

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 March 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, Principal/AD Daniel Bettin, and Business Managers Cassi Johnson. Others in attendance included Lacey Holt and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

**Public Participation:** None

**Motion #2550 Agenda Approval:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Hojer, to approve the agenda with the following additions: approval of resignation from Ralene Coughlin and approval of surplus items.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

**Motion #2551 Consent Agenda:** On motion by D. Albrecht, seconded by J. Tolzin, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of February 10, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of February 1 through February 28, 2025:

**GENERAL FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 44,223.21, Interest 323.42; Admissions 3952.00; DDN to Other Schools 5100.00; Other (Rebates) 24,085.00; County Apportionment 1522.47; State Aid 127,194.00; Teacher-Mentor Program 216.92; State Apportionment 29,201.61; Bank Franchise 33,926.01; Title I 13,596.00; FFVP Reimb 1639.24

Disbursements – 310,769.87

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$714,405.41

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 41,888.86; Interest 2576.89; Title IV Reimbursement 2866.00

Disbursements – 12,704.49

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,373,752.89

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 25,218.48; Medicaid 97.88

Disbursements – 67,321.57

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$157,053.41

**BOND REDEMPTION FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem 16,666.00

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$22,029.80

**FOOD SERVICE FUND:**

Revenue – Interest 725.10; Sales for Meals 12,234.05; Other 20.00; Reimb 9239.29; USDA Supply Chain 329.75

Disbursements – 26,041.47

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$1238.34

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$2398.53

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – 2300.00

Disbursements – 0

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$41,529.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 9893.62

Disbursements – 11,714.72

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$98,360.76

c) Approval of bills for payment as presented:

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** A0X WELDING supplies 839.30; ACTIVE HEATING motor 1994.39; BROOKINGS INN One Act hotel 720.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 845.89; CITY OF DESMET water 864.43; COOKS garbage 1900.50; DESMET SCHOOL staff meals 1465.00; DESMET IMPREST February expenses 5398.14; DUST-TEXT cleaning service 560.87; HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP inspection 250.00; HILLYARD supplies 1711.76; INNOVATIVE supplies 103.91; JOHNSON CONTROL FIRE sprinkler inspection 1049.95; JOHNSON CONTROLS motor repair 1322.20; JOSTENS diplomas 111.75; KINGSBURY COUNTRY CLUB rental fee 1300.00; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC tower, repairs 351.49; MAYNARDS classroom supplies 694.13; NAPA supplies 564.10; NESC services 16.38; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 6369.60; O'KEEFE batteries 366.92; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 8117.78; PFLEET fuel 4007.67; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 1284.22; TRUSTWORTHY supplies 144.99; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone 645.10; WEEK JUNIOR subscription 63.67; WORLD INSURANCE property insurance 7262.00

**GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** ACE supplies 299.98; AMAZON supplies 432.89; ARBYS meal 10.28; AVID HAWK website service 45.00; BURKER KING meal 10.44; CUBBYS meal 22.74; DECKER EQUIP brackets 109.89; DRAMATIC PUBLISHING scripts 323.10; HARDEES meal 13.93; JW PEPPER 364.49; LOVE AND LOGIC parent resources 775.26; LOWES supplies 130.58; MILLSTONE meal 23.53; PUERTO VALLARTA meal 16.34; RUNNINGS 153.96; STAPLES supplies 31.65; TPT worksheets 55.61; WALMART supplies 148.56

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$53,791.69**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** LL & SONS demo/dump/trucking 87,899.29; RTI laptops 39,900

**CAPITAL OUTLAY AUTO-** AMAZON library books 36.37

**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$127,835.66**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES:** MAYNARDS supplies 12.77; NESC services 12,732.33;

**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,745.10**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES:** 605 MEATS processing fees 1243.40; EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1459.98; MAYNARDS supplies 126.17; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 7641.16; CANS processing fees 113.40

**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$10,584.11**

- d) Approval of resignation of Daniel Bettin-JH boys basketball coach.
- e) Approval of resignation of Ralene Coughlin-Cook, effective the end of the school year.
- f) Approval of 2001 IHC 58 passenger bus for surplus according to SDCL 6-13-1.
- g) Approval of north side (classrooms and offices) of old LIW elementary for surplus according to SDCL 6-13-1.

