

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 April 14, 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 Lindsey Jeffrey, Lindsay Nolte, and Amy from the *Kingsbury Journal* joined via Zoom. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

Public Participation: None

Motion #2556 Agenda Approval: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller, to approve the agenda with the following changes to Consent Agenda: addition to approve the resignation of JH Volleyball Coach, remove the approval of the District's Food Service Procurement Plan, and remove and create separate action item for Avera Pace/Prairie Farms Milk School Pricing.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Motion #2557 Consent Agenda: On motion by B. Hojer, seconded by D. Albrecht, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of March 10, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for the period of March 1 through March 31, 2025:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 17,569.22; Interest 358.07; Other 2,484.00; County Apportionment 1806.10; State Aid 127,194.00; FFVP Reimb 1461.72

Disbursements – 329,996.99

Adjustments – -275,982.11

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$259,299.42

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 17,900.66; Interest 2763.83; Other 5644.00; Clean Diesel Grant 40,337.50; ESSER III Reimbursement 78,293.00

Disbursements – 127,835.66

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,390,856.22

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 10,772.07; Medicaid 116.62

Disbursements – 65,111.96

Adjustments - -53,974.51

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$48,855.63

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue – Ad Valorem 7800.44

Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$29,830.24

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 489.40; Sales for Meals 10,477.35; SNP Reimb 7438.15

Disbursements – 22,874.10

Adjustments - -12,421.79

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$15,652.65

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$2398.53

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – 350.04

Disbursements – .04

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$41,879.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 21,220.04

Disbursements – 365,310.93

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$442,451.65

c) Approval of bills for payment as presented:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: AOX WELDING supplies 437.38; ARLINGTON SCHOOL wrestling co-op 2178.70; ARROWWOOD RESORT hotel-AD conference 359.16; AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE vehicle additions 619.43; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies/staples 1214.84; CITY OF DE SMET water 756.97; LANGUAGE LINK translating services 38.93; COWBOY COUNTRY fuel 214.57; COX ALIGN bus repairs 1668.59; DE SMET SCHOOL March staff meals 1590.00; IMPREST reimburse March expenses 4391.71; DUST-TEXT cleaning services 573.08; FOREMAN SALES supplies 350.83; HILLYARD supplies 34.94; HORIZON HEALTHCARE dot physical 238.00; INSTRUMENTALIST awards 168.00; INTERSTATE BATTERY batteries 326.99; JOSTENS diploma supplies 260.20; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC tower 59.93; KINGSBURY JOURNAL subscription, minutes/ads 724.79; LIFELINE AED machine 1688.00; MAYNARDS supplies 378.65; MRG HAUFF supplies 1170.85; NAPA supplies 334.70; NESC services 16.38; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 2008.67; O'KEEFE supplies 877.51; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 93.95; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 7205.62; PFLEET fuel 3506.15; PALMLUND AUTO maintenance 485.94; PC PARTS PLUS computer parts 669.60; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 1464.26; PITNEY BOWES lease 177.00; SDEOP registration 125.00; SDSTA membership 50.00; TESSMAN SEED supplies 411.19; TRUSTWORTHY supplies 84.54; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone 6393.39;

GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 494.17; AMBUSH bill CH 250.80; AVID HAWK website service 45.00; BRIDGES RESTAURANT meal 15.01; CHAT GPT bill CH 21.24; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 21.87; GRAINGER duct fan 792.37; EZ UP parts 36.00; JAMES WILBEE md pump 1262.19; JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY medals 129.25; NFHS LEARNING coaching class 50.00; POPPLERS sheet music 206.31; SDIAAA conference registration 208.00; SDASBO conference registration 100.00; SMOKING MUEL meal 21.17; STEVE WEISS MUSIC instrument 73.90; TPT worksheets 146.94; US POSTAL SERVICE pre-paid envelopes 1771.80; WALMART supplies 29.82; WORDWALL subscription 116.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$43,386.25

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: FOREMAN SALES Ford Collins Mini Bus 96,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$96,000

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 16.53; EDUCATION TO THE CORE subscription 99.00

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,847.86

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1956.37; MAYNARDS supplies 88.16; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 8926.32;

FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 68.60

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$11,039.45

- d) Approval of 2025-2026 elementary teacher contracts for Reyna Beck and Erin Feldhaus.
- e) Approval of resignation of Janice Poppen, EL Teacher effective May 31, 2025.
- f) Approval of Nate Bendorf as volunteer track coach.
- g) Approval of ASBPT Workers Comp Fund Renewal.

**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2
RESOLUTION NO. FY25-2**

BE IT HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED by the De Smet School District School Board of the De Smet School District 38-2, acting pursuant to SDCL ch. 1-24 and SDCL 13-10-3, 13-8-39, and the general authority of SDCL title 13, and hereby adopts, approves, and ratifies the ASB Workers' Compensation Trust Fund Participation Agreement as attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, effective as of the time of adoption of this Motion.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED AND RESOLVED that actions taken under prior versions of the ASB Protective Trust Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws and ASB Workers' Compensation Trust Fund Participation Agreement since the time and date the District initially joined said Trust are hereby ratified and approved to the same extent and effect as if each amendment thereto had been separately submitted and approved at the time of its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED AND RESOLVED that the Superintendent and Business Manager are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the District, the present ASB Workers' Compensation Fund Participation Agreement as it presently exists and may from time to time be amended and approved pursuant to the Bylaws herein adopted. Each succeeding Participation Agreement changing in any manner the benefits, contributions, or obligations arising under the Workers' Compensation Fund shall be submitted to the Board for approval prior to execution by the Superintendent and Business Manager.

IT IS FURTHER MOVED AND RESOLVED that coverage provided in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund Participation Agreement shall extend from 12:01 a.m. CST, July 1, 2025, to 12 midnight CST, June 30, 2026. The projected contribution required for such coverage as provided in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund Participation Agreement is \$22,242.00.

There is hereby delegated to the Superintendent the authority to carry out, or to further delegate subject to his supervision and responsibility, the obligations of the District identified in the Bylaws approved herein, the Participation Agreement, and the Master Contracts provided by the Trust Administrator. Finally, the Board hereby agrees to indemnify the Trust and its members, pursuant to the process established in the Bylaws approved herein, the full amount of any assessment levied by the Trust Board pursuant to the Bylaws and the full amount of any contribution agreed to in the current or subsequent Participation Agreements approved by the Board as submitted upon proper vouchers.

- h) Approval of 2007 Thomas bus for surplus according to SDCL 6-13-1.

- i) Approval of 2025-2026 SDHSAA Membership Resolution.

**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2
RESOLUTION NO. FY25-3**

By resolution, the School Board of De Smet School District 38-2 has authorized membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the high school under its jurisdiction as hereinafter