

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 6:30 PM on September 8, 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 Manager Cassi Johnson. Visitors were Brian Bindert from World Insurance Associates, Brittani Wilkinson, Lindsay Nolte, Hazel Luethmers, Megan Dylla, Audi Currier. The following joined via Microsoft Teams: Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal*, Roxanne Heezen from ASBSD, Ryan Doyle from Risk Program Administrators, and D'one Hanisch from Marsh McLennan Agency. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation: None

Motion #2621 Agenda Approval: On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the agenda with the addition to approve the addendum to the Horizon Healthcare contract, and move Senior Capstone presentations before reports.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: None

Presentations/Senior Capstone: The board received an update from seniors - Audi Currier, Megan Dylla, and Hazel Luethmers. The students have been exploring their personality types and learning about soft skills. They are also exploring careers based on their personal interests. The senior capstone class is a new requirement for De Smet High School Seniors, and is taught by Lindsay Nolte.

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report.

Legislative Report: ASBSD will be hosting Region Meetings this fall in preparation for the upcoming legislative session. Board members and administrators are invited to attend the meetings, and can register through the Business Office.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Superintendent Abi shared that the facilities committee met on September 3. The committee is evaluating current space challenges and anticipating future space needs. The drainage project began September 8 and will wrap-up by end of October. The school is considering updating the parking lot this fall, since some of it will be tore up by the drainage project. A maintenance shed will be built by Mr. Vander Wal's shop class this fall.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Nolte thanked the school board for allowing the Senior Capstone students to share their experiences. There will be a short student presentation each month. The Senior Capstone class will focus on exploring careers during first semester. The second semester will encourage students to apply what they have learned through a capstone project.

Administration Reports:

Business Manager Johnson shared the Annual Report for FY2025 was submitted to the state and accepted. The auditors from Schoenfish & Co. are on site beginning September 8 to review FY2024 and FY2025. Cassi will be attending SDASBO Fall Conference in Oacoma later this month.

Principal/AD Bettin shared that a sportsmanship code was developed during the recent DVC Leadership Meeting in Dell Rapids. Members of the De Smet Leadership Team are Rogan Albrecht, Jordan Botkin, RJ Cleveland, Megan Dylla, Charlotte Fields, Gradyen Henrich, Gemma Luethmers, and Bristol McCune. The following students have been selected to All-State Choir as a Quartet – Aaron Duran Arevalo, Sophia Gigov, Liam St. Sauver, and Addie Weerts. The JH Boys Basketball coach is open. Upcoming Dates: Sept 21 Coronation at 7pm; Sept 22-25 Homecoming Week; and Oct 13 No School/Native American Day.

Superintendent Abi shared that beginning of the year assessments are nearly complete. Elementary students are participating in WIN (What I Need) time to improve reading comprehension. The school will be participating in a Family Friendly Walk-Through on October 6. This service will consist of a survey, on-site visit, and follow-up report to ensure the school is creating a friendly and welcoming school environment for families and students. The ASBSD Governance 101 Training for School Board Members will be October 9.

Motion #2622 Consent Agenda: On motion B.Hojer, seconded by N.Wilkinson, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of August 21, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of August 1st through August 31st;

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 5763.44; Interest 358.07; Admissions 7211.00; Other 1096.30; County Apportionment 884.62; State Aid 137,528.00

Disbursements – 145,934.08

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$707,587.38

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 2696.96; Interest 3715.21; Surplus 50.00

Disbursements – 85,717.05

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,651,187.13

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1622.75; Medicaid 73.76

Disbursements – 20,197.79

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$285,536.28

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1175.21

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-5567.80

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 417.17; Sales to Students 15,005.35; Other 324.92

Disbursements – 3749.03

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$375.54

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3292.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – \$-1110.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$48,926.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 20,543.71

