

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2**  
**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 April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the School Library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres Barb Asleson, Norm Koehlmoos, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, MS/HS Princ-AD Dan Bettin and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Tacy Boldt represented DTO. Amy Halverson attended by conference call for *Kingsbury Journal*.

**Public Participation:** None

**Agenda:** The board approved the presented and posted agenda with the deletion of item #9 as there was no ballot for ASBSD to be voted on. On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to approve the additions and changes, all voting "aye", motion carried.

**Delegations:** There were no delegations present.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** No conflicts of interest disclosures 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 March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the following financial report for the period of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the bills presented for payment; approval of Workman's Compensation Agreement; Approval of contract for AnneMarie Smith as K-12 Music, Cassi Johnson as business manager, Shane Stofferahn as technology coordinator; approval to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2023-24 School Year; approval of open enrollment student A, Student B for the 2023-24 school year.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 60,591.37; Interest 263.29; Admissions 50.00, Services to other LEA's 3900.00; Medicaid Indirect 505.41; Other Local 3187.00; County Apport. 853.31, State Aid 96,201.00

Disbursements – 41,430.99, Mar. Payroll 210,752.53

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,193,705.09

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 43,458.43:

Disbursements – 45,787.58

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,580,302.84

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 26,127.28; Medicaid InDirect Services 78.00 ,

Disbursements – 10,563.64 March Payroll 37,849.03

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 193,744.35

BOND REDEMPTION FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 6270.20

Disbursements – none

TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE: 385,366.98

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Revenue – Interest 8939.20

Disbursements – 151,769.29

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH BALANCE: 7,464,181.00

FOOD SERVICE – Revenue – Sales to Pupils 15,138.63, Adult Sales 16.00; Other Sales 451.54, Meals Paid by Dist 1284.00; Snack FFV 1352.57; DANR Grant 2595.92; Federal Reimb. 6288.88; interest 125.74; Supply Chain Assistance 18,064.72

Disbursements – 11,752.85,, March Payroll 8656.28

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – 15,734.71

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – none

Disbursements – None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4180.14

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Revenue – none

Disbursements – none

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: 31,714.14

TRUST AND AGENCY – Revenue – 73,724.24

Disbursements – 71,636.33

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - \$111,551.34

Bill Listing:

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** A-OX Welding Supply, Vo-Ag Supplies 382.48; Active Heating Inc., Locker Rm/Compress 3568.31; Adv.Fd. N.Muser Reimb Mixer 150, D. VanRegenmorter, Compressor Parts 252.56, Iroquois HS, Reg BB Fees 27.00; SASD, Conf Reg 100.00, W.Grub, Prof Dev 364.62, V.Dylla, GBB Scbd 212.50, L.DeRunes, JH OFF 20.00, T.Holland, JV Off 50.00, N.Luethmers, Shotclock 37.50, B.Timp, Wrest Scbd 30.00, M.Clark, JH Off/Trav.83.66, J.Gruenhagen, JH Off 50.00, AB&T, SDIAAA, Reg Fee 430.00; A. Poppenga, JH Scbd 120.00; C.Temme, JH clock/scbd 267.50, D.Sudenga, Scbd 57.50, E.Jennings, Wr Scbd 30.00, G.Gruenhagen, scbd/clock/off 45.00, D.Wilkinson, JH BB Book 12.50, T.Rowcliffe, JH BB Book 100, E.Sudenga, Scrbook 25, D.McCune, Scorebook 337.50, M.Luethmers, Off JH BB/Clock/Scbd 602.50, B.VanRegenmorter, JHBB Off/Clock/Book 182.50, C.Cavanaugh, JHBB off 120.00, T.Holland, JHBBB Off 285.00, W.Linke, JHBB off 380.00, C.Dolan, JHBB/Trav 237.32, J.Solberg, JHBB Off/Trav 133.36, D.Wilkinson JHBB Off 25.00, D.Bettin, Reimb Princ Travel 137.70, K.Vockrodt, Jan/Feb LP Trav 271.32, D.VanRegenmorter, Reimb Cust Supp/Repair Supp 510.49, D.VanRegenmorter, CDL Sch Bus Cert 1075.00, D.VanRegenmorter, Travel (SD Federal -Snow Blower)71.40, D.Vanderwal, Ag Supp/Trav 58.14 Total Gen Fd Adv Fd 8716.17; Auto-Owners Insur. Van Insurance 488.31, Builders Supply Comp, Lock system omeland Sec Grant 24,958.00; Cardio Partners, AED Supp; CASH-WA of Fargo, Testing Supp 367.33; Century Bus Prod, Copier Maint 828.41; City of De Smet, Bus Gar Utilities 44.89, Bldg Utilities 528.51, Prof Fees 30.00 Total 603.40; Clubhouse Hotel and Suites, AD Travel 304.24; Culligan, Utilities 50.00; Dakota Pottery, Art Supp 66.60, De Smet Flowers, Memorial 50.00; Decker Equipment, Cust Supp 331.16; Dust-Tex, Clean. Serv. 532.45; Eternal Sec Prod., Fob Supp 112.65; Fusion, Communications Feb/Mar 1189.13; G&R Controls Inc, Cust Supp 15.41, Hillyard, Cust Supp 769.95; Innovative Supp, Cust Supp 504.00; The Instrumentalist, Awards 158.00; Johnson Controls, Sprinkler Maint 1052.92; Jones School Supply, Awards 29.30; Jostens, Awards 42.20; Kingsbury Electric, Transp Comm 59.67; Kingsbury Journal, Journal Pages 400, Advertising 168, Notices 101.41 Minutes 383.96 Total 1053.37; Lang.Link, Services 7.41; Lifeline, AED Supp 296.72; Maynards, Cons Sc Supp 135.24, Cust Supp 96 Total 231.24; McLeod's Printing, Election Supp 50.27; NAPA Auto, Trans Supp 213.52; NESCS, Gen Serv 35.01; NW Public Serv Bus Gar Util 183.70, Bldg Utilities 5061.09 Total 5244.79; Office Peeps, Off Supp 19.15, Copier Supp 328.80 Total 347.80; OtterTail Power, Bus Gar Utilities 646.26, Track Utilities 131.27, Bldg Utilities 6661.46 Total 7438.99; Pitney Bowes Global, Postage Lease 146.10; Ramada Hotel, Princ Trav 354.00; Ramkota Inn, BBB St Trav 5479.60, Cheer St Travel 1643.88 Total 7123.48; Rich's Gas 'n Serv, Fuel 4066.20; RSchool, AD Sched 600; SASD, Reg Fee 300; Sheyenne Trans LLC, Bus Repairs 1386.15; AnneMarie Smith, Emp. Dev. 2000.00; Taylor Music, Inst Repair 118.00; Trustworthy Hardware, Cust Supp 238.64; Valley Fibercom, Ath Fd Comm 66.98; **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$76,722.56**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** Adv.Fd, C.Tangen, Reimb Library resource books 1780.59; Total CO Adv.Fd 1780.59; Billion Motors, Used Ford 2019 Transit Van 43,187.00; Ultra Inc/Conn Point, Tec. Equip/Ruckus 3514.60;

