

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 May 12, 2025 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, Principal/AD Daniel Bettin, and Business Managers Cassi Johnson. Others in attendance included Marlys Larsen, Brian Bindert, Austie Olson, Shannon Palmlund, Brittany Seifert, Cortney Smith, Addy Gross, Cami Gross, and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

**Public Participation:** Addy Gross and Cortney Smith presented their FCCLA presentation that qualified for Nationals in Orlando, FL in July.

**Motion #2564 Agenda Approval:** On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve the agenda after pulling out the following contracts from consent agenda: Monica Roth, Jennifer Hojer and Blake Hojer as separate agenda items.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

**Motion #2565 Consent Agenda:** On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of April 14, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of April 1 through April 30, 2025:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 187,998.84, Interest 346.52; Admissions 378.00; Medicaid 546.80; Other 2760.13; County Apportionment 1218.69; Revenue in Lieu 11,080.29; State Aid 127,194.00; Title IV 3200.00; Title I 14,097.00; FFVP Reimb 1486.29

Disbursements – 310,961.92

Adjustments – 275,982.11

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$574,626.17

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 117,907.68 Interest 2594.91

Disbursements – 96,000

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,415,358.81

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 70,948.72; Medicaid 234.33

Disbursements – 16,643.92

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$103,394.76

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem 51,379.26

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$81,209.50

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 604.51; Sales for Meals 13,138.86; Other 507.78; SNP Reimb 7713.55  
Disbursements – 15,786.30  
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-9474.25

ENTERPRISE FUND:

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

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – 5000.00  
Disbursements –  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$46,879.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 19,488.32  
Disbursements – 11,743.80  
Adjustments - -342,378.41  
TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$92,328.72

c) Approval of bills for payment as presented:

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** AOX WELDING supplies 382.08; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 9.96; AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE vehicle additions 565.47; BEEF BUCKS staff appreciation 1450.00; BUG GUY pest control 987.66; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 958.35; CITY OF DE SMET water and dump fees 1024.43; COOKS WASTEPAPER garbage 1900.50; DAKOTA TIMING timing services 1080.00; DESMET SCHOOL staff meals 1950.00; IMPREST reimburse April expenses 4044.12; DUST-TEXT cleaning services 585.28; ESTELLINE SCHOOL track meet 225.00; GRAINGER venter motor 364.90; HILLYARD supplies 1952.07; INNOVATIVE toner 111.70; JOHNSON CONTROLS maintenance on RTU 1225.53; KINGSBURY JOURNAL minutes/ads 469.10; LAKE CENTRAL CONFERENCE supplement SY25 and SY26 dues 850.00; MAYNARDS supplies 642.42; MRG HAUFF supplies 25.00; NESC services 16.38; O'KEEFE supplies 147.46; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 198.00; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 6794.33; PFLEET fuel 3774.86; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 1867.02; PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE 300.00; RAMKOTA RIVERSIDE hotel SDASBO 234.00; SASD dues, Supt Conference, Leadership Academy 3549.00; SCOTT'S AUTOBODY windshield repairs 62.52; TRUSTWORTHY supplies 141.30; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone 643.47;

**GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** ACE HARDWARE keys 7.98; AL'S OASIS meal 27.73; AMAZON supplies 198.31; ATHLETIC.NET site support & registrations 785.00; AVID HAWK website service 45.00; CASEYS fuel 62.09; COWBOY COUNTRY STORES fuel, supplies 191.61; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 36.21; DOUBLETREE TIE conference 434.45; ETSY staff gifts 181.22; JW PEPPER music 55.20; LEARNING AZ renewal 75.00; MAIN STOP fuel 31.98; ON CUE fuel 66.44; PITNEY BOWES postage 177.00; PIZZA RANCH meeting 14.50; RED ROSSA meal 43.34; TAYLOR MUSIC supplies 269.00; TPT worksheets 141.70; WARDS hospitality 18.63; LOVES fuel 55.22

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$41,449.52**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** ARS roof repairs 6280.00; CALIBER fill foundation & roofline 1377.55; O'KEEFES Hustler 60" Mower 12,000; SOFTWARE UNLIMITED annual fees 7250.00

**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$26,907.55**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES:** NESC services 11,857.48;

**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$11,857.48**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES:** EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1769.97; MAYNARDS supplies 319.53; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 9747.40;

**FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 45.98

**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$11,882.88**

- d) Appointed Superintendent Van Regenmorter as Federal Program Administrator, School Improvement Coordinator, and Homeless Liaison.
- e) Approved resignation from Lacey Holt, elementary teacher.
- f) Approved signed certified contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.
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- h) Approved signed administration contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.
- i) Approved signed extracurricular contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Motion #2566 Approve Contract:** On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by J.Tolzin, to approve Monica Roth's classified contract. Abstention: S.Roth

**Motion #2567 Approve Contract:** On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by J.Tolzin, to approve Jennifer Hojer's certified contract and Blake Hojer's extra duty contract. Abstention: B.Hojer

**Discussion on Property and Liability Insurance:** Brian Bindert presented the property and liability renewal rates. The school has added about \$3.8 million in property since the last renewal from EMC. The increase is around \$17,000. The board asked administration to collect additional quotes for consideration.

