

THE 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 9, 2024 in the high school library. Those in attendance were President Shane Roth, Evan Buckmiller, Blake Hojer, Jared Tolzin, and Daniel Albrecht. Administrators present were Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter and Business Managers Cassi Johnson. Others in attendance included Robin Gigov and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

**Public Participation:** None

**Motion #2536 Agenda Approval:** On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by J.Tolzin, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

**Motion #2537 Consent Agenda:** On motion by B.Hojer, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of November 11, 2024.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of November 1 through November 30, 2024:

**GENERAL FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 479,131.52; Interest 406.31; Other Local 2371.47; County Apportionment 1074.90; State Aid 134,934; Title I Reimb 6943.00; FFVP Reimb 1742.76; Perkins Grant 2180.00

Disbursements – 317,325.91

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$1,038,142.22

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 397,825.22; Interest 3858.11; Contributions/Donations 15,300.00; Other Local 50.00

Disbursements – 423,559.24

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,524,466.09

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 240,595.03; Medicaid 127.76

Disbursements – 67,176.45

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$332,397.73

**BOND REDEMPTION FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 138,990.40

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$192,873.98

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:**

Revenue – Transfer In 353,826.00

Disbursements – 3986.68

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH BALANCE – \$0 [close fund]

**FOOD SERVICE FUND:**

Revenue – Interest 586.71; Sales to Students 12,966.40; Other Local 43.32; SNP Reimb 7993.84;  
USDA Supply Chain 1405.22  
Disbursements – 27,414.63  
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,395.33

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0  
Disbursements – 0  
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$2398.53

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – Contributions/Donations 1,175.00  
Disbursements – 0  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$57,139.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 36,356.31  
Disbursements – 21,377.07  
TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$130,518.15

c) Approval of bills for payment as presented:

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** A0X WELDING supplies 308.25; ACT district testing 1665.00; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 221.97; ASCEND consulting 750.00; BUSINESS RADIO LICENSING FCC license renewal 125.00; CENTURY BUSINESS copies 2814.61; CITY OF DE SMET water, dump fees, zoning app 1126.36; CR CORNER fuel 93.90; DE SMET FOOD Nov Staff Meals 1770.00; IMPREST November expenses 6239.87; DUST-TEXT SERVICE cleaning service 560.88; ED ASSIST support 750.00; GRAVES IT contract and support 1230.00; HAUFF basketballs 899.40; HILLYARD supplies 2592.93; INNOVATIVE supplies 44.53; INSPIRE dyslexia inservice 841.12; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC tower, disconnect electricity LIW 849.51; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/ads, renewal 1467.48; LANGUAGE LINK interpreter 61.68; LION ELECTRIC charger connect 216.00; MAYNARDS supplies 257.61; NESCS services 16.38; NORTHWEST PIPE supplies 280.90; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 2474.02; O'KEEFES supplies 589.43; OTTER-TAIL POWER electricity 5229.08; PFLEET fuel 2765.03; PERFORMANCE FOODS FFVP supplies 1255.33; PRAIRIE TOWN GIFTS memorial 77.94; LEROY ROTH stump removal/clean-up shelter belt 4700.00; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 212.00; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 187.92; TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES support 300.00; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 610.85;

**GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 826.07; AVID HAWK website 45.00; EBAY mop heads 63.71; GIMKIT subscription 59.88; LE CENTER FLORAL memorial 134.25; LIGHTSPEED TECH battery pack 57.00; LOWES asphalt patch supplies 639.80; MAC'S supplies 472.86; MAIN STOP fuel 69.14; NSU job fair registration 130.00; PIZZA RANCH DVC meeting 14.50; RUNNINGS heaters for LIW gym 299.97; TAYLOR MUSIC instrument 80.00; TPT worksheets 63.45; WALMART supplies 22.81  
**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$46,563.42**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** ACTIVE HEATING heat pump 14,686.76; CASTLEROCK sidewalk/curbing 26,250.00; JOHNSON CONTROLS heat in LIW gym 16,925.00

**CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO-** AMAZON library books 2233.16; DECKER EQUIP benches 2420.80  
**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$62,515.72**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES:** NESCS services 30,058.77;

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTO-PAY BILLS:** DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 49.60; BOOM LEARNING subscription 52.52

**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$30,160.89**

**BOND REDEMPTION EXPENDITURES: FIRST BANK AND TRUST interest & fees (Jan) 195,750.00**  
**TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENDITURES: \$195,750.00**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1425.64; MAYNARDS supplies 185.86; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 8150.46; PARENT reimbursement 2.80; PRAIRIE BLUSH ORCHARDS apples 188.02; SDDOE CANS processing fees 271.00; TRUSTWORTHY supplies 16.20; WARNE'S APPLICANCE repairs 179.99**

**FOOD SERVICE AUTO-PAY BILLS: PRAIRIE BLUSH ORCHARDS apples 188.02; WEBSTAIRANT STORE faucet 322.95**

**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$10,930.94**

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENDITURES: STUDENTS Class of 2024 Scholarship Payouts 20,660.00**  
**TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENDITURES: \$20,660.00**

- d) Approval of resignation from Dustin Olson, assistant boys basketball coach.
- e) Approval of the following coaching contracts: DJ Bettin assistant boys basketball \$3320.00 and Daniel Bettin junior high boys basketball \$2384.00.
- f) Approval of open enrollment applications A.

