on a case-by-case basis by the athletic director and coach. 2. Seventh-grade students will not be allowed to participate in any high school team sports, including football, volleyball, and basketball. 3. Seventh-grade and eighth-grade students will be allowed to participate in high school individual sports, including cross country, wrestling, and track. 4. High school cheer will consist only of 9th – 12th-grade students. 5. Although golf is considered an individual sport, due to the high volume of high school participants and limited practice space, seventh and eighth grade students will not compete with varsity unless Rule 1 applies with low participation or an approved exceptionally gifted athlete. 6. If a junior high student is elevated and participates in a high school competition, they shall have the opportunity to also participate in the junior high competitions as decided by the coaching staff. 7. The goal of our youth sport programs in De Smet is for parents to facilitate teams that encompass the K-6 th grade students. These programs do not fall under De Smet authority in any way except for coordination of facility usage. 8. With the approval of the athletic director and coach, space permitting, when there is no youth program available in the sport of volleyball and basketball, the 6th-grade students may participate with the JH team, and only with the JH team.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 AUDIT REPORT: Business manager Susan Purinton reported on the recent annual audit of FY21. The audit was completed by Schoenfish and Co of Parkston, SD. The District is in good financial standing and received an unqualified report. It was noted that there will be a comment in regards to internal control and lack of segregation of duties, which is fairly common among District's the size of De Smet with a limited number of staff members. The auditor's report is waiting final approval by the Department of Legislative Audit. Following approval, a notice will be mailed and published in the

local paper. Audit booklets and PDF forms of the audit will be available to the public when received by the auditing firm along with being posted on the district website.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO WORKSITE PRODUCTS: Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun gave the board a review of recent discoveries with the district cafeteria plan with the assistance of Mr. Brice Christensen of the school health insurance pool. Mr. Christensen recommended the district make changes to their worksite products that AFLAC and Washington National offer to district employees to become post-taxed. Currently District employees are allowed purchasing certain products as pre-taxed. The district's health insurance will remain as pre-taxed for those opting into the AFLAC cafeteria plan. Marsh-McLennan has recommended that due to IRS codes, their legal counsel's opinions that the employer's liability to report excess medical benefits paid out as taxable income becomes an unnecessary liability. These changes will become effective with the January 2022 payroll. Pres. Roth reported that he had inquired of his HR department, T&R Electric also offers the same products on a pre-tax basis. He felt that the liability was a slight one and that many companies do offer this election through their plans. Bus. Mgr. Purintun noted that it was the board's decision in how to move forward but that she felt the conservative direction since this could involve an IRS penalty and fees, was the more prudent action to take. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to implement the proposed changes. All voting "aye", motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At this time, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to go into executive session at 6:53 PM pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:03 PM

There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. (7:04 PM)

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

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