## **Reports**

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

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report. The next meeting is May 21 at 7pm.

**Buildings/Facilities Committee Report:** Superintendent Abi shared the district is meeting with Co-op Architecture on Wednesday to discuss a solution for the drainage issues and address HVAC issues. The district will meet with the City Council on Wednesday regarding permits for a couple projects, including a cement pad on the north side of the football field and a fenced in green space west of the drive-through space on the south side of LIW. The practice football field project is on hold until Century Link can bury their fiber.

**Legislative Report:** No report

**Teacher Report:** Mrs. Larsen shared that students are busy with field trips, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Wax Museum is May 14, STAR and Savvas testing is wrapping up, and Title teachers are working on a Title Intervention Project for next year.

**Business Manager Report:** Business Manager Johnson reported that four petitions were submitted for the two open school board positions. A school board election will be held on Tuesday, June 17 from 7:00am to 7:00pm in the Community Room. The candidates include: Daniel Albrecht, Darcie Lee, Austie Olson, and Nick Wilkinson. Voter Registration is due June 2.

**HS/MS Principal and Athletic Director Report:** Bettin reported AD Bettin the cheerleading try-outs were held April 21, resulting in nine students cheering for football and four students for basketball. Student Council organized Goof Olympics on April 23, which included competitions in the areas of tug-o-war, dodgeball, 3-on-3 basketball, and trivia. The MS/HS Spring Concert was April 24. There were 50 couples that participated in Prom's grand march on April 26. Addy Gross and Cortney Smith qualified for Nationals after competing at State FCCLA. National Land Judging team competed in Oklahoma. The De Smet Athletic

Banquet was held May 2, with Mirra Beck and Ganon Henrich being selected as Senior Athletes of the Year. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in an orientation day on May 6 to learn about the middle school. High School Awards were handed out on May 7. Middle School Awards will be handed out May 14. Graduation was held on Saturday, May 10 in the Armory. This year's class included twelve seniors, with Alyssa Asleson as Valedictorian and Sam Gigov as Salutatorian.

**Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report:** Superintendent Abi shared PreK graduation and 5<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. graduation is May 14. Test results are looking good, with scores currently averaging 10% above the State average. The last day of school is May 16, with students being dismissed at 1:30pm.

**Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget:** Business Manager Johnson presented a preliminary budget for the 2026 fiscal year. There are several moving parts in the budget that may influence numbers before the budget hearing in July. The General Education Fund is anticipated to see a 4% increase and the Special Education Fund a 1% increase, primarily due to increased salary and benefits. In April, the district approved a 5% increase to returning teachers. The starting teacher base salary will move from \$50,500 to \$52,000. The Capital Outlay Fund is anticipated to decrease by 7%, due to ESSER funding expiring. Some anticipated expenses include math curriculum for junior high and high school, Chromebooks, furniture for the library, new practice football field, and repairs to the LIW gym. The Bond Redemption Fund is scheduled to pay principal payments on the Bond through August 2047. The Food Service Fund is anticipating a 10% decrease. We have been training staff during the 2025 fiscal year so next year we can return to a regular staff schedule. There will also be a significant cost savings with food prices from our participation in the Dak 15 Shared Services program.

**Motion #2568 School Vehicle Usage:** On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve Fellowship of Christian Athletes, advised by Pastor Nate Bendorf and Kyler Julius, to utilize a school van for their mission trip to Benton Harbor, MI in July.

**Motion #2569 Early Graduation Requirements:** On motion by B.Hojer, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the Early Graduation requirements. Opposed: J.Tolzin

**Motion #2570 Capstone Requirement:** On motion by B.Hojer, seconded by J.Tolzin, to approve the Capstone Requirement.

**Motion #2571 Junior High Wednesday Practices Policy:** On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the Junior High Wednesday Practices Policy.

**Discussion on Cell Phone Policy:** Mr. Bettin shared that he continues to review cell phone policies from other districts, as well as explore ways to store student devices. A communication plan will also need to be developed to inform parents. A policy will be brought to the board at a future date.

**Motion #2572 SDHSAA Amendments and Election Ballots:** On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by D.Albrecht, to vote as follows: Bill Clanton (Harding County) for Small School Group Board of Education Representative; Tim Leibel (Hitchcock-Tulare) for East River At-Large Representative; Jordan Bauer (Rapid City Central High School) for Division I Representative; Chad Allison (Lennox High School) for Division III Representative; Yes on Amendment 1; Yes on Amendment 2; Yes on Amendment 3; Yes on Amendment 4; and Yes on Amendment 5.

**Motion #2573 Approve Policy IKFB Graduation Ceremony Decoration:** On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by J.Tolzin, to approve the Graduation Ceremony Decoration policy.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2025.

**Motion #2574 Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by B.Hojer, seconded by J.Tolzin, to adjourn at 6:49 PM.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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