

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 February 12, 2024 in the high school library. Those in attendance were President Shane Roth, Evan Buckmiller, and Blake Hojer. Absent was Norm Koehlmoos and Jared Tolzin. Administrators present were Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter, Business Managers Cassi Johnson and Principal Daniel Bettin. Others present included Tacy Boldt and the *Kingsbury Journal* joined by phone. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Public Participation: None

Motion #2449 Agenda Approval: On motion B.Hojer, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the agenda with the following addition to the consent agenda: approval to request quotes for health insurance.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Tour of the New Elementary Building: The building is making great progress. The walls have been painted. The lockers have been installed and cabinets are being set. They are currently working on flooring, tile, and plumbing. The board also toured the music room to assess the condition of the band cabinets.

Motion #2450 Consent Agenda: On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the consent agenda.

- a) Approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 10, 2024.
- b) Approved the financial report for the period of January 1 through January 31, 2024.

GENERAL FUND-CHECKS

Revenue: Taxes 3929.00; Interest 526.58; Medicaid 418.81; Other 4390.80; County Apport 855.98; State Aid 119,790.00; Title IV Reimb 2787.00; Title II Reimb 6688.00; Title I Reimb 8329.00

Disbursements: 282,693.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE: \$1,059,094.49

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Revenue: Taxes 2619.05

Disbursements: 14,243.86

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE: \$2,481,699.78

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Revenue: Taxes 1574.59; Medicaid 228.96

Disbursements: 62,172.61

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE: \$223,434.91

BOND REDEMPTION FUND

Revenue: Taxes 377.88

Disbursements: 198,875.00

TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE: \$131,391.76

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Revenue: Interest 12,601.03

Disbursements: 514,107.42

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH BALANCE: \$2,338,442.95

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Revenue: Interest 759.83; Sales to Students/Adults 12,837.50; Other 468.40; FFVP Reimb 1220.70; SNP Reimb 5252.39;

Disbursements: 22,468.53

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE: \$-13,251.12

ENTERPRISE FUND

Revenue: 0

Disbursements: 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE: \$3,801.49

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Revenue: Donations 2360.00

Disbursements: 15,010.00

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$32,327.18

TRUST & CUSTODIAL FUND

Revenue: 18,385.72

Disbursements: 18,624.76

TOTAL TRUST & CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE: \$127,384.31

- c) Approve bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 132.90; ARROWWOOD RESORT hotel 166.00; ASBSD webinar 125.00; AUSTREIM LANDSCAPING irrigation service agreement 70.00; AVID HAWK LLC website services 45.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 1053.40; CITY OF DE SMET water & sewer 837.09; DIAL VIRTUAL online courses 650.00; CR CORNER LLC fuel 2050.77; CULLIGAN softner salt and rental 42.00; DE SMET FLOWERS AND GIFTS memorial 105.00; DE SMET SCHOOL adult meals 5449.10; IMPREST January expenses 4585.70; DE SMET WELDING mounting brackets & hitch 1371.79; ETERNAL SECURITY PRODUCTS LLC key fobs 143.45; FUSION CLOUD SERVICES phone 775.97; HILLYARD custodial supplies 2630.38; HORIZON HEALTH CARE DOT physical 230.00; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS supplies 31.47; INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER batteries 40.20; JOHNSON CONTROLS thermostat repairs 902.39; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP tower 59.64; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publishing minutes/ads/Bulldog Bark 452.74; KSB SCHOOL LAW job descriptions 550.00; MAYNARDS FOOD CENTER supplies 412.77; NAPA AUTO PARTS supplies 838.56; NESCO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING services 21.75; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 5848.02; O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT parts 123.86; OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY electricity 7373.71; PFLEET fuel 2348.94; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 60.00; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 118.20; TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 594.68; VALLEY FIBERCOM internet 66.98

GENERAL FUND AUTOPAY EXPENDITURES: AMAZON supplies 1028.69; BAYMONT SIOUX FALLS hotel for One Act 908.60; BRAINING CAMP license 95.00; COWBOY COUNTRY STORE fuel 161.43; CUBBYS meeting meal 23.72; DOLLAR GENERAL props 27.24; GOODWILL props 151.62; JW PEPPER sheet music 94.09; JOANNE FABRICS props 168.41; MAIN STOP fuel 15.13; MAIN STREET CAFÉ meeting meal 14.92; MCDONALDS meeting meals 27.92; MI PUEBLO meeting meals 16.69; MOIRA SMILEY sheet music 92.25; NSU job fair 100.00; NORTHERN TOOL EQUIPMENT supplies 91.31; PC PARTS PLUS computer parts 49.94; SILVER DOLLAR meeting meal 18.63; TARGET appreciation supplies 44.43; TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS worksheets 17.62; TRENZ props 32.93; US POSTAL SERVICE stamped envelopes 2867.10; WALMART props 145.29; WEEK JUNIOR subscription 63.67; WEST FORTY fuel 53.86

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES \$46,618.01

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES: CMC NEPTUNE subscription 1995.00; RENAISSANCE LEARNING subscription 307.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTOPAY EXPENDITURES: None

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES \$2302.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES: MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT tuition 720.00; NESCO COOPERATIVE Jan tuition & Feb services 14,240.82

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTOPAY EXPENDITURES: TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS worksheets 72.85

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES \$15,033.67

BOND REDEMPTION: None

TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION EXPENDITURES \$0

CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURES: COOP ARCHITECTURE fees 4364.19; WS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LIW construction 324,985.64

TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION EXPENDITURES \$329,349.83

FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES: CASH-WA food supplies 6836.18; IMPREST reimbursement 11.45; EASTSIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1301.32; MAYNARDS FOOD CENTER supplies 485.43; PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE food supplies 8060.33; SD DOE CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION processing fees 418.50

FOOD SERVICE AUTOPAY EXPENDITURES: AMAZON supplies 16.51

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES \$17,129.72

SCHOLARSHIP EXPENDITURES: 0

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP EXPENDITURES \$0

- d) Approved the resignation of Kathy Sanderson effective May 31, 2024, Sheila Schmidt effective May 31, 2024, and Regan May as assistant track coach effective February 9, 2024. The board thanks these ladies for their dedication and commitment to our students and the district.
- e) Approved the driver education rates at \$275.00 for in-district students and \$300.00 for out-of-district students.
- f) Approved Nicholas Carlson as assistant track coach for a stipend of \$1155.
- g) Approved furniture order with Innovative Office Solutions.
- h) Approved getting quotes for health insurance.

