

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 5:32PM on November 10, 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. Lexi Johnson was also in attendance. The following joined via Microsoft Teams: Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal*, (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation: None

Motion #2639 Agenda Approval: On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by N.Wilkinson, to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove Senior Capstone presentation.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: None

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report.

Legislative Report: President Roth reminded board members that Delegate Assembly is coming up on November 21 and Evan Buckmiller is our representative. Roth was recently appointed to the Open Meeting Task Force through the Attorney General's Office. Superintendent Abi shared that she attended the Executive Board of SDUSA meeting on November 5 and 6. The State revenue is lower than predicted, so chances are high that schools will get a zero percent increase this year. Information about Governor Rhoden's Homeowner Tax Relief Proposal was shared, which could provide replacement revenue. ASBSD is building their Legislative Action Network team to advocate for school and public education. All board members were interested in being part of the LAN team.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Superintendent Abi shared that school had an early release on November 10 due to a power outage, which was able to be resolved within a couple of hours. The drainage project is near completion, with the exception of some concrete and landscaping work.

Teacher Report: Lexi Johnson thanked the board for continuing to offer free meals to staff. She also commented that the bagel bags are nice alternative to the regular hot meal.

Administration Reports:

Business Manager Johnson shared the school closed on the property located at 508 4th Street SW on November 3. There is a request to transfer \$100,000 from the Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund to increase available cash until tax revenue is received, which is part of the budget that has already been approved.

Principal/AD Bettin shared the Bulldog Buddies program will meet once a month to build relationships between high school and elementary students. Red Ribbon Week was held October 27-31 to promote drug

prevention awareness through daily announcements. De Smet's FFA program sent six students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from October 28-31. The following placed at the FFA Jackrabbit International on November 6 – Parliamentary Procedure Team 3rd Place (Breyton Johnson, Macailyn Pillar, Chase Temme, Logan Nielsen, Sam Crowe, and Cutler Davis), Ag Sales Team 3rd Place (Breyton Johnson, Chase Temme, Logan Nielsen, and Gavin Temme), and Extemporaneous Speaking 1st Place (Chase Temme). Ms. Thielbar is proud to announce that four students were selected for Regional Chorus – Jackson Giedd, Emiline Lenz, Lenora Weerts, and Melanie Duran. The students will travel to Milwaukee, WI and perform February 25-March 1. Congratulations to the Cross Country State qualifiers – Jordan Botkin placed 75th and Owen Anderson placed 108th at the State Meet in Huron. The football team made the Class 9AA playoffs and were defeated by Elkton/Lake Benton. The volleyball team made Regions and were defeated by Wolsey-Wessington. Oral Interp will host a Regional meet on November 17 in De Smet. This is a reclassification year for schools in South Dakota to determine which class the school plays in sports. Placement information will be made in late November/early December. Appeals take place in January. Upcoming Events: Nov 10 thru 25 - Bulldog Enhancement Activities; Nov 11 - Veterans Day Program; Nov 12 – NHS Blood Drive; Nov 13 – SDSU Cadaver Lab; Nov 17 – Wrestling starts; Nov 24 – Girls Basketball starts; Nov 26 – Early Dismissal; Nov 27 thru 30 – Thanksgiving Break; Dec 1 – Boys Basketball starts.

Superintendent Abi shared that November 7 is the final day of first semester for elementary. There are 44 students with perfect attendance for the first trimester. De Smet will host a Family STEAM Night on November 17.

Motion #2640 Consent Agenda: On motion N.Wilkinson, seconded by D.Albrecht, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting on October 13, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for October 2025;

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 28,420.68; Interest 284.35; Admissions 3206.05; Activity Host Fee 320.00; Service to Other School 1650.00; Other 786.00; County Apportionment 1180.58; State Aid 138,658.00; FFVP Reimbursement 2001.90

Disbursements – 396,878.79

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$274,924.34

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 26,462.26; Interest 9143.10

Disbursements – 320,951.57

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,298,943.16

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 15,924.03; Medicaid 401.13

Disbursements – 73,233.39

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$161,479.06

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 11,531.28

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$6199.28

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 343.08; Beef to School Donations 1435.00; Sales to Students 17,242.04; Other 1037.54; Federal Reimbursement 12,269.53