**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: 48,482.19**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES:** Fusion, SPED Communications 205.68; NESCS, Early Childhood 568.17, Psychologist 999.66, speech pathologist 1627.36, physical therapist 422.05, occupational therapist 739.03, CB tuition 5262.37 total NESCS 9618.64; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 9824.32**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES:** Co-Op Architecture, LIW Proj Arch Fees 4386.10; WS Construction Management LLC 193,140.24 **TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES 197,526.34**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES:** CASH-WA of Fargo, Supplies 504.20, Food 6282.71 Total 6786.91; CANS, Food 437.77; East-Side Jersey, Supply Chain Asst 1032.83; Maynards, Food 471.18, Performance Foodservice, Food 3798.91 **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 12,527.60**

**NESC Report:** Barb Asleson, NESC Representative, reported that the Coop is in the midst of negotiations and working on the preliminary budget for FY24.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report.

**Legislative Report:** Pres. Roth reported that he has been appointed to serve on the ASBSD policy and resolutions committee. They will meet in July and work through standing resolutions and policies that will be discussed at the Delegate Assembly in November.

**Buildings and Facilities Report:** Eframson Electric has been working to put in temporary power that will be used during the LIW project. The construction crews are patiently waiting for the frost to go out of the ground in order to go back into full construction mode. Mr. Van Regenmorter is working with City Officials for temporary parking solutions for construction workers. Demolition will start in the very near future of the Gerri Boadwine property as it is vacated on Weds., the 12<sup>th</sup>. Administration gave Ms. Boadwine additional time to remove belongings due to weather struggles.

**Principals Reports:** Parent-Teacher conferences were held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter MS Awards were handed out on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dental Screenings were held at the at the MS/HS on March 24. State Testing began for grades 6, 7, 8 and 11 on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Testing has been interrupted due to weather conditions and school delays/cancellations. The ACT test that was scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due weather predictions. Unfortunately, rescheduling was not an option due to conflicts with other events. There will be make-up tests in the coming weeks.

The student council organized a "Goof Olympic" that took place today after being postponed from April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team for achieving their 3<sup>rd</sup> in a row State Championship. Damon Wilkinson, Kayden Fast and George Jensen were awarded placement on the "All-Tournament Team".

Mr. Bettin reviewed his recent attendance at the SDIAAAA Conference March 27-30 in Pierre. All workshops were excellent covering sports culture and character-based athletics along with discussions on proposals for different sports offered in the state.

The Spring sports schedules have suffered many casualties with the inclement weather. The first track meet is now scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at Menno and golf in Chester on April 18<sup>th</sup>. It has been a struggle to find meets for the students to attend as many are already full with their initial scheduling. Hoping to run JH meet on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The track complex has many areas that still filled with ice, snow and mud, preventing practices and competitions for certain events.

