

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 August 21st, 2025 in the high school library. Those in attendance were President Shane Roth, Evan Buckmiller, Blake Hojer, Daniel Albrecht, and Nick Wilkinson. Administrators present were Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter, Principal Dan Bettin and Business Managers Cassi Johnson. Visitors were Samone Grubb and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Motion #2614 Agenda Approval: On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the agenda with the addition of open enrollments H through L to consent agenda.

Public Participation: Mrs. Abi shared a Thank-You note from FCA for allowing the school to utilize two vans during their trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan in July.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: None

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report.

Legislative Report: No report.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Superintendent Abi shared that a facilities committee meeting will be scheduled for September. Austreim's will be on site next week to seed the practice field. There have been numerous HVAC issues addressed over the summer. Castlerock poured concrete sidewalks on the north and west side of the LIW gym. There are new sponsorship signs hung at the football field.

Administration Reports:

Business Manager Johnson shared that property insurance quotes will be reviewed in September, the mileage reimbursement rate will increase to \$0.70/mile, the Annual Report for FY2025 was submitted to the state and accepted.

Principal/AD Bettin shared that the newly implemented cell phone policy has been going well. Student registration ended on August 15. He attended the SASD Principal Workshop on August 6, followed by ASBSD-SASD Joint Convention on August 7 and 8. Staff In-Service was held August 14. Open House was August 18 with time designated for 6th grade orientation to familiarize students with the new building, and 9th grade orientation to prepare students for high school expectations. School started August 19. Fall sports teams have started practice. There are 9 cheerleaders, 26 football players in grades 9-12, 30 football players in grades 7-8 (JH co-op with Iroquois-Lake Preston), 16 cross country runners, 28 volleyball players in grades 9-12, and 15 volleyball players in grades 7-8. The wrestling program hired Andrew Olson as second assistant coach, with the contract being offered through the Arlington School District. The JH Boys Basketball position is open. Upcoming Dates: Aug 27-DVC Leadership at Dell Rapids St. Mary, Aug 29-No School, and Sept 1-No School.

Superintendent Abi shared the current enrollment is at 359 students. Her goals for the 2025-2026 school year include: 1) test scores above the state average (State ELA and Math completed by grades 3-8 and ACT by grade 11); 2) increase CTE partnerships, specifically by establishing an advisory board and hosting a Build Dakota Roadshow; 3) parent responsive by completing a family friendly walk-through and offering parent trainings.

Motion #2615 Consent Agenda: On motion E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of July 23, 2025, with the correction that Evan Buckmiller was absent.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of July 1st through July 31st;

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 3888.12, Interest 358.07; Medicaid 473.43; County Apportionment 791.08; State Aid 137,528.00

Disbursements – 99,016.89

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$701,568.43

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 3867.75; Interest 4190.62

Disbursements – 281,826.58

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,730,442.01

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 2327.51; Medicaid 166.20

Disbursements – 6543.33

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$304,037.56

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1685.40

Disbursements – 341,100.00

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-6743.01

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 590.60; Sales to Students 100.00

Disbursements – 5950.65

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-11,622.87

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3292.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements –

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$47,816.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 6667.50

Disbursements – 4234.56

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 72,253.42

- c) Approval of the bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: AOX WELDING supplies/lease 250.09; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 17.38; BROOKINGS ENGRAVING engraving 417.00; CEDAR SHORE hotel-Supt Conference 240.96; CENTURY BUSINESS copies 108.73; CITY OF DE SMET water, dispose branches 475.41; LANGUAGE LINK services 56.54; DE SMET FLOWERS memorial 178.42; IMPREST July expenses 1053.40; DE SMET WELDING wall cover 712.30; DUST-TEXT cleaning service 538.28; GRAVES IT SOLUTION support 250.00; HEIMAN FIRE semi-annual inspection/maintenance 531.00; HILLYARD supplies 3626.96; HORIZON HEALTHCARE DOT physical 238.00; IKSky commercial 100.00; INNOVATIVE tables 3967.28; JAYMAR checks 242.32; JOHNNY ON THE SPOT portable restroom 358.75; KDLT-TV commercial 240.00; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC new wire/repairs 3808.82; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/notices 346.14; KSFY commercial 80.00; LITERACY RESOURCES phonemic prof development 1700.00; MC-GRAW HILL textbook 226.53; MIDSTATE AGRONOMY supplies 246.50; HAUFF athletic supplies 2651.90; NESC services 161.68; O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT supplies 306.76; ODLT commercial 385.00; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 2419.53; OSFY commercial 30.00; RUNNINGS supplies 19.99; SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES subscriptions 3185.86; SHERWIN WILLIAMS athletic field paint 465.80; SHEYENNE TRANSPORT repairs 1198.44; STUDIES WEEKLY subscription 982.51; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 1215.58; TRAINING ROOM supplies 526.48; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 110.32; TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES support 48.00; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 733.43; WINNING VISIONS staff shirts 180.00

GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 5456.17; AUTO-OWNERS insurance 21,201.29; AVIDHAWK website services 45.00; BUILDERS SUPPLY COMPANY keys 18.59; COWBOY fuel 37.91; COX ALIGNMENT bus repairs 1651.38; DECKER EQUIPMENT supplies 179.25; FLINN SCIENCE supplies 90.63; HAMPTON INN MITCHELL hotel-CTE conference 465.30; JW PEPPER sheet music 537.89; LAKESHORE supplies 463.66; MAIN STOP fuel 52.74; NASCO supplies 1618.72; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 4649.03; PFLEET fuel 573.60; POPPLERS music 211.35; SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY supplies 811.02; SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY supplies 51.12; TAYLOR MUSIC supplies 249.98; TEACHER DIRECT supplies 457.42; TPT lessons, supplies 28.61; THEMES AND VARIATIONS subscription 200.00; ULINE trash cans/supplies 2060.92; VACUUM FACTORY belts 46.53; WEEK JUNIOR subscription 63.67

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$76,088.31

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS slicer set 129.21; DLD TECHNOLOGIES Deledao subscription 4774.00; FOLLETT host renewal/Titlepeek online 1375.68; HAUFF volleyball jerseys, goal post pads 2565.05; SCHOLASTIC book sets 206.81; SWIFTEL paging system for LIW 8204.10; TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES Rise Vision/Ruckus 2684.25; WALLEN CONSTRUCTION drive-thru off 4th street 60,786.85; WILLIAM H SADLER VW Achieve 2203.43

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON library books 1086.47; DECKER EQUIPMENT folding gates 1701.20

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$85,717.05

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: IMPREST July expense 2.96; NESC July & August services 12,594.14

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 474.25; PEARSON Q-Global scoring 81.30

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$13,152.65

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: CASTLEWOOD SCHOOL supplies 264.22; DIGI SMARTSENSE sensor 200.96

FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 72.39; WEBSTAURANT pans/lids 390.56

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$928.13

- d) Approval of the following signed employment agreements: Maria Castro Garcia, Custodian at \$22.00/hour; Nate Bendorf, Head Girls Wrestling Coach at \$6603; Tianna De Jong, JH Volleyball Coach at \$2248.
- e) Approval of Open Enrollment Students: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L.
- f) Approval of student health services contract with Horizon Health.
- g) Approval of Payton Noem as JH volleyball volunteer coach.

Motion #2616 Bid for Drainage Project: The following bids were received, opened and reviewed on August 19 at 2:00pm in the high school conference room: LL & Sons Excavating, Inc \$189,819.30; Austriem Excavating \$197,600.00; Menning Excavating, Inc \$360,000.00; Backaus Excavating \$334,000.00; and Spielman Excavating, LLC \$169,000.00. On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the bid from Spielman Excavating, LLC for \$169,000.

Motion #2617 Approve FY26 Budget: on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2026 budget.

DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT 38-2
RESOLUTION NO. FY26-1

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 after duly considering the proposed budget and its changes thereto, to be published in accordance with SDCL 13-11-2 hereby approves and adopts its proposed budget and changes, thereto, to be its Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The adopted Annual Budget totals are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 4,162,181
Capital Outlay Fund	\$ 1,352,000
Special Education Fund	\$ 785,260
Bond Redemption Fund	\$ 553,225
Food Service	\$ 275,000
Driver's Education Fund	\$ 9,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adopted annual budget levy request are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1.125 per \$1000 of Ag Valuation
	\$ 2.518 per \$1000 of Owner-Occupied
	\$ 5.211 per \$1000 for all others not classified as ag or owner-occupied
General Fund Opt-out	\$200,000
Capital Outlay Fund	Per SDCL 13-16-7.2, \$3869 per student enrollment of 343 in FY25
Special Education Fund	\$1.25 per \$1000 of total valuation
Bond Redemption Fund	\$553,225

Motion #2618 Pick up Points for Open Enrolled Students: on motion by N.Wilkinson, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve pick up open enrolled students at the gym in Bryant.

Discussion on Food Service Updates: Superintendent Abi, Business Manager Johnson and Food Service Director Samone Grubb provided an overview of some of the new meal changes, including: bagel bag entrée option, new hot entrée options-Teriyaki Potstickers and Hawaiian Chicken & Pineapple bowl, and added specialty items on the garden bar such as sliced onions and tomatoes for burgers or diced vegies for salads. Blake Hojer raised concerns regarding the removal of pickles from the menu. The decision to remove pickles is based on USDA guidance to align school meal standards with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans by the 2027-2028 school year, which includes a 15% reduction in lunch sodium and 10% reduction in breakfast sodium from their current limits. Sodium limits are based on an average over the course of a week, not by

individual meal. There are also limits on added sugars and continued requirements for whole grains. The school collaborates with Dakota 15 Shared Services group based out of the Brandon Valley School District to create menus that meet the USDA guidelines and prepare schools for upcoming changes to nutrition standards. Individuals interested in learning more about the food service program at De Smet School can visit the website at www.desmet.k12.sd.us/food-service.

Motion #2619 September Meeting: on motion by B.Hojer, seconded by N.Wilkinson, to move the start-time of the September 8, 2025 board meeting to 6:30pm in the library.

Motion #2620 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by N.Wilkinson, to adjourn at 6:45PM. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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