

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 in regular session pursuant to due notice at 5:30PM on October 13, 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. Others in attendance included: Lindsay Nolte, Breyton Johnson, Danny Sudenga, Anthony Escobar Salazar, Macailyn Pillar. The following joined via Microsoft Teams: Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal*, (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation: None

Motion #2630 Agenda Approval: On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove Executive Session for Contract Pricing, add Approve to purchase 508 4th Street SW pending inspection.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: None

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report.

Legislative Report: President Roth shared about his involvement with the Dakota Education Vision Alliance.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Dr. Abi reported the committee met on September 22. The drainage project is in progress, with an anticipated completion date of October 31. The board also discussed updating the high school parking lots. Upon review of some informal quotes, it was suggested that a valley gutter be installed along Sherwood Avenue so the board will coordinate with the City of De Smet before publishing a Notice for Bids. A quote was also received from COOP Architecture for design services which will be reviewed later in the agenda.

Teacher Report: None

Administration Reports:

Business Manager Johnson shared the policies for review this month are a result of recommendations from the auditors; informative topics were covered during SDASBO Fall Conference; she will be attending E-Rate webinars to learn more about the program; and the National Honor Society Fall Blood Drive is November 12 at the Event Center. The board requested the Business Manager to obtain information to present at the November meeting regarding board packet programs, electronic devices, and k12 email addresses to utilize for board business.

Principal/AD Bettin congratulated Homecoming King Blake Jennings and Queen Brooke Jennings. The royalty course included: Harper Anderson, Aubree Blue, Hazel Luethmers, Chase Temme, Grant Wilkinson, and Slayten Wilkinson. A Powderpuff Football game was added to this year's homecoming events. Mr. Julius

accompanied students interested in the medical field to Scrubs Camp on October 1. Student Council participated in their Regional Workshop on October 6. Mr. Julius accompanied juniors and seniors to a Career Fair on October 8. De Smet qualified for National Land Judging in Oklahoma again this year! The FFA team members are: Winchester Temme, Karlie Stofferahn, Carter Wilkinson, and Sam Crowe. The 4-H team members are Coy Van Regenmorter, Owen Anderson, Macailyn Pillar, and Brooklyn Coughlin. Mr. Bettin is looking at a weight training program through 4A Performance. Upcoming Events: Oct 17 – End of 1st Quarter, Oct 20 – MS/HS Pops Concert at 7pm, Oct 22 – Middle School Awards at 3pm, Oct 23 – Bulldog Buddies, Oct 27-31 Red Ribbon Week, Nov 3 – ACT Test for Juniors and Seniors, Nov 3 & 4 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30pm-7pm, Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day Program at 10am, and Nov 12 – NHS Blood Drive.

Superintendent Abi shared the official student count is 359 students for Count Day (last Friday of September). The district hosted a Family-Friendly Walk Through on October 6. There were ten parents and three staff members who worked with facilitators from the SD Engagement Center. The facilitators shared results from Monday, as well as staff and parent surveys during in-service on October 10. Dr. Abi attended Ed Rising Learning Expo at DSU on October 6 with nine students who are interested in becoming educators. The annual Personnel Record Form (PRF) is near completion. This report documents teacher certification and salary requirements. We are in line to meet the teacher compensation requirements. We have been notified that we met the annual fund balance requirement for FY2025.

Motion #2631 Consent Agenda: On motion N.Wilkinson, seconded by B.Hoyer, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting on September 8, 2025 and the special meeting on October 9, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for September 2025;

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1365.32; Interest 313.23; Admissions 5226.00; Activity Host Fee 1120.00; Medicaid 405.48; Other 542.00; County Apportionment 678.63; State Aid 137,528.00

Disbursements – 359,374.27

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$495,391.77

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 755.24; Interest 3133.55; Other 4232.07

Disbursements – 75,018.62

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,584,289.37

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 443.88; Medicaid 179.98

Disbursements – 67,772.85

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$218,387.29

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 235.80

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-5332.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 413.69; Sales to Students 8957.86; Other 60.00

Disbursements – 29,807.66

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-20,000.57

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3292.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – Donation 100.00

Disbursements – \$-

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$49,026.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 18,411.83

Disbursements – 49,882.00

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$87,913.19

c) Approval of the bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 3918.79; ARLINGTON CHIRO DOT physical 100.00; ASBSD WORK COMP SY2025 audit 3258.34; ASBSD workshop 20.00; BOBS PIANO tuning 350.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 1726.46; CITY OF DE SMET water 900.25; DIAL VIRTUAL online courses 650.00; DVC banners 152.50; DE SMET FOOD staff meals 2626.50; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse Sept expenses 7035.25; DUST-TEX cleaning services 585.28; EMC INSURANCE property insurance 52,585.91; HILLYARD supplies 1575.54; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC add outlet in gym 206.57; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/Bulldog Bark 433.38; LEARNING ALLY reading program 3098.00; MAYNARDS class supplies 143.93; HAUFF medals 562.50; NAPA supplies 98.00; NESC general services 80.84; NE TECH HIGH SCHOOL principal membership 60.00; O'KEEFES supplies 163.43; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 143.69; OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY electricity 6927.44; PFLEET fuel 2723.95; PALMLUND AUTO maintenance 85.94; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 2821.33; PLAINSMAN subscription renewal 185.38; SDAMLE membership 75.00; SD DEPT OF LABOR fees 27.45; SDSTA membership 50.00; SDMEA Freshman Festival fees 280.00; SHERWIN-WILLIAMS football field paint 218.30; SHEYENNE TRANSPORT bus parts 2034.81; TAYLOR MUSIC parts 15.50; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 99.10; TWO TREES TECH support 300.00; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 745.89; WILKINSON INS surety bond 252.50; WW TIRE SERVICE tires/repairs 418.40; WW TIRE WATERTOWN tires 2602.72

GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 2787.95; AVID HAWK website services 90.00; BROOKLYN PUBLISHERS oral interp scripts 29.50; CEDAR SHORE hotel 230.08; COOKS WASTEPAPER garbage service 2207.25; COWBOY fuel 27.08; COX ALIGNMENT bus repairs 3598.06; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 31.86; EZ VACUUM parts 106.18; FIREPLACE subscription renewal 179.00; GROWSPAN greenhouse panel 540.29; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC radio tower 60.07; LAZEL Raz-Plus renewal 248.00; LEXIA LEARNING subscription 183.75; LITERACY RESOURCES reading intervention 101.00; MAINSTOP fuel 40.19; MENARDS supplies 448.29; NORTHWEST ENERGY gas 215.05; CHROMEBOOK PARTS cables 25.75; PITNEY BOWES lease 177.00; POPPLERS sheet music 145.25; TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS worksheets 580.17; WALMART supplies 118.22

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$117,320.40

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: AUSTREIM LANDSCAPING irrigation/seeding 15,500.00; CHEERLEADING CO uniforms 2276.38; HAUFF gbb uniforms 4186.00; SPEILMAN EXCAVATING draining project 86,925.00; TWO TREES TECH e-rate supplies 17,484.79

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON library books 81.15; PICABOOK yearbook 59.95; RENAISSANCE Lalilo 265.50

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$126,712.61

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: ASBSD WORK COMP SY2025 audit 651.66; NESC Sept services/tuition 12,724.80

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 67.39; LEARNING AZ Raz-Plus renewal 248.00; PROFESSIONAL HEARING services 360.00

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$14,051.85

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: ARLINGTON SCHOOL reimb food 61.56; IMPREST reimburse Sept expenses 182.50; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1848.97; IROQUOIS SCHOOL reimb food 164.12; LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL reimb food 51.30; MAYNARDS supplies 355.93; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 15,872.10; RAMES commercial vent cleaning 1056.69; SD DOE processing fees 807.95

FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 26.91; WEBSTAURANT supplies 618.10

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$21,019.22

- d) Approval of resignations: Mike Luethmers-junior high girls basketball coach.
- e) Approval of contracts: Mike Luethmers-JH Boys Basketball Coach \$2384, Reyna Beck – JH Girls Basketball Coach \$2384.

Motion #2632 Executive Session: on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to go into executive session at 5:55PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular session resumed at 6:29PM.

Presentations/Senior Capstone: The following seniors shared their anticipated post-secondary plans: Breyton Johnson-Agriculture, Danny Sudenga-Automotive Technology, Anthony Escobar Salazar-Finance, and Macailyn Pillar-Nursing.

Motion #2633 ORR Reorganization/Dissolution Plan: on motion by B.Hoyer, seconded by N.Wilkinson, to approve the Resolution of Acceptance from Oldham-Ramona-Rutland School District 39-6 Reorganization/Dissolution Plan. The De Smet School District 38-2 supports the reorganization/dissolution plan of the Oldham-Ramona-Rutland School District 39-6 and accepts any and all land, other property, and funds assigned to the De Smet School District 38-2 as presented in the plan to reorganize/dissolve the Oldham-Ramona-Rutland School District 38-6 if the reorganization/dissolution plan is approved by the Oldham-Ramona-Rutland 39-6 voters. Should the vote pass, the plan would, in addition to other properties outlined in the plan, transfer the land described in the legal descriptions below, into the De Smet School District 38-2.

The next step is that ORR will re-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 #2634 Policies: on motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by B.Hoyer, to approve the following policies: DID-Inventories; GDBB-Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans; and DHA-Internal Control Policy and Procedures.

Building Tour: Dr. Abi led the board on a building tour of classroom spaces to discuss efficient use of space and room arrangements in response to a growing need. The board identified three tentative areas to renovate spaces for classrooms, including making the community room into two classrooms, converting the office

space east of the community room into one classroom, and having one or two classrooms where the stage is located.

Motion #2635 Hiring a Daytime Custodian: on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by B.Hoyer, to approve hiring a day-time custodian.

COOP Design Services Proposal: Dr. Abi presented the COOP Architectural and Engineering Design Services Proposal for an addition and renovation to the existing school district's facility. The cost of Phase I- Schematic Plan and Cost Options is \$35,000. Upon written approval to move forward, Phase II-Design Development and Construction Documents would cost 7% of the cost of construction minus the fee paid during Phase I. The board did not take any action on the proposal.

Motion #2636 ASBSD Delegate Assembly Representative: on motion by N.Wilkinson, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve Evan Buckmiller as the district's ASBSD Delegate Assembly Representative.

Motion #2637 Purchase Property: on motion by B.Hoyer, seconded by D.Albrecht, to purchase 508 4th Street SW at a cost of \$199,900 pending inspection. The legal description of the property is: all lot 11 & W25' of S99' lot 12 block 17 Brown's Add'n.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5:30pm in the library.

Motion #2638 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to adjourn at 8:01PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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