

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 May 9th, 2022 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin. Evan Buckmiller arrived at 6:35 PM. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, HS/MS Principal Andy Armstead, AD Becky Geyer and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visitors were Mike Siefker, representing *The Kingsbury Journal*, Brian Bindert, representing American Trust Insurance, Emily Martian representing the DTO,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

The May 2022 agenda was adopted with the following changes to the consent agenda: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the additions to consent agenda f. approval of contract for Cody Cavanaugh asst. golf, Brendon Pitts amend contract to include addition of tech coordinator position and consent agenda g. approval of classified contracts. All voting "aye", motion carried. There were no Delegations or Conflicts of Interest presented.

On motion by D. Garry , seconded by J. Tolzin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of April 11th, 2022, special meetings of April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the following financial report for the period of April 1st, 2022 through April 30th, 2022, the bills presented for payment; approval of appointment of Superintendent Van Regenmorter as Federal Program Administrator, School Improvement Coordinator and the Homeless Liaison; approval of resignation of David Ough and Dennis Kruse as bus drivers; approval of signed certified contracts of Becky Albrecht second grade teacher, Whitney Edleman preschool teacher, Shannon Palmlund CTE/FCCLA Instructor, Kyler Julius School Counselor, Brandon Vockrodt .5 Concessions, Jennifer Stofferahn .5 Concessions, Regan Garry Asst. GBB Coach, Cody Cavanaugh Asst Golf Coach, Brendon Pitts Tech. Coord and Classified Staff Contracts.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 90356.25; Pr.Yr Taxes 1394.68; Pen&Int 94.07; Interest 79.52; Admissions 120.01; Other Local Rev. 1452.29; County Apportionment 568.57; State Aid 82,460.00; Federal Reimb Food Serv 1546.58

Disbursements – 45,398.49 April Payroll 206,299.74

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 797,722.57

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 83,579.27, Pr.Yrs Taxes 1259.97, Pen&Int 84.30; Other 1000.00

Disbursements – 3522.32

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,640,669.87

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 41,790.85; Pr. Yrs Taes 661.01; Pen&Int 44.22; Medicaid Direct 170.37;

Disbursements – 5819.82 , April Payroll 44,999.25

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 257,856.97

FOOD SERVICE – Revenue – Meals paid by District (Feb. and March) 3455.00; Other Sales 1451.55, Federal Reimb 22,442.59; Supply Chain Assistance 10,377.98

Disbursements – 13,120.06, April Payroll 10,662.72

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – 3034.46

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – None

Disbursements – None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4005.22

TRUST AND AGENCY – Revenue – 53,785.15

Disbursements – 57,264.10

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 115,632.56

GENERAL FUND: A-OX Welding Supply, Vo-Supp 305.55; Adv.Fd. M.Perry, Travel 105.00; K.Vockrodt, LP Travel 111.72; B.Geyer, AD Travel 153.17; D.Vanderwal, Ag Travel 79.60; M.Novak, Cheer Trav 114.31; Deubrook HS, Golf Fee 50; A. Armstead, Reimb Tech Supp 76.24; Estelline Alumni, Track fee 165; K.Dossett, reimb supp 159.52; Redfield HS, Track Fee 125; US Post Off, Postal fees 58; State of SD, Unempl Claim, 326.19; SDACTE, Voc AG Conf Fee 602; Elkton HS, track fees 150; C.Tangen, Lib Res Books 228.68; S.Valley HS, Track Fees 125; O’Gorman HS, Track Fee 150; B. Geyer, AD Trav/Supp 48.59; S.Purintun, ASBO Travel 126; K.Vockrodt, Tuit Reimb 45; K. Vockrodt, LP Travel 117.60; R.Fast, Reimb Elem Supp 209; Adv.Fd. 3400.62; Avid Hawk LLC, Tech Supp 45; Baymont Inn, FCCLA St. Conf 715; City of De Smet, Bus Gar Utilities 52.91, Bldg Utilities 519.93 Total 572.84; Cook’s Wastepaper/Recyc, Utilities 522.21; Creative Printing, Guide Advertising 699, Office supp 677.59 Total 1376.59; Culligan, Utilities 56; Dales Alignment Transp repair/maint 257.50; De Smet Food Serv, Fed FVRS Reimb 1189.48; De Smet Food Serv, Reimb Adult meals 1924; Dustex, Covid Cleaning 365.70; Fusion, Guidance Comm 91.20, AD Comm 82.74, Bus off Comm 210.98 Total 384.92; Hauff Sports, Golf Awards 49.90; Hillyard, Cust Supp 2527.77; Horizon, Bus Dr. Physical 224; Johnny on the Spot, Port Toilet Track 185; Kingsbury Electric, Transp Comm 53.19, Repair Gym Lights 130, Repairs LIW 130 Total 313.19; Kingsbury Journal, annual Subscrip 65, Journ Class 200, Bd of Ed Comm 438.58 Total 703.58; Lewis Drug, First Aid Supp 7.98; Maynards Cons Sc Supp 184.29, Bd of Supp 245.26 Total 429.55; Midwestern Mechanical, Repairs 846.46; Milborn Seeds Cust Supp/Grass 240; NESC Gen Serv 22.51, Transp Drug Test 30 Total 52.51; NW Public Gas, Bus Gar Utilities 197.14, Bldgs Utilities 3301.40 Total 3498.54; O’Keefe Imp Trans Repairs/Maint 680.66; Office Peeps - Copier Supp/Maint 330.86; Otter Tail Power Bus Gar Utilities 128.65, Ath Fd Utilities 138.14, Bldg Utilities 5398.93 Total 5665.72; Pres Ed Awards Acad Awards 114.85; Ramkota Inn, ASBO Travel 216; Rich’s Gas, Trans Fuel 501.54; Scott’s Auto Body, Bus Repairs 474.35; SDHSAA, Rules Books 138, Awards 6.50 Total 144.50; Sherwin Williams Cust Supp 415.49; Smith’s Lumber, Cust Supp 35.04; Taylor Music Inst repairs 81.50; Tessman Seeds, Hort Supp 65.01; ValleyFibercom, Ath Fd Utility 66.98; Warne’s Appliance, Repair 135; Wilkinson Insurance, Bond Insur 252.50; WW Tire, Tires/Maint 1210; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 31,583.89

