

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 January 13, 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 Daniel Bettin and Business Managers Cassi Johnson. Others in attendance included Shannon Palmlund and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Public Participation: None

Motion #2540 Agenda Approval: On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the agenda as presented.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Motion #2541 Consent Agenda: On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of December 9, 2024.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of December 1 through December 31, 2024:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 28,146.85; Interest 358.07; Admissions 2584.00; Other Local 652.70; County Apportionment 1153.55; Revenue in Lieu 1299.11; State Aid 134,935; FFVP Reimb 1606.17
Disbursements – 312,847.85
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$896,029.82

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 21,407.46; Interest 3962.16; Contributions/Donations 10,300.00; Revenue in Lieu 1673.37
Disbursements – 66,766.54
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,495,042.54

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 12,946.69; Medicaid 107.52; Revenue in Lieu 1030.78
Disbursements – 89,456.51
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$257,026.21

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 7473.65; Revenue in Lieu 557.39
Disbursements – 195,750.00
BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$5,155.02

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 934.55; Sales for Meals 13,443.45; Other Local 17.00; SNP Reimb 7618.71; USDA Supply Chain 1425.64
Disbursements – 27,019.27
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$1184.39

ENTERPRISE FUND:

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

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:
Revenue – 0
Disbursements – 20,660.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$36,479.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:
Revenues – 32,249.56
Disbursements – 26,891.45
TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$125,160.04

c) Approval of bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: A0X WELDING supplies & cylinder leases 2363.24; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 139.70; AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS Alarm Check, Digital Dialer 3126.82; CENTURY BUSINESS copies 819.97; CITY OF DE SMET water, permit 803.33; CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP custodial supplies 256.84; COOKS garbage 1900.50; DAKOTA ACADEMIC CONSULTING e-rate consulting 3200.00; DAVID DEJONG in-service keynote 500.00; DE SMET FOOD Dec Staff Meals 1435.00; IMPREST December expenses 2629.83; DE SMET SCHOOL internet safety & burger feed supplies 242.40; DE SMET WELDING snow plow & backing plate 700.00; DUST-TEXT SERVICE cleaning service 841.32; GRAVES IT set-up/config VLANS 1840.00; HORIZON HEALTHCARE DOT physical 232.00; JOHNSON CONTROLS repairs on rooftop units 7363.86; JOHNSON SAND AND GRAVEL hauling fees 2561.00; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/ad 695.18; LIFELINE AED for LIW 2293.75; MARKS PLUMBING supplies 31.76; MAYNARDS supplies 538.61; NAPA supplies 207.41; NESCS services 16.38; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 5398.14; O'KEEFES supplies 213.82; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 1467.08; OTTER-TAIL POWER electricity 7390.33; PFLEET fuel 3402.61; PERFORMANCE FOODS FFVP supplies 895.40; SOUTH DAKOTA MAGAZINE subscription 29.00; SUBSCRIPTION SERV OF AMERICA subscriptions 73.94; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 142.16; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 643.79; WATERTOWN FLOWERS memorial 124.25
GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 1143.92; AVID HAWK website 45.00; DESMET MERCANTILE hospitality 6.41; DECKER EQUIP clocks 303.16; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 26.02; ELDRIDGE one act scripts 401.65; PITNEY BOWES postage lease 177.00; POPPLERS show choir music 197.21; SUPER 8 oral interp hotels 566.28; SUPER TEACHER WORKSHEETS subscription 24.95; TPT worksheets 189.02; VEVOR heater 90.15; WEBSTRAUNT 60' mat roll 347.33
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$58,822.11

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: CITY OF DESMET lease 6375.00; I STATE TRUCK 2025 Thomas 161,350.00; IMAGINE LEARNING renewal 4950.00; LIGHTSPEED Redcat w/ Mic 2866.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO- AMAZON library books 86.98

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$175,627.98

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES: NESCS services 12,732.33;

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTO-PAY BILLS: DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 163.76; MAYNARDS supplies 13.34