Supt. Abi and AD Bettin will be meeting with Daktronics on April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss replacing the Video board in the Armory/Gym. The current board is no longer in production and repairs will be nearly impossible to find parts. Daktronic's sports marketing team will assist in a plan for advertising to cover the cost and maintenance. The new board will have the ability to not only run advertisements but will be able to show videos for graduation, sports graphics and interactive internet presentations.

Coaching positions open are both JH volleyball and assistant HS volleyball.

Supt. Abi noted that the spring music concert will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. An early dismissal will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> (prom night) with a staff in-service. The presenter that is scheduled will speak on technology artificial intelligence. An internal SPED review was conducted by the NESC. This is required to meet standards and regulations for the special education program. All was good with just a few minor tweaks.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have been testing in ELA and are now working through Math.

Community Scholarship donation letter requests have been sent out by counselor Kyler Julius. The interviews will be arranged in the near future.

**Teachers Report:** Tacy Boldt, representing the DTO, highlighted the following for each class:

Preschool: students have completed the whole alphabet along with letter sounds and identifying teen numbers. Ms. Edleman praised the parents for their great involvement with working with the children at home.

Kindergarten: Students have reached a milestone with their “leveled books” for reading skills. Whole family participation has been a great success. The kindergarten students are looking forward to reading to their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade book buddies on their next classroom visit.

First Grade: The book challenge of over 1200 books read has been met with the prize of a pizza party for achieving their goals! In Math, the 3D unit has been finished and a review of time and money is underway.

Second Grade: Students are proud to take home their math skills of “carry” and “borrow”. Many are surprised that their parents have also learned this important math function. Fridays have become special days as the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders enjoy reading interaction with their Kindergarten book buddies.

Third Grade: The ELA and Math State Testing have been completed with students doing a great job.

Learning fractions and about inventions that have shaped our daily lives has been a great alternative to the testing process.

Fourth and Fifth Grade: Students will be presenting the “Living Museum” at the Event Center on Weds, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3. The public is welcome to attend to see famous South Dakota people portrayed by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

All of the elementary students are practicing their music skills for the spring concert. The HS students will be visiting soon for a few hours of reading, math, games and social activities enjoyed by all of the students K-12.

**Health Insurance Contract FY2024:** The board reviewed the presented health insurance increases. The district received 0% increase. Overall rate increases within the pool ranged from rate reduction of -14% to increases of 8%. The district will continue to offer three deductibles of \$1000, \$1500 and \$2000 along with a health savings plan of \$4000. Coverage is through the Northern Plains Insurance Pool with Wellmark. There was a 4% increase to dental insurance -\$2.06 on the single plan, \$5.48 on the family plan. There was no increase to life insurance or vision plans. The NPIP also offers identity theft coverage and the employee wellness plan. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the district’s renewal in the Northern Plains Pool. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Negotiated Agreement:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve the presented 2023-2024 negotiated agreement. Pres. Roth thanked DTO representatives Lindsay Nolte and Tacy Boldt for calling in for the meeting with the inclement weather. He praised our staff and how thankful to them all for all their efforts, especially during a trying year of weather delays and cancellations. Certified staff each received \$3900 increase, approximately the 7% increase the legislature approved for State Aid. The district will continue to pay the single premium for the current health insurance benefit of \$1000 deductible. The Hiring Base was raised from \$44,000 to \$47,900. Also agreed upon by both parties are the following adjustments of liquidated damages: On or before June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1000; On or before July 1<sup>st</sup> - \$2,000; On or before August 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3000; After August 1<sup>st</sup> - \$5000. A severance incentive for any employee who is in or beyond \$1000 if they inform the administration in writing by February 1<sup>st</sup> that they will be retiring from the district at the end of that specific school term. Teacher’s must also receive pre-approval by administration for any classes or workshops to receive reimbursement. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**DAYCARE SHORTAGE DISCUSSION:** Supt. Abi reported that she had been notified by staff that the community would be losing one of the primary day care centers as it will be closing shortly after school closes for the year. With staff members and families being affected by the shortage, she has been researching and working with the community development to help find solutions for all involved, including the prospect of local business partnerships. These partnerships would include securing daycare spot(s) for the business employees. There are some grants available but limited for communities of our size and poverty levels that do not meet the grant requirements. School Districts that have entered into the day care business have had limited success with funding and generally operate in the negative. Supt. Abi explained the daycare would not be a for-profit project, only to

provide a service to the community. The district does not want to be in competition with the existing daycares but would hope to support one another. EMBE out of Sioux Falls has been contacted and they may be interested in utilizing the new facility that was built by the Development Corporation for this exact purpose. They would want to expand beyond day care to before and after school care if they were to consider this venture. Supt. Abi will keep the board informed as to the discussions with the EMBE officials.

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:** The board agreed to the proposal of gifting all staff members with South Dakota Beef Bucks along with meat and cheese platters for each building. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Executive Session:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to go into executive session at 6:21 PM pursuant Personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) All voting "aye", motion carried.  
Regular session resumed at 6:48 PM

**Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by E. Buckmiller to adjourn. (6:49 PM) All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth

Susan L. Purintun, Bus. Mgr.

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