## **Reports**

**NESC:** The NESC business was reviewed.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report

**Legislative Report:** Delegate Assembly was held November 22. There are several new legislatures and a continued desire to provide the best educational opportunities for students. Roth will be attending SDRS meetings this week. Governor proposed 1.25% increase to education and \$4M towards voucher program. District representatives are planning to tour the school district at a later date.

**Buildings/Facilities Committee Report:** Superintendent Abi reported that the date for demolition of the LIW classroom wing has not been determined. The school submitted a request for the Clean Diesel Bus Grant. There will be a dedication for Marv McCune Court on December 13 during the doubleheader basketball game.

## **Administration Reports:**

Principal Bettin recognized Hazel Luethmers and Megan Dylla as DVC & LCC Volleyball All-Conference. Mirra Beck was named to DVC Honorable Mention. Grant Wilkinson and Slayten Wilkinson were recognized for DVC Football All-Conference. Both Gannon Gilligan and Ganon Henrich were named Honorable Mention. Sam Gigov and Sophia Gigov competed at State Oral Interp on December 5-7. They earned Superiors on both their solos and duet and received a team excellence award. The following students earned a Gold Award at Regional FCCLA and will compete at the state level in April – Hadley Starnes, Olivia Roth, Courtney Smith and Addy Gross. Financial Aid Night was postponed with a reschedule date to be determined. The message about Internet Safety was well received by parents on November 25. Upcoming events include: Dec 10-MS/HS Winter Concert; Dec 11-NHS Blood Drive; Dec 18-ASVAB Testing for Juniors; Dec 20-Dismissal at 1:30pm & Winter Sports Pictures; Dec 21 through Jan 1-No School/Winter Break; Dec 23 through 26-Winter Sports Moratorium; and Jan 2-School resumes.

Business Manager Johnson met with DJ Holt of the Kingsbury County Cattlemen's Association regarding the Farm to School program. There will be a Burger Feed on January 2 during the doubleheader basketball game

to raise funds to be used towards processing fees, and building a sustainable Farm to School program for the school district.

Superintendent Abi shared that elementary students are working on mid-year testing. The PTO Holiday Shop is open for students to shop for their families. Kindergarten started a gingerbread exchange with other schools across the country to help learn about other states, traditions, and cultures while also sharing information about our own.

Mrs. Gigov reported that nine students are participating in Voc Rehab this school year. The service prepares students for future employment and other post-graduation life skills.

**Presentation on SD District Report Card:** Superintendent Abi presented on De Smet's District Report Card for 2023-2024. Attendance rate is 94.57% (state average is 87%). Over 54% of students are in good attendance standing. The remaining 46% of students are in warning or chronic absenteeism standing. Annual state assessments for the subject of English Language Arts, and Mathematics are completed annually in grades 3-8 and 11. Science is completed annually in grades 5, 8, and 11. Students saw an increase in performance from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 in all three areas: ELA went from 52% to 54%, Mathematics went from 36% to 46%, and Science went from 41% to 46%. Elementary is above the state average in all three areas, and saw about 10% increase in all areas. Middle school saw gains in math (24% to 40%) and science (38% to 43%). High School is above the state average in ELA and Science. The district saw gains in college & career readiness from 62% in 2023 to 86% in 2024. In 2024, 84% of graduates went on to higher education. The district is committed to improvement and growth through implementation of a district-wide consistent math curriculum, providing science of reading professional development for staff, continue positive behavior intervention & supports, and completion of a comprehensive needs assessment. Discussion was held on class sizes and other factors that impact test scores.

**Motion #2538 Approve Polices:** On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve the following policies: DB – Budget; DBDA - General Fund Balance; DC - Taxing and Borrowing Authority/Limitations, DD – Federal and State Grants; DDA – Gifts and Donations to District; DE – Revenues from Tax Sources; DFA – Revenues from Investments; DGA – Authorized Signatures; DH – Bonded Employees and Officers; DI – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting; DIAB – E-Rate Records Retention; DIB – Types of Funds; DIBGA – Custodial Funds; DIC – Financial Reports and Statements; DID – Inventories; DIE – Audits; DJ – Purchasing Procedures; DJB – Petty Cash Accounts; DJBA – Incidental Accounts; DJC – Bidding Requirements; DJD – Local Purchasing; DJG – Vendor Relations; DLA – Payday Schedules; DLC – Expense Reimbursement; and DM – Cash in School Buildings.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025.

**Motion #2539 Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by D. Albrecht, to adjourn at 5:57 PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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