Disbursements – 36,915.59

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-24,588.97

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 – 25,788.70

Disbursements – 58,584.51

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$120,709.00

c) Approval of the bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: AOX WELDING supplies 886.28; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 2655.86; ASBSD Governance workshop & webinar series 870.39; AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS annual fire system contract 840.00; BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES STEAM Night 1500.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 1246.11; CITY OF DE SMET water, disposal fees 1051.59; COOKS garbage 2150.23; CR MECHANICAL repairs 300.00; DE SMET FOOD staff meals 1998.20; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse Oct expenses 3988.36; DE SMET WELDING repairs 16.80; DUST-TEX cleaning services 585.28; G&R CONTROLS repairs 168.37; HILLYARD supplies 1594.10; INTERSTATE BATTERIES 58.20; IRENE WAKONDA region XCC 96.66; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC radio tower 59.79; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/ads/Bulldog Bark 639.93; MAYNARDS class supplies 354.84; HAUFF awards 642.50; NAPA supplies 50.91; NESC general services 80.84; NORTHWEST ENERGY gas 344.36; NSU digital textbooks 147.30; O'KEEFES supplies 203.76; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 1980.00; OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY electricity 5995.36; PFLEET fuel 4380.59; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 1984.32; LEROY ROTH cut/grind stumps 400.00; SD DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY scale maintenance 28.00; SDSU FOUNDATION donation-cadaver lab 100.00; SHEYENNE TRANSPORT bus repairs 217.83; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 140.45; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 748.29;

GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 3771.70; ATHLETIC.NET subscription 135.00; AUSTREIM LANDSCAPING seeding/sod 3870.00; AVID HAWK website services 45.00; COVERED WAGON CAFÉ hospitality supplies 92.52; EBAY bus heater 695.61; GRAINGER supplies 86.68; JW PEPPER band music 318.00; LOWES tools 241.48; MAIN STOP fuel 27.50; MAYNARDS supplies 148.67; POPPLERS 129.30; PRAIRIE VIEW VET supplies 23.83; RAMADA HOTEL all-state choir hotel 731.65; ELLI subscription 250.00; SDMEA music ed conference 103.00; SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY supplies 28.42; TPT worksheets 92.42

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$49,666.75

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: DE SMET IMPREST earnest money for property 2000.00; MICHAELS fence repairs/additions 14,600.00; MIDWEST GLASS door at LIW gym 8524.99; STEVEN UST home inspection 450.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON library books 19.56; RENAISSANCE Lalilo 265.50

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$25,860.05

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: NESC ESY services, Nov services, Oct tuition 33,026.56

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: \$33,026.56

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: IMPREST reimburse Oct expenses 86.28; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1672.75; HOJER RANCH animal for beef to school 1500.00; MAYNARDS supplies 247.38; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 13,240.99;

FOOD SERVICE AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 126.73; WEBSTRAUNT STORE supplies 455.68

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$17,329.81

- d) Approval of final bill to Brookings County Title Company for \$191,636.24 for the purchase of property located at 508 4th Street [per motion #2637].
- e) Approval of budget transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund.
- f) Approval of contracts: Jamie Hof, custodian \$22.00/hour

Motion #2641 Paperless Board Meeting Program on motion by S.Roth, seconded by E.Buckmiller to approve Sparqdata as the paperless board meeting program. The cost is \$2000 annually, with a \$500 one-time set-up fee.

Discussion – Food Service Review: Superintendent Abi shared some food service facts with the board. Through November 7, the school has served 10,908 lunches, 1677 bagel bags, 2088 breakfast. In FY2025 the school served 38,612 student lunch meals (62 % participation district-wide). In FY2024 the school served 37,518 student lunch meals (61% participation district-wide). Local beef is utilized in the following menu items: Cheeseburger Macaroni, Walking Tacos, Sloppy Joes, Nacho Grande and Chili. Time for students to eat lunch is as follows: elementary 20 minutes, middle school 28 minutes and high school 30 minutes. In FY2025 we received \$75,625 in federal reimbursement and \$20,075 for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program. The district could do a formal procurement for a food service management company if there is interest. A couple of options are Lunchtime Solutions and Taher Inc. The administration recommended creating a Task Force Committee to evaluate the program and consider options. Roth expressed his support for offering free lunches and free seconds to families. The board inquired about the ability to stay with the Dakota 15 Shared Food Service Contract for next year for procurement, though there is interest in exploring different menu options. Wilkinson shared that some neighboring districts may be interested in sharing a nutritionist. Buckmiller inquired about space limitations and equipment needs.

Appoint Food Service Task Force: The board appointed Nick Wilkinson and Dan Albrecht to the Food Service Task Force. The group will also include: two staff members, two students, Samone Grubb-Food Service Director, Abi Van Regenmorter-Superintendent, and Cassi Johnson-Business Manager. The group is requested to provide a report to the board in January.

Motion #2642 Free Seconds: on motion by B.Hojer, seconded by N.Wilkinson, to approve the school district paying for student and staff second entrees and extra milks with General Fund dollars.

Motion #2643 Policies: on motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the following policies: BD-School Board Meetings; BDC-Executive Sessions; BDDE-Parliamentary Procedure; CBA-Superintendent Job Description; GCPC-Retirement of Professional Staff Members; IIBFA-Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology; JFA-Student Due Process Rights; JFC-Student Conduct; JFCD-Bullying; JFCH-Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Students; GCDB-Criminal Background Checks; GCDBC-Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers & Employees of Contractors.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30pm in the library.

Motion #2644 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by B.Hoer, seconded by D.Albrecht, to adjourn at 6:29PM. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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