## **Reports**

**NESC:** The NESC business was reviewed.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report

**Legislative Report:** The week of March 10 is the last week of the legislative session. There are some property tax bills that schools continue to watch, as well as the vote on funding. President Roth has participated in National School Board Association webinars. He will attend the National Convention April 3-6 in Atlanta and participate in the ASBSD Board Retreat April 10-12.

**Buildings/Facilities Committee Report:** Superintendent Abi shared that the school will be attending the City Council meeting on March 12 to modify the drive-thru plans off 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The change would reduce the drive through lane on the west side of Hawkins' property to 30ft wide, leaving an area of about 50 ft x 100 ft directly south of the playground that will be fenced in to provide additional grass area for recess.

**Teacher Report:** Mrs. Holt shared that students participated in various activities for Read Across America Week on March 3-7. Students are preparing for state testing. There will be a job fair for students in middle and high school on March 31 from 1:30pm-3pm. Employers looking for temporary or permanent student employees should email lacey.holt@k12.sd.us by March 20 to reserve a table for the event.

**Business Manager Report:** Business Manager Johnson reported that Cody Hoyer of 605 Meats delivered beef that was donated by Brad Hunt, Dru Raitz and daughters. The processing fees for the animal were paid through donations received at the winter burger feed. Johnson is working to compile information for the fiscal year 2026 budget. School Board Petitions will be available beginning April 8 in the Business Office.

**HS/MS Principal and Athletic Director Report:** Principal Bettin reported that Mr. Haugen's Senior Government class visited the State Capitol on February 24. The Afternoon of Arts Concert on February 25 featured ensemble groups and show choirs from De Smet High School and Lake Preston High School. The Region 3 Solo/Ensemble Contest was held on February 26. The Woodwind, Brass and Percussion ensembles earned a Superior rating. Bella Ward earned an Excellent rating for her saxophone solo. The Show Choir earned an Excellent rating. Ms. Thielbar brought middle school students to the SDMEA Chorus Festival in Mitchell on March 3. Pre-registration for the 2025-2026 school year is in process for middle and high school students. The middle and high school math teachers are working to align their curriculum with the new elementary math curriculum. The Kingsbury County Knights placed 6<sup>th</sup> in State Team Duals. At the State Wrestling meet on February 27-March 1, Gannon Gilligan and Jaidynn Giedd each placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their weight classes. Other place winners included: Cody Zell – 7<sup>th</sup>, Kaleb Johnson-8<sup>th</sup>, and Breyton Johnson-8<sup>th</sup>. The girls basketball team wrapped up their season on March 6, following a loss to Harding County in the SoDak 16. The boys basketball team wrapped up their season on March 8, following a loss to Castlewood in the Region 2B Semi Finals. Track practice began on March 3. All-School Play practice begins the week of March 10. Upcoming events include: Mar 12 – MS Awards during Bulldog Time, Mar 14-No School for Spring Break, Mar 17-Parent/Teacher Conferences 11am-6pm, Mar 21-No School for Spring Break, Mar 24- FFA CDE in De Smet, Mar 25-NHS Induction Ceremony 6:30pm, Mar 26-DVC Student Leadership Conference in Lake Preston, Mar 29-LIW/MS Band Contest, Apr 2-Math Contest at Event Center, Apr 3-5 State FFA Convention in Brookings, and Apr 7-FFA Banquet.

**Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report:** Superintendent Abi shared that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes toured the State Capitol on March 6. There will be a Book Fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 17. Kindergarten screening was well attended, and we anticipate a kindergarten class of 24-26 students this fall. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in Starbase during their visit to the Air National Guard on April 4. There are interviews this week for the open elementary teacher position.

**Motion #2552 Representatives for Township Board:** On motion by D. Albrecht, seconded by B. Hojer, to appoint J. Tolzin as District representative, and S. Roth and B. Hojer as alternates for appeals process of assessed property values at Township Board meetings during the week of March 17-21, 2025.

**Motion #2553 Negotiations Committee:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Albrecht, to appoint E. Buckmiller and S. Roth as Board Representatives on the Negotiations Committee.

**Motion #2554 Executive Session:** on motion by B. Hojer, seconded by D. Albrecht, to go into executive session at 5:51 PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular Session resumed at 6:05 PM.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025.

**Motion #2555 Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Albrecht, seconded by B. Hojer, to adjourn at 6:06 PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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