Disbursements – 4733.31

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$56,443.02

c) Approval of the bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 178.87; ASBSD WORK COMP SY2026 work comp 18,246.27; ASBSD Joint Convention Registration/hotel 848.51; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 1066.23; CITY OF DE SMET water 589.81; COOKS WASTEPAPER garbage 28.51; COX ALIGNMENT repairs 3598.06; IMPREST reimburse August expenses 9404.38; DUST-TEX cleaning services 585.28; EMC INSURANCE property insurance 7516.59; HILLYARD backpack vacuum and supplies 1591.16; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC add outlet in kitchen 702.64; HAUFF xcc medals 300.00; NESC general services 80.84; OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY electricity 6178.24; PFLEET fuel 1282.73; PIONEER MANUFACTURING football field paint 433.95; SCHOOL SPECIALITY supplies 232.98; SHERWIN-WILLIAMS football field paint 218.30; SHEYENNE TRANSPORT bus parts 2028.45; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 193.46; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 739.93
GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 1277.61; ASCA membership 129.00; COWBOY fuel 44.80; CUBBY'S DVC AD Meeting 20.66; DAKOTA POTTER SUPPLY supplies 297.00; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 10.35; EZ VACUUM motors 318.57; FIREPLACE subscription renewal 179.00; GENERATION GENIUS subscription renewal 499.00; GOPHER supplies 227.83; HAL LEONARD SALES sheet music 141.16; IMPACT baseline tests 550.00; JILL & MICHAEL GALLINA sheet music 22.95; KAHOOT subscription 49.89; LOWES boards for shelving 238.50; MAINSTOP fuel 222.60; MENARDS supply 16.96; NASCO supplies 6.46; NFHS LEARNING class 35.00; OTTER-TAIL electricity 381.42; POPPLERS sheet music 185.53; QUIZZZ subscription 216.00; RUNNINGS supplies 104.13; SD COUNSELING ASSOCIATION membership 110.00; SDASBO fall conference 100.00; SHEET MUSIC DIRECT sheet music 43.00; TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS worksheets 556.99; US POSTAL SERVICE postage 13.94; WALMART supplies 69.39; WE WILL WRITE subscription 60.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$62,369.17

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: ACCELERATE LEARNING physical science online 278.85; ACTIVE HEATING 4-hvac heat pumps 43,331.71; CASTLEROCK concrete sidewalk at LIW/dirt work/hang signs 17,000.00; DOLLAMUR wrestling mats 8902.00; LITERACY RESOURCES intervention bundle 3692.48

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON library books 81.15; COMP TIA licenses 932.43; UNIVERSITY OF OREGON license 800.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$75,018.62

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: ASBSD WORK COMP SY26 work comp 3249.87; NESC July & August services 6297.07

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 175.83; LAKESHORE room divider 516.70

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$10,239.47

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: ASBSD WORK COMP SY26 work comp 745.86; IMPREST reimburse August expenses 67.75; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1166.36; ED ASSIST services 273.26; MAYNARDS supplies 68.44; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 11,104.68; WARNE'S repairs 115.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 135.37; WALMART supplies 33.85; WEBSTAURANT gloves/colander/thermometers/countertop ranges/supplies 1556.08

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$15,266.65

- d) Approval of Open Enrollment Students: A.
- e) Approval of addendum to student health services contract with Horizon Health.

Motion #2623 ORR Reorganization/Dissolution Plan: on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the Resolution of Acceptance from Oldham-Ramona-Rutland School District 39-6 Reorganization/Dissolution Plan. The proposed plan would transfer 1.6% of ORR land and a 2020 Chevy Collins Mini Bus (14 passenger) to the De Smet District. An estimated 10 students may choose to attend the De Smet District beginning fall 2026. The next step is that ORR will submit the ORR Reorganization/Dissolution plan to the State of South Dakota for review. Upon approval, the State will set an election date where registered voters of the ORR School District will vote in favor or against the Reorganization/Dissolution of their district.

Motion #2624 Old Elementary Basketball Court/Play Equipment: on motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the removal of the old elementary basketball court and play equipment. Gruenhagen Court is now located at the new elementary playground, south of the school. It is unlocked and available for community members to use.

Motion #2625 Property Insurance: The board reviewed property insurance quotes from EMC, ASBPT, and Wright Specialties. On motion by B.Hojer, seconded by D.Albrecht, to keep property insurance through EMC for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion on JH Boys Basketball: Mr. Bettin shared anticipated student participation for the boys basketball program. Based on the anticipated count of 15 high school students and 13 junior high students participating, the board recommended that Mr. Bettin move forward with hiring a junior high boys basketball coach. The junior high will not practice with the JV/Varsity. Junior high may play two games, or one game with an extra quarter if the opposing team has enough players.

The board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, October 9 for board training. The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, October 13 at 5:30pm in the library.

Motion #2626 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by N.Wilkinson, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to adjourn at 7:50PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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