

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 8th, 2023 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Jared Tolzin. Evan Buckmiller and Norm Koehlmoos. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, HS/MS Princ/AD Dan Bettin and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visitors were Brian Bindert, representing American Trust Insurance, Marlys Larsen representing the DTO, Amy Halverson (by conference call) for *Kingsbury Journal*, and the Van Regenmorter family.

Pres. Roth opened the meeting with congratulations on behalf of the District to Dr. Abi Van Regenmorter on her recent completion of her Doctorate in Education from the University of South Dakota. Congratulations were also offered by Marlys Larsen from the DTO. Pres. Roth noted that the District is honored to have such an accomplished individual leading our school district. Dr. Abi thanked everyone and expressed her gratitude to all for their patience and support in helping to achieve this goal.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA: The May 2023 agenda was adopted as presented, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of April 10th, 2023 the following financial report for the period of April 1st, 2023 through April 30th, 2023, the bills presented for payment; approval of appointment of Supt. Van Regenmorter as Federal Program Administrator, School Improvement Coordinator and the Homeless Liaison; approval of resignations of Linda Foley as mini-bus driver, Diane Schultz as paraprofessional, Jean Penney as elementary teacher; approval of signed certified contracts and classified staff; approval of Mike Gunnon as mini bus driver; approval of open enrollment students A, B.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 79,619.86; Pr.Yr Taxes 980.85; Pen&Int 168.72; Interest 467.12; Other Local Rev. 1452.29; County Apportionment 568.57; State Aid 82,460.00; Federal Reimb Food Serv 1546.58

Disbursements – 73,622.72; April Payroll 212,094.79

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,124,151.68

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 72,057.22, Pr.Yrs.Taxes 489.86, Pen&Int 95.70;

Disbursements – 4592.40

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,648,353.22

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 43,320.11; Pr. Yrs Taxes 248.30; Pen&Int 48.44; Other 160.00;

Disbursements – 9824.32 , April Payroll 41,638.96

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 186,057.92

BOND REDEMPTION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Taxes 10,396.85

Disbursements – None

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Revenue – Interest 16,501.58

Expenditures 197,526.34

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH BALANCE - \$7,283,156.24

FOOD SERVICE – Revenue – Interest 339.40; Sales to Pupils 5232.00; sales to adults 5.00; FVV 1655.17; Federal Reimb 8335.04;

Disbursements – 12,527.60, April Payroll 10,299.81

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – 8473.91

ENTERPRISE FUND – DRIVERS EDUCATION: Revenue – None

Disbursements – 308.42

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 3871.72

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Revenue – None

Disbursement: None

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: 31,714.14

TRUST AND AGENCY – Revenue – 65,174.61

Disbursements – 58,231.44

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 118,494.51

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: A-OX Welding Supply, Vo-ag Supplies 400.59; Adv.Fd., D.Bettin AD Trav/ Fees 178.42, M.Larsen Reimb Tuit 300, Menno HS, Track Fee 140, Howard HS, Track Fee 125, Kingsbury Journal, Subscrip 65, Beef Bucks Staff Apprec 1325, A.VanRegenmorter Supt Trav 357, Lake Central Conf. Dues 500, D.VanRegenmorter Trans Trav 102, S. Purintun, Reimb Title Fee 26.20, Trav SDASBO 56.10, Estelline Alumni track fee 165, R. Garry Reimb MS Text 97.68, C. Beck Reimb Coach Cert 35, S. Purintun Reimb Staff Supp 658.33, Howard HS Golf Fee 30, Dell St. Mary Golf Fee 75, Warbirds Track Meet Fees 100, Hamlin School Golf Fees 60, T. Casper Track Off 186.22, S.Valley Track Fee 125, S. Purintun Travel ASBO 153, D.Bettin Trav/Reg 119.49, L.Holt Reimb TLA Trav 256.07, S. Stofferahn Reimb TIE Conf 380.22, Total Adv. Fd. 5615.73; Avid Hawk, Prof Fee 90; Century Bus Prod, Copier Maint 798.50; Chromeparts.com, repairs/Maint 299.85, City of De Smet, Utilities Garage 55.83 Bldgs 583.21 Demo Permit 25 Total 664.04; Cooks Wastepaper, Utility 1723.74; Creative Printing Bus Off Supp 221.71, Community Guide Ad 799 Total 1020.71; Culligan, Utilities 50; Food Serv, Reimb Adult Meals Mar/Apr 3080; De Smet Welding, Bus Repair 251.14; Decker Equip, Cust Supp 341.99; Dust-Tex Serv, Clean Serv 366.14; Eldridge Pub, Royalties 135; Eternal Sec Prod, Repairs/Maint 207.30; G&R Controls Boiler Repairs 705; Horizon Health Care, Trans Prof Serv 230; Infinite Campus, Pin Pads 378; Jostens, Grad Supp 511.15, Awards 342.16 Total 853.31; KDM Equip, Repairs 738.53; Kingsbury Electric Coop, Trans Comm 59.51; Language Link, Prof Serv 5.99; Music in Motion, Music Supp 229.05; NAPA Auto, Vo-Ag Supp 169, Bus Supp 69.71; NESCS, Gen Serv 35.01; NW Pub Serv, Utilities Bus Gar 83.70, Bldgs 2441.60 Total 2525.30; Office Peeps, Copier Supp 493.20 Bus Off Supp 67.95 Total 561.15; Otter Tail Power, Utilities Bus Gar 343.35 (Mar/Apr) Track 138.44; Bldg 6400.59 Total 6882.38; Realtyworks, Cons Sc Supp 66; Rich's Gas 'n Serv, Fuel 4100.48; Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, Travel 193.50; SDHSAA, Add. State Medals 15.20; Trustworthy Hardware, Vo-Ag Supp 159.39; Ultra-ConnPoint, Maint/Digital 1740.00; Valleyfiber, Track 66.98; Warne's Appliance, Repair/Main 95; WW Tire, Tire Rep 75; **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 34,998.22**