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,909.43

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1125.94; MAYNARDS supplies 117.15; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 8305.44; PRAIRIE BLUSH ORCHARDS apples 196.35; SDDOE CANS processing fees 322.73; WARNE'S APPLICANCE repairs 100.00
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$10,167.61

- d) Set school board election date as June 17, 2025. There will be two open 3-year terms on the board, currently held by Daniel Albrecht and Jared Tolzin who are finishing up 1-year terms.
- e) Approval of open enrollment for student A.
- f) Approve resignation of Teresa Palmlund in food service effective end of the school year.
- g) Approve transferring \$17,243.13 from Payroll Clearing to General Fund then closing the account.
- h) Approve transferring \$16,033.00 from Future LIW Library to Capital Outlay Fund then closing the account.

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report

Legislative Report: President Roth reminded others of the ASBSD Bill Tracker, an online (asbsd.org/services/billtracker-2/) resource to track education-related bills for the 2025 SD Legislative Session. One of the hot topic issues in the legislature will be voucher schools. Dr. Abi reminded the board of the pipeline meeting on Jan 16 at 11:30am at the Event Center.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Dr. Abi reported that demo of the old LIW classroom wing will take place in the next week or two. The 2025 Thomas bus ordered last spring will arrive in the next couple of weeks. The District plans to purchase a mini bus with the recent Clean Diesel Grant award. The new elementary school is experiencing some exterior drainage issues that will be addressed this spring. Co-op Architect was on site to review a few ongoing items from the recent construction.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Palmlund reported that she has transitioned to Title teacher and will be working on STAR testing. Ms. Seifert was hired to fill the culinary position for the remainder of the school year.

Administration Reports:

Business Manager Johnson reported that Smart Sense thermometers have been installed in the kitchen and working well. The school collaborated with the Kingsbury County Cattlemen's Association to host a burger feed on January 2 for the Beef-to-School Program. The proceeds will cover processing fees this spring. Donations can be made throughout the year by contacting the business office. During the KCCA Banquet on January 11 the De Smet FFA Project (cattle panels) was auctioned off for \$3500, which earned the Beef-to-School program an additional \$250!

Principal Bettin recapped events from December. Financial Aid Night is rescheduled for January 15. The ASVAB was administered to juniors on December 18 with an average score of 46.4 (National Average is 50.0). The average ACT score earned for De Smet students this fall was 18.5 (the National Average is 19.4). The MS/HS math teachers are researching new curriculum. Upcoming events: Jan 15-MS Awards, Jan 16-Bulldog Buddies, Jan 17-Early Dismissal/Teacher In-Service, Jan 22-Regional One Act in Brookings, Jan 22-23 FFA Legislative Days in Pierre, Feb 10-14 FCCLA Week, Feb 14-No School/Teacher Regional Inservice.

Superintendent Abi attended an Educator Rising event at University of Sioux Falls with a couple De Smet high school students. Staff will attend dyslexia training on January 14. There will be an early dismissal on January 17 for teacher in-service at 1:30pm. January 20 will be a make-up day with school in session.

Practice on Weather-Related Early Dismissals: The board discussed holding practices/open gym on weather-related early dismissals. The board recommended that no practice or extra-curricular events are held when school is closed due to inclement weather.

Discussion on Audit Company for FY2025: Business Manager Johnson shared that the audit for FY2024 has yet to be scheduled. The district is still in compliance as SDCL 4-11-7.1 requires school districts to have an audit performed at least every two years. However, the board and administration feel it is important to have annual audits completed. The board reviewed quotes from Schoenfish and ELO for the FY2025 audit, but did not take action. Johnson will inquire about having Schoenfish doing a one-time two-year audit and then get back on track of doing annual audits in the fall.

Motion #2542 Executive Session: on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by J.Tolzin, to go into executive session at 6:01 PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular Session resumed at 6:28PM.

Motion #2543 Superintendent Contract: on motion by B.Hojer, seconded by D.Albrecht to re-issue a rolling contract to Dr. Abi Van Regenmorter as Superintendent.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025.

Motion #2544 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by J.Tolzin, to adjourn at 6:29PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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