Reports

NESC: The NESCO business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No reports.

Legislative Report: Superintendent Abi shared the top three bills most closely being followed by the school are: HB1048B regarding target teacher salary, HB1201 regarding teacher apprenticeship and HB1238 regarding reimbursing schools for students on reduced meals. President Roth shared about his trip to Washington for the Equity Symposium.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: No report other than the tour.

Administration Reports:

Business Manager Johnson shared that the district is seeing a cost savings with fuel despite the slight increase in electricity costs for the electric bus; fuel cards have been working well and provide a savings to the district both at the pump and in time processing invoices; administration is meeting with Great Plains Energy Consortium to have energy costs evaluated; the transition to online timecards is going well; the Business Office will be doing an FLSA Audit with KSB Law on February 21; NPIP renewal meeting is March 13; ASBSD Workers Comp renewal meeting is March 21; and school board petitions can be taken out beginning April 9.

Principal Bettin shared teacher in-service on January 12 included Crisis Prevention & Intervention refresher training by Mrs. Gigov; 2nd quarter Middle School Awards were given January 17; Middle and High School students participated in Enhancement Activities during Bulldog Time from January 29 through February 9, including: sewing and tie blankets, corn hole, line tag, board and card games, wooden tool box, online scrapbooking, trivia, and stock market simulator; Dakotaland Bank donated money to fund the Enhancement Activities; One Act Play performed at state on February 2 and individual performance recognition was given to Sophia Gigov, Bella Ward, Sam Gigov and Willem Lim; a donation was made to Chief Deputy Ken Prorok's family following a collection at the basketball double header on February 6; De Smet will be classified as 9AA for football in fall 2024; softball coach interviews were held February 8 with contracts being offered to Anne Kaufman as Head Coach from Lake Preston School and Zach Wipf as Assistant Coach from Iroquois School; Head Track Coach position remains open; participated in various meetings/trainings throughout the month; upcoming events include: Feb 12-16 FCCLA Week, Feb 16 No School/Regional In-Service Day, Feb 18-23 FFA Week, Feb 19 School (make-up) Day, Feb 23 No School, Feb 26 Track practice begins, Mar 8 No School, Mar 11 Softball practice begins.

Principal Abi shared that De Smet will be hosting a Regional In-Service on February 16 with Iroquois, Lake Preston, and ORR Schools in attendance; make-up snow day will be Feb. 19; Kindergarten Screening is March 1; and progress is being made on writing a daycare grant.

Teacher Report: Tacy Boldt shared the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society has been visiting elementary classrooms in honor of Laura's birthday. Some of the activities included: butter making, making covered wagons, old fashioned trains, making plaster animal tracks, looking at animal pelts and learning about Braille. The 1st through 5th graders celebrated their 100th day of school a couple weeks ago. Kindergarten is performing a Valentine's Play on Feb 13. The 2nd graders are writing nonfiction and learning about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The 3rd graders are writing opinion pieces and will begin researching and writing biographies soon. The 4th graders will be visiting the State Capitol on Feb 29.

Motion #2451 Master Calendar for SY2025: On motion by B.Hojer, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the 2024-2025 Master Calendar.

Motion #2452 Historical Documents: On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the district providing historical documents to the South Dakota Archives for general public accessibility.

Student Snapshot Presentation: Superintendent Abi provided an overview of attendance and academics for the district. The district's attendance was at 95.86% during the 2022-2023 school year. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 complete annual state assessments in the areas of English language arts and mathematics. De Smet students scored a 52% in ELA (compared to 50% state average) and 36% in math (compared to 43% state average). Looking specifically at seniors, there was a 93% attendance rate (86% state average), 100% high school completion (91% state average), and 62% college & career readiness (54% state average). De Smet School had 80% of graduates go on to higher education (62% state average). The chart below show how the school scores compare with the district and state, by subject.

	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE
	<i>School / District / State</i>	<i>School / District / State</i>	<i>School / District / State</i>
ELEMENTARY	50% / 52% / 50%	49% / 36% / 43%	34% / 41% / 43%
MIDDLE SCHOOL	48% / 52% / 50%	24% / 36% / 43%	38% / 41% / 43%
HIGH SCHOOL	81% / 52% / 50%	38% / 36% / 43%	56% / 41% / 43%

The district is working on growing and improving by updating the math curriculum, providing science of reading professional development to teachers, offering Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS), and exploring the idea of offering kindergarten as a 5-day option.

Motion #2453 Executive Session: on motion by B.Hojer, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to go into executive session at 6:33PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).
Regular session resumed at 6:50PM.

Motion #2454 Administrative Contracts: on motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to offer administrative contracts to Daniel Bettin, Cassi Johnson, Shane Stofferahn, and Abi Van Regenmorter with salary to be determined.

The next regular scheduled board meeting is Monday, March 11 at 5:30PM in the Library.

Motion #2455 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by, E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to adjourn at 6:51PM.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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