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: Adv.Fd. C.Tangen, Resource Books 1077.80; **TOTAL CAPITAL FUND EXPENDITURES 1077.80**

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: Mitchell School Dist, Out of Dist Tuition 1035; NESCS, Early Childhood 568.17, Psychologist 999.66, Speech Path 1627.36, Phys Therapy 422.05, Occup Therapy 739.03, CB Tuition 3459.38, Behavior Analyst Fees 2592.08 Total NESCS 10,407.73; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 11,422.73**

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES: CO-OP Architecture 4386.10; WS Construction Management 408,717.74; **TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND 413,103.84**

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: CASH-WA of Fargo, Supplies 186.25, Food 5027.88 Total 5214.13; Child and Adult Nutrition Serv, Food 800.64; East Side Jersey Dairy, Chain Supply 1069.92; Maynards,

food 383.03; Performance Foodservice, Supplies 247.73, Food 5703.53 Total 5951.26; **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 13,418.98**
DRIVER EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: Adv.Fd, Abi VanRegenmorter Reimb Dr Ed Books 308.42
TOTAL DRIVER EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 474,349.99

All Voting "Aye", motion carried.

Annual Property and Liability Insurance Review: Brian Bindert reviewed the district's property and liability insurance coverage and rates. The overall premium increased 4% to \$61,295. A total increase of \$2339. The district's statement of values increased \$3,785,545 from last year. Values based on 100% replacement value. The low increase was due largely in part to the increase in the deductible from \$5000 to \$50,000 for Wind and Hail losses and from \$5000 to \$25,000 for all other covered causes of loss. Options were given to lower the deductible, but with the net cost of the annual premiums, the board elected to stay with the higher deductibles. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to approve the presented annual property, liability, and cyber insurance coverages. All voting "aye", motion carried. Pres. Roth thanked Mr. Bindert for the time he spent researching the best product for the school and for his excellent service.

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 FY24 along with the salary settlements and offerings for classified staff and administrators.

Education Enhancement Foundation: The annual meeting is set for May 17th, Wednesday at 7 PM in the HS conference room.

Facilities Committee: The facilities committee met on May 4th to discuss building improvements, proposed equipment, and construction progress. Quotes for a new video board are being negotiated with Daktronics as the current one is now outdated, and parts are not available when repairs are needed. A new mechanism for raising and lowering the basketball hoop also needs to be replaced for safety concerns. The LIW building addition is going strong and walls are going up. Committee members have heard positive comments on the construction and the workers.

Legislative Report: Pres. Roth reported that he had recently attended the ASBSD board retreat. The retreat is a time for the group to start planning for future legislative action and stands. Director Wade Pogany will be retiring effective this June. Dr. Doug Wermedal has been hired to fill the position. Pres. Roth also has applied for the executive committee. The final selection for that board will be made in August.

Principal's Reports: Princ. Bettin accompanied the seniors and eighth graders to Air Madness on April 20th. The field trip was a reward for their classes' large donations to the Food Pantry during a class competition held last winter. Prom was held on April 21st and deemed a great success besides the rain, sleet, snow, ice and wind.