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Adv. Fund, C.Tange Library Resources 958.98; Co-op Architectures, Arch FEES ESSER FUNDS 95,900; Smith’s Lumber, Track Improve 1053.12; TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES 97,912.10

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Adv Fd E.Martian reimb SPED Supp 233.37, R. Gigov Reimb SPED Text 34.98 total Adv. Fd 26.35; Fusion, SPED Comm 180.27; Innovative Office Sol, SPED Supplies 189.52; McCrossan Boys Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1489.03; NESC Early Childhood 376.90, Psychologist 648.07, Speech Path 1132.27, Physical Therapist 279.60, Occupational Therapy 512.12 Total 2948.96 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 4675.93

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Child and Adult Nutrition, Food 255.42; CASH-WA of Fargo, Supplies 267.30, Food 4408.63 Total 4675.93; Maynards Food 282.84; Performance Food Service, Food 5640.57; Prairie Foods, Dairy 1366.21; TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 12,220.95

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 146,793.07

**Annual Property and Liability Insurance Review:** Brian Bindert reviewed the district’s property and liability insurance coverage and rates. The overall premium increased \$11,242 for a total of \$54,993. The district’s statement of values increased \$9,983,083 from last year. Values are now based on 100% replacement value versus the previous 90%. Mr. Bindert reviewed areas that the district could save by

going to a \$10,000 deductible, taking off a storage shed and including the fencing of the athletic complex as part of buildings coverage. The Board also reviewed the current Cyber liability policy that increased from \$2550 to \$10,267.50 for \$1,000,000 limit with \$25,000 deductible. Three options were reviewed ranging in cost of \$3963.26 to \$5246. Following further discussion, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to remain on the \$5000 deductible for property insurance but adjust the fencing and track premiums along with deleting the shed premium for a savings of \$1707 and to change cyber liability coverage to Lloyds of London for \$1,000,000 limit with a \$5000 Deductible for an annual premium of \$3963.26. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**NESC Report:** NESC Bd Member Barb Asleson reported that the final center base tuition rates were set, approval of the health, dental and life insurance rates for FY23 along with the salary settlements and offerings for classified staff and administrators. At that time only one para position to fill. Supt. Abi noted that a new Center Base program will be offered in Lake Preston starting this fall with our district being fortunate to be able to utilize the service as the available spots filled quickly.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** The annual meeting is set for May 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 7 PM in the HS conference room.

**Facilities Committee:** The facilities committee will be meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> with Co-op Architecture pending the Resolution being approved later in the meeting.

**Legislative Report:** Pres. Roth noted that Jacqueline Sly has been replaced on the Board of Education Board of Standards. He noted that Ms. Sly has served as an educator, a legislator and served several years on this Board. Dr. Rich Meyers of Rapid City has been appointed by Governor Noem to replace Ms. Sly.

