

**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 March 13th, 2023 in the high school conference room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Jared Tolzin, Norm Koehlmoos. Evan Buckmiller was absent. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ/AD Dan Bettin and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting by conference call, Amy Halverson of the *Kingsbury Journal* and DTO Representative Tricia Holland, Jennifer Hojer and tech coordinator Brendon Pitts.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA APPROVAL: The board reviewed and adopted the proposed agenda as presented. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin, all voting “aye”, motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

CONSENSUS AGENDA: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of February 13th, 2023 which included conflict of interest waiver; the financial report for the period of February 1st through February 28th, 2023; consideration and approval of all bills; set Driver Education rates at \$250 per student (no increase from FY22); approval of Dustin McCune as assistant golf coach @ \$1155; approval of Traci Schoenfelder as volunteer golf coach; Kyler Julius as assistant track coach at \$1155; accept resignation of Mike Luethmers as JH boys basketball coach;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 9902.75; Pr.Yr.Taxes 3005.45; Pen&Int 151.74; Interest 2663.21, Admissions 2691.00, Other Local Rev 213.00, Co Apport 1051.57; State Aid 96,201.00; State Apport. 18,130.51; Bank Franchise Tax 39,998.53; Federal Reimb 1726.18

Disbursements – 66,075.20 February Payroll 220,924.77

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,280,363.62

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 10,110.58, Pr.Yrs Taxes 339.99; Pen&Int 169.61;

Disbursements – 4396.43

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,582,632.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 6077.32, Pr. Yrs Taxes 1694.99; Pen&Int 84.80;

Disbursements – 10,024.59, February Payroll 46,934.51

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 215,951.74

BOND REDEMPTION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1457.39

Disbursements – none

TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – 379,096.78

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Revenue - Interest 8263.10

Disbursements – 76,363.96

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH BALANCE – 7,607,011.09

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – Sales to Students 4975.45; Sales to Adults 12.00; Meals paid by Dist 1855.25; Other Sales 491.60, Federal Reimburse. 8701.17;

Disbursements – 16,917.33, February Payroll 11,819.88

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -26,732.46

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – None

Disbursements – None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4180.14

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE – 31,714.14

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue – 67,825.60

Disbursements – 70,286.87

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 109,463.43

All voting “aye”, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: P.Bowes, Postage Maint 301.50; R.Hageman, GBB Off 90; W.Buck, GBB Off 90; B.Buck, GBB Off/Trav 115.50; J.Rasmussen, Dblhdr/Trav 161.72; G.Blue, Dblhdr 125; R.DeBoer, Dblhdr 160.70; W.Edleman, PreK Supp 77.31; A.Vanregenmorter, Travel 382.50; T.Schoenfelder, Reimb Supp 58.27; M.Clark, GBB Off/Trav 125.70; M.Ruth, Off GBB 90; G.Blue, Off GBB 90; T.Duffy, Off GBB 90; P.Entringer, Off BBB 90; K.Krull, Off BBB/Trav 175.68; L.Holt, TLA Trav 44.88; L.Holt, Reimb Curr 146; M. Reed, Inserv Prof Dev 1000; C.Henley, Inserv Prof 350; J. Hojer, Reimb Sch Books 91; J. Poppen, Reimb Title Texts 159.01; N. Berg, Reimb Drama Supp 14.71; SDSU Honor Band, Fee 60, D Dlub, Big East Wrest 125.44; Total Adv. Fd 4214.92; Avid Hawk, Prof Fee 45; Bio Corp, Science Supp 340.40; Century Bus, Copier Maint 1023.09; City of De Smet, Bus Gar Utilities 42.69, Bldg Utilities 653.99 Total 696.68; Cont.Press, Title Resource 536.09; Cook’s Waste, Utilities 1723.74; Culligan, Utilities 40; Music Boosters, Inservice Meal Reimb 2400; Food Service, Reimb Adult meals 1284; Dust-Tex, Serv 183.07; Elite Drain and Sewer, Sewer Repairs 421.50; Harlows Bus Sales, Trans Supp 210.34; Hillyard, Cust Supp 495.08, Innovative Office Soll Princ Off Awards 20.10; JW Pepper, Inst Music Supp 443.99; Johnson Controls, Sprinkler system serv 1466.16; Kingsbury Electric, Bus Radio Tower 59.92; Maynards, Science Supp 92.35, Cust Supp 3.98, MS Cons Sc Supp 91.01 Total Maynards 187.34; NAPA Auto Parts Trans supp/repairs 441.07; NESc, Gen Services 35.01; NW Pub Serv, Bus Gar Utilities 211.68, Bldg Utilities 5235.52 Total NW Pub Serv 5447.20; Office Peeps, Copier Supp 986.40; Otter Tail Power, Ath Fd Utilities 135.65, Bus Garage Utilities 175.81, Bldg Utilities 7368.01 Total Otter Tail Power 7679.47; Oxford University Press, Title Curr 330.95; Quality Inn, 1-Act Play Trav 768; Rich’s Gas ‘n Serv, Fuel 4779.63; Smith’s Lumber, Cust/Repairs-Maint 497.63, Vo-ag Supp 53.94 Total 551.57; Trustworthy Hardware, Cust Supp 52.04; ValleyFiber, Ath Fd Internet 66.98; **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: 36,929.74**