The FCCLA and FFA both had tremendous end of year success with the FCCLA receiving the Merit Chapter Gold Award, two membership increase awards along with Top Honors Award for Region V receiving the highest average scores out of 12 schools. Willem Lim scored a perfect 100 in his event qualifying him for Nationals. membership at state increase award and Willem Lim receiving an individual award to attend Nationals. There were 5 Gold Superiors, 1 High Gold, 7 High Silvers and 1 Bronze. The FFA attended the National Land Judging competition in OK from April 30th – May 5th. They placed 10th out of 56 teams in the homesite division, which was the highest ranked of SD schools attending. In

the Land Division they placed 27th out of 93 teams. The team was also able to visit and take in historical and memorial sites in the areas that they were competing.

The D&D Math Contest was held in De Smet on May 5th. The contest consists of two parts: a test with 30 multiple choice questions and a tie breaker with 3 problems. There are seven divisions, and each school has four students in each. The top five are recognized at the conclusion of the competition.

State standardized testing is now completed for grades 6, 7, 8 and 11. Administration anticipates receiving results in the near future.

Staff In-Service was held on the afternoon of April 21st. Faculty were provided information on Artificial Intelligence and how it is and could potentially affect the education world. Chat GPT was demonstrated and how it can be used to assist staff instructionally.

Dr. Abi reported that in the elementary world, springtime is field trip time with many educational and fun learning opportunities. The 4th and 5th grade students will be doing the "Living Museum" on May 17th at the Event Center from 1-3 PM.

Graduation is this Saturday, May 13th at 2 pm. Practice will be on Friday at 8:17 PM with the LIW walk through of the seniors following.

The last day of school will be May 24th!

Athletic Director Report: Representative Reisch and Senator Crabtree presented a Legislative Commemoration recognizing the Boys Bulldog Basketball team as the 2021 and 2022 basketball state champions on April 26th. The commemoration for the 2023 championship will take place during the 2024 Legislative session.

Spring sports are going full on now that the weather is cooperating somewhat. De Smet hosted the JH track meet on May 1st with 9 schools in attendance. Mr. Bettin was very grateful for the experienced help of Tim Casper and Pat Wheeler who were very supportive and kept the meet in order. De Smet also hosted golf on May 4 for Varsity and JV. There were 7 teams competing.

Teachers Report: DTO representative Marlys Larsen handed out a report with a synopsis of all the activities going on from Preschool through High School.

Norm Koehlmoos commended Jeanne Penney for her 41 years of teaching in the De Smet School District. The Board added their appreciation and thanks for her many accomplishments. Mrs. Penney will be returning next year as a .35 FTE working with lower grades in reading instruction.

Preliminary Budget: Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun presented the preliminary budget for FY2024. The proposed budget will be published in July with a hearing scheduled during the month of July and adoption at the September 11th, 2023 regular meeting. The presented budget includes increases to certified and classified staff, insurance, supplies and the technology budget. This budget does include the 7% state aid increase along with estimated ESSER III Funding of \$196,069 to be utilized by September of 2024. The future enrollment for fall 2023 currently looks to increase to 322 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.

Furniture Selection/Coordination Services: Abi reviewed the 3 options from Co-Op Architecture for proposals for furniture services. The first two options would have 4-7% fees of the furniture cost for Co-op Architecture to select and bid. The third option has the District coordinating with the furniture vendors with minimal assistance from the architect firm but no fees. On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by B. Asleson to take option #3 per advice of Dr. Abi. All voting "aye", motion carried.

SDHSAA Amendments/Representative Voting:

Mr. Bettin reviewed each Amendment and gave the board a recommendation for voting:

Amendment #1, which concerns recruitment violations – vote “yes”. On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J. Tolzin, all voting “aye”, motion carried.

Amendment #2, concerns ejections of students and coaches– vote “yes”. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller, all voting “aye”, motion carried.

Large School Board of Education Member: Randy Hartman of Pierre is the only candidate. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos, all voting “aye”, motion carried.

Division III Representative -Secondary Principal. Candidates Drew Bunkers, Adam Shaw and Jeff Sheehan. Recommendation of Adam Shaw of Madison HS. On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by B. Asleson, all voting “aye”, motion carried.

Election Officials for June 20th Election: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the following individuals as election officials for the potential school board election on June 20th: Dianne Larson, Renae Aughenbaugh and Patrick Wheeler. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Executive Session: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to go into executive session at 6:36 PM on personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 7:30 PM

Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by E. Buckmiller to adjourn. All voting “aye”, motion carried. 7:31 PM

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

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