

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 February 10, 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 and Business Managers Cassi Johnson. Others in attendance included Emily Martian, Jamie Lancaster, and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Public Participation: None

Motion #2545 Agenda Approval: On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by B.Hojer, to approve the agenda as presented.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Motion #2546 Consent Agenda: On motion by D.Albrecht, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of January 13, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of January 1 through January 31, 2025:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1106.17, Interest 358.07; Admissions 5448.00; Medicaid 597.91; Other Local 17,448.13; County Apportionment 1810.68; State Aid 127,194.00; FFVP Reimb 1167.55

Disbursements – 310,964.93

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$740,195.40

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 597.77; Interest 3080.30; Other Local 16,033.00

Disbursements – 19,711.07

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,339,125.63

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 361.55; Medicaid 178.20;

Disbursements – 58,507.34

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$199,058.62

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 208.78

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$5363.80

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 913.96; Sales for Meals 15,938.00; Donations-Farm to School 2077.21; Reimb 6591.52; USDA Supply Chain 1125.94

Disbursements – 20,730.62

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$4731.62

ENTERPRISE FUND:

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

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:
Revenue – 2750.00
Disbursements – 0
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$39,229.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:
Revenues – 47,970.93
Disbursements – 19,647.55
TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$96,836.66

c) Approval of bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 445.57; BEST WESTERN XCC hotels 303.00; CENTURY BUSINESS copies 1033.67; CITY OF DE SMET water 981.01; DE SMET FOOD Jan Staff Meals 1990.00; IMPREST January expenses 4017.11; DUST-TEXT SERVICE cleaning service 560.88; HILLYARD supplies 1951.01; INNOVATIVE supplies 251.67; INTERSTATE BATTERIES supplies 27.00; JAYMAR BUSINESS checks 206.91; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC tower & timer 80.79; LANGUAGE LINK services 56.89; MAYNARDS supplies 200.05; NAPA supplies 406.60; NESC services 16.38; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 6784.41; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 597.84; OTTER-TAIL POWER electricity 7909.78; PFLEET fuel 4771.72; PERFORMANCE FOODS FFVP supplies 1475.37; REGION MUSIC CONTEST entry fees 230.00; STAN HOUSTON supplies 189.95; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 125.00; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 79.12; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 639.04;
GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 1342.51; AVID HAWK website 45.00; BIOCORP science supplies 77.27; LANGUAGE LINK services 61.68; COX ALIGN bus#4 repairs 1634.73; GOODWILL drama supplies 188.00; HOBBY LOBBY classroom supplies 224.26; JOANN FABRIC drama supplies 48.80; MENARDS supplies 6.63; POPPLERS music 101.92; PRAIRIE AG fuel 42.01; SDSU PERFORMING ARTS music in-service 30.75; TPT worksheets 196.59; WALMART drama supplies 330.98

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$39,661.90

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: HAUFF shorts 153.25; TWO TREES TECH Newline 75” 2074.00; AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE overpayment 10,011.55

CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO- ADOBE subscription 445.91; AMAZON library books 19.78

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,704.49

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTO-PAY BILLS:

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,732.33

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: IMPREST ServSafe class fees 330.00; EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1873.06; MAYNARDS supplies 187.59; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 8757.00; SNASD membership 55.00; CANS processing fees 271.00

FOOD SERVICE AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 43.97; COMFORT INN hotel for training 238.48

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$11,756.10

d) Approval of Superintendent contract for FY2026.

e) Approval of Amended Contract for Brittany Seifert, FACS teacher in the amount of \$25,250.

- f) Approval of one-time, two-year audit for FY2024 and FY2025 with Schoenfish & Co for \$24,000 to be completed October 2025.

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report

Legislative Report: President Roth provided an update that the voucher bills have been killed, but other related bills are popping up. There are some bills that put added constraints on school boards, including requiring school board candidates to list a political party affiliation, mandating school bond election date and school board election date. Superintendent Abi shared that the bill that required posting the Ten Commandments had been killed. There are a handful of property tax bills to watch. A full list of education-related bills from the 2025 Legislative session can be found online at asbsd.org/services/billtracker-2/.

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Superintendent Abi reported the 2025 Thomas school bus (63+ passenger with handicap accessibility) arrived on Monday. The school will attend the City Council meeting on February 12 to discuss a possible solution to drainage issues at the school. The old LIW Elementary classroom wing has been torn down, with dirt work to be completed this spring.

Teacher Report: Emily Martian reported that students celebrated the 100th day of school on January 28. Teachers are preparing to administer Smarter Balance tests.

Business Manager Report: Business Manager Johnson reported the district was approached by Haroldson Farms to supply locally grown produce next school year; Samone Grubb and Kay Martin completed their ServSafe certification in January; National Honor Society applications are due February 13; and School Board petition circulation begins April 8.

HS/MS Principal and Athletic Director Report: Principal Bettin's report recapped events from January. Teachers participated in Dyslexia Training on January 14. Middle School awards for Quarters 1 and 2 were distributed January 15. Bulldog Buddies was held as a time to engage high school students with elementary students. The District Emergency Plans were reviewed at the January 17 in-service. On February 5 the middle and high school students attended science presentations. Ms. Thielbar and Mrs. Vockrodt inducted thirty three students into the De Smet High School Chapter 9880 Tri-M organization, a national music honor society new to the district. One Act performed at the State competition on February 7, earning a Superior rating. Hamlin School expressed an interest in joining the Kingsbury Knights Softball team, but due to timing will not be considered until the 2026 season. De Smet High School is exploring the addition of a career-oriented capstone experience for seniors beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. Upcoming events: Feb 10-14 FCCLA Week; Feb 14 No School/Regional In-Service; Feb 17 No School; Feb 17-21 FFA Week; Feb 24 Senior Trip to the Capitol.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Superintendent Abi provided the board with a copy of the Regional Inservice Schedule for February 14. Kindergarten Screening will happen March 7.

Motion #2547 School Year Calendar for 2025-2026: On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Discussion on Bus Barn Property: Jamie Lancaster, Executive Director of the De Smet Development Corporation shared with the board that about four acres of Hanson property north of the bus barn has been purchased to become a housing development. Lancaster will be working with the city to get the Hanson property annexed into the city later this spring and asked if the school would like to do the same with the bus barn property.

Motion #2548 Executive Session: on motion by B.Hojer, seconded by J.Tolzin, to go into executive session at 5:55 PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular Session resumed at 6:23 PM.

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

Motion #2549 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by E.Buckmiller, to adjourn at 6:24 PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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