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: Adv Fd, C.Tangen, Library Res Books Refund 461.19, K.Buchholz, College Text, 72.95 Total Adv Fd 534.14; Innovative Office Solutions, Library Printer 369.99; SD Federal Property, Cust Equip-Used snow blower 450 **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: 1354.13**

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: Adv.Fd. R.Gigov, SPED Curr Reimb 87.56; Mitchell School, Out of Dist Tuition 945; NESc, Early Childhood 568.17, Psychologist 999.66, Speech Path 1627.36, Phys Therapy 422.05, Occup Therapy 739.03, CB Tuition 5262.37 Total NESc Coop 9618.64 **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: 10,651.20**

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES: CO-OP Architecture, Prof Fees 4386.10; WS Construction, Construction LIW Project #5 88,800.51 **TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES: 93,186.61**

FOOD SERVICE FUND: CASH-WA of Fargo, Food 4187.78; Child and Adult Nutrition, Food 580.64; East Side Jersey Dairy, Supply Chain Asst. 1061.73; Maynards, Food 275.64; Performance Food Serv, Food 5080.48, Supplies 460.58 Performance Food Total 5541.06; School Nutrition Assoc, Fees 106.00 **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENITURES: 11,752.85**

NESC REPORT: NESc Representative Barb Asleson reported on the Feb. meeting noting that it was business as usual.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION: No report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: The legislative session for 2023 ended on Thursday, March 9th. Pres. Roth noted that he felt everything that was unfriendly to schools was killed. There was special concern for bills that were pushing for vouchers for private schools but for this year, they were not passed. The 7% to school state aid was passed and met with approval by school districts to help with meeting salary requirements and inflation of operational overhead costs. Also approved was \$5 million funding grants for CTE programs.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES: Supt. Abi reported that a construction meeting will be held on March 22, with subcontractors in attendance and to do on site evaluations. The schedule for re-start will most likely be pushed back by a week or two due to snow and weather issues.

PRINCIPALS REPORTS: The FCCLA and FFA celebrated their “weeks” with fun activities for students and staff along with promoting their clubs. Students in grades 9-12 went to the LIW elementary school during “Bulldog Time” on March 3rd to spend time as high school buddies. The students read books together, worked on shoe tying, learning games and overall interactions to build positive relationships between the older and younger students. The day was very successful with all involved wanting to continue the program in the future.

The music department hosted an Afternoon of Arts on Feb. 28th. Lake Preston music department were guests and performed also. This activity gave musicians the opportunity to do a live audience before the next day’s Region music contest in Watertown. The groups performing judged entries all received superior ratings.

Princ/AD Bettin noted the following athletic successes and congratulations:

The Kingsbury Knights De Smet wrestlers competing at State in Rapid City were Tucker Anderson, Caleb Johnson, Connor Johnson, Dylan Zell, Gannon Gilligan and Cody Zell. Dylan Zell placed 4th at 145 lbs and Gannon Gilligan placed 5th at 126 lbs.

The boys basketball team has qualified for the State Class B Tournament that will be held in Aberdeen, March 16-18.

Supt. Abi thanked CTE instructor Shannon Palmlund’ s service-learning class for organizing a carnival for the elementary students to celebrate their success in positive behavior. The HS students did an excellent job conducting the games and interacting with the elementary students.

Pre-school and kindergarten screening was held with the possible enrollment of 25 preschool, 6 Jr. Kindergarten and 21 Kindergarteners.

Development Director Jamie Lancaster and Supt. Abi are meeting with day care providers following the school board meeting to discuss “Early Learners Community”. This would be a collaboration between the school district and day cares to help provide and broaden services for children not yet school age. The end of the third quarter will be next week, dependent upon school being held on Thursday with yet another bad storm in the forecast. The day could be an e-learning day or snow day. The State “B”s start on Thursday, but De Smet does not play until the second game in the evening session.