**Principal's Reports:** The board heard from Princ Armstead of the interesting sessions conducted by Ashley Armstrong from the Sanford Underground research Facility presented on Dark Matter detection, Neutrinos detection, water pollution and watersheds. The presentations were geared to students in grades 6-12.

Casey Renaas gave a timely talk to students about his experiences and the consequences of choosing to drink and drive. Students from De Smet, Arlington, Willow Lake, Iroquois and Lake Preston listened to his powerful message.

Prom was a success, with the drive up and grand march being outstanding. Mr. Armstead expressed his thanks to the advisors for their assisting the students in setting up and tearing down.

The Senior class finished their HS career on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Graduation was held on Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> with all going well. The flower presentation is always a part that he feels is an emotional part of the traditions and even "gets him".

The FCCLA will be hosting "Pie the Teacher" on Wednesday as a fundraiser. Mr. Pitts, Mr. Haugen, Mr. Krekelberg and Ms. Ostrander have all signed up to be pied.

The All School Play will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Event Center. "Crazytown" by Johnthan Rand will be an entertaining and fun show directed by Traci Schoenfelder and Snooki Stoddard.

The last day of school is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Driver's Education starts on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with the class being maxed out at 30 students.

Supt. Abi gave a shout out for all the wonderful gifts, food and just general appreciation to all of the staff. They were all very grateful and it made for a fun week. Field trips for all of the classes are taking place in these final weeks of school.

Summer school will be held with assistance of ESSER funding from the federal government. Parents of children eligible for the additional classes are being notified of the structure of the classes and how it can be helpful to their students to participate. Jeanne Penney will be instructing the classes again this year.

AD Geyer reported on a busy spring season for the golf and track athletes. There were originally 5 JH and HS track meets scheduled for this spring. One was cancelled due to weather. There were two JH track meets last week that went well. On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, De Smet will be hosting the HS DVC annual track event and on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the Regions will be held. There are two JH golf meets scheduled in De Smet this week with one on Tuesday and the other on the same day as the DVC meet. Ms. Geyer was pleased with the number of community members that have stepped up to volunteer to help with running the meets. She noted that the events have been a learn as you go process but feels they have gone well.

The Board of Education was invited to attend the Athletic Awards that is sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Event Center. Cookies and beverages will be served.

She noted that she will be sending out a composite of the Winter and Spring Awards as they are finalized.

Pres Roth noted that he was glad to hear of the track meets and how wonderful it is to bring other schools to our community. Great environment for our program. He thanked Ad Geyer for all of her work and efforts and how they appreciate her time and expertise.

**Preliminary Budget:** Bus. Mgr. Susan Purinton presented the preliminary budget for FY2023. The proposed budget will be published in July with a hearing scheduled during the month of July and adoption at the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting. The presented budget includes increases to certified and classified staff, insurance, supplies and the technology budget. This budget does include the 6% state aid increase along with estimated ESSER Funding. The future enrollment for fall 2022 currently is holding steady at around 300 students. At this time there are many variables yet to be decided specifically in the Capital Outlay Fund for facility improvements and transfers to the General Fund before the budget is set and adopted.

**SDHSAA Amendments/Representative Voting:** Following review of SDHSAA ballots, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to cast the following ballots:

Amendment #1: Yes; Amendment #2: Yes; Amendment #3 Yes; Amendment #4 Yes; Amendment #5 Yes  
Amendment #6 Yes; Amendment #7 No. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Election Officials for June 15<sup>th</sup> Election:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the following individuals as election officials for the school board election on June 21<sup>st</sup>: Jennifer Barnard,

Supt. of Election, Dianne Larson, Suzanne Sinclair, Renae Aughenbaugh and Patrick Wheeler. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Events Center Rental Agreement:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the Event Center Rental agreement contract with the City of De Smet for \$12,750. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Under Armour Contract through Dakota Sports:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the Under Armour Athletic agreement. The agreement is for a term of 5 years with the discounts of as much as 40% for uniforms, apparel, and accessories, 35% for footwear. There is also an opportunity for incentive purchasing for coaching staff and resale percentages paid back to organizations and clubs for fund raising. This contract will be run through Dakota Sports. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Evan Buckmiller arrived at this time, 6:32 PM.