TEACHER’S REPORT: Jennifer Hojer and Tricia Holland gave the following highlights of classroom activities and curriculum work:

Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school and are now taking books home to read to their family.

First graders have been challenged to each read 30 books at home in a month to earn a class pizza party. They are also learning about currency.

Second grade is privileged to have Neva Clubb complete her service project by teaching students to be able to do ABCs, numbers and their names in sign language.

Third grade is studying/following the Iditarod race in Alaska. Along with that they are reading the novel “Stone Fox” which is about a young boy who competes in a dog sled race to keep the family farm. Third graders are also preparing for the Smarter Balance Test that will begin in a few weeks.

Fourth and Fifth grade students have started a March Madness Challenge in ELA. They earn points as teams by completing reading logs, daily work and making baskets in class. It has been a great way to enhance their interest in reading. They are also working and researching a famous South Dakota for their Wax Museum as part of SD History curriculum. In math class they are learning through small groups which through working with the teacher, partners and independently they are increasing their knowledge of math concepts and skills as well as technology components on their chromebooks.

All of the elementary grades thoroughly enjoyed having the high school students visit and interact with them along with the fun Carnival that Mrs. Palmlund’ s class organized.

Tricia Holland did a quick presentation on the “Get More Math” program to demonstrate how an instructor uses such software to work with students in the classroom and on e-learning days. She is able to see a student working through a program and where they may need help, in turn they can email her

and ask questions as they work on problems. Jenn Hojer also uses this program for her students and reiterated how it motivates students and works at different levels.

Pi Day celebrations are being planned in math classes. Speech class are working on Persuasive Speeches and the Government class will be attending the State Supreme Court sessions in Brookings that is being conducted on the SDSU campus.

The Middle School Social Studies students have been studying ancient Rome and conducted "Rome Day", where they acted and immersed themselves to be in character as a Roman might have with entertainment, family and engaging friends. The students had fun, learned by the involvement and reenactment.

A Chess Tournament is going on with a structure like March Madness involving 16 students.

The Vocational Ag program has been building shelving for a room in the armory that will become a technology work and storage area.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FOR FY2024: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the technology budget for FY2024. Brendon Pitts presented a breakdown of technology equipment, software, repairs and supplies for 2024. The total budget presented at \$109,116, approximately \$40,000 less than FY23. The lesser amount was the result of purchasing laptop computers in the current year, which will be supplemented at the end of the current year, for junior/senior students working through on dual credit courses. Chromebooks are not compatible for those types of classes due to the State's firewall software. Also, at this time there are no major upgrades in the security system cameras, helping to offset maintenance technology budget. All voting "aye", motion carried.

E-LEARNING REVIEW: Supt. Abi reported on the feedback that she has received from staff, students and parents on the e-learning experience. For the most part, the consensus has been positive with the need to tweak certain areas of the program. Board member Barb Asleson noted that while she is supportive, she also had parents visit with her with frustration when they have occupations that do not allow them to be home to help when students are not able to be independent, K-2 grades for example. Supt. Abi noted that in those instances parents are able to reach out for extensions and help. The same with students who must help on farms and with the snow removal process or do not have access to internet. With the unusual number of days that have been missed due to weather, the e-learning program will assist students in not having to attend school into the month of June to make up missed days/hours. Pres. Roth noted that he has learned through his position on the ASBSD board that while local control is evident now, that as more schools do this, the State will most likely step in to ensure students are getting their needs met. To have experience and be able to have input in the process to ensure success is likely to help with the process when it begins. Mrs. Abi handed out a survey conducted by staff members with percentages of participants for their classes, what worked well, what were the challenges and any other additional comments. Attendance figures for the 3 snow e-learning days were as follows: 2/15/23 – HS: 97%; MS: 91%; LIW: 98%; 2/22/23 – HS: 97%; MS: 97%; LIW: 99%; 2/23/23 – HS: 96%; MS: 97%; LIW: 99%.

TAX APPEALS REPRESENTATIVES: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to appoint Jared Tolzin as representative, with Shane Roth as an alternate in the appeals process of assessed property values at Township Board meetings and the De Smet City Council that will be conducted during the week of March 20th-24th. The other board members will be on call, if needed. All voting "aye", motion carried.

NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to appoint Shane Roth and Barb Asleson to represent the Board of Education for negotiations purposes. All voting "aye", motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J. Tolzin to go into executive session at 6:09 PM on personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular session resumed at 6:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. (6:36 PM)

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth

Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager

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