**Approval of Iroquois School District to Wrestling Cooperative:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve Iroquois School District to join the Wrestling Cooperative. AD Geyer and Supt. Abi had both visited with the wrestling coaches. The request came with Lake Preston and Iroquois cooping in all other sport activities for the next year. They do not have enough participants for wrestling team of their own. This year's numbers will not force the Kingsbury Knights into "A" division. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Bond Resolution:**

Board members were read the Resolution No. 2022-BD LIW. Board members each expressed that most all conversations they had with patrons following the community meeting were positive and supportive of the project. They felt the community meeting along with the building tours had presented a good case for the project moving forward. One board member had a resident concerned about material costs and interest rates but when he weighed out variables in both areas, the costs would most likely only be more substantial in the future then to build now. Many that toured the facility thought while the facility looks sound from the outside, the integrity and functionality of the building are very questionable. Another board member had polled local coffee shops and was surprised by the positive remarks as to the trust in the Board's decisions fiscally and the hope that they were keeping in mind the need for growth of additional students. Discussion has also taken place with farmers and while they know it will not be good for taxes, realize that it is for the betterment of the students and community. A few noted that seeing the projected tax levies proposed were much more reasonable than they had anticipated. All felt that De Smet is thriving and the need for structurally sound educational services is of a high priority amongst the community members.

Based upon the foregoing, the following resolution then introduced and moved for adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - BD LIW**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY AND EXPEDIENCY FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, CALLING AN ELECTION THEREFORE AND HIRING PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of DeSmet School District 38-2, Clark and Kingsbury Counties, South Dakota, as follows:

Declaration of necessity. it is hereby found, determined and declared that it is necessary and expedient for this school district to borrow money by issuing its general obligation school bonds in an amount not

exceeding \$9,000,000, issued in one or more series, payable from 1 and not to exceed 25 years from date of issuance, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rate or rates as may be determined by the school board, for the purpose of financing school facilities and improvements to school facilities including LIW Elementary Building Project and financing costs of issuance, if so approved by the voters.

Election. The question of authorizing the issuance of such bonds shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District at a bond election which is to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2022, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. The question shall be in substantially the following form:

SHALL THE DESMET SCHOOL DISTRICT 38-2, CLARK AND KINGSBURY COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$9,000,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES PROVIDED NO SERIES SHALL EXCEED THE DISTRICT'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT LIMIT, BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD, PAYABLE AND MATURING FROM 1 AND NOT TO EXCEED 25 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING SCHOOL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING LIW ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT AND FINANCING COSTS OF ISSUANCE?

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

1. Polling places and Judges. Polling places and judges and clerks for said election shall be selected according to South Dakota Law.
2. Voter Registration Deadline. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of voter registration and deadline therefore, as required by law. The deadline for voter registration shall not be less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election. The Business Manager shall give notice of the availability of registration officials and state when registration will be terminated and the effect of a failure to have registered. Such notice shall be published in official newspapers of the District at least once each week for (2) two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than (10) ten nor more than (15) fifteen days before the deadline for registration.
3. Notice of Election. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of school bond election, said notice to be published in the official newspaper for the District, once each week for two (2) successive weeks before said date of election. The second notice shall be published not less than four (4) days nor more than ten (10) days before the election.
4. Ballots. The Business Manager is authorized and directed to cause printed ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the form on file with the Business Manager and to publish with the second notice of election.
5. Canvass. Said election shall be held and conducted and the votes cast thereat shall be counted, certified and canvassed according to law, and this Board shall meet at the regular meeting room in DeSmet, South Dakota, in the District for the purpose of canvassing the results within six (6) days of the election.
6. Hiring of Professionals. Meierhenry Sargent LLP of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is hereby designated as bond counsel for this issue and D.A. Davidson & Co., hereby designated as Underwriter for this issue. The President and Business Manager are authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to carry out the intent of this paragraph.
7. Authorization of Officers. The Superintendent, School Board President and Business Manager are authorized to sign any acknowledgement, certificates or documents required by the Underwriter in connection with the Bonds.

Member Barb Asleson moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.  
Said motion was seconded by Member Jared Tolzin and upon vote being taken the following voted  
AYE: Shane Roth, Barb Asleson, Evan Buckmiller, Jared Tolzin and Donita Garry. All Voting "Aye"  
and the following voted NAY: None

whereupon said motion was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed and attested by the  
President and Business Manager.

Shane Roth, President

ATTEST:

Susan L. Purintun  
Business Manager

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )

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COUNTY OF KINGSBURY )

I, Susan Purintun, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Business Manager of De Smet School District 38-2, Clark and Kingsbury Counties, State of South Dakota, hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing Extract of Minutes with the original thereof on file and of record in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the School Board of said District duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such Minutes relate to the issuance of bonds by said School District.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of the District as such Business Manager this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager

**Engagement Contract with DA Davidson/Issuance of General Obligation Bonds:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the engagement contract with DA Davidson for issuance of General Obligation Bonds. 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. 6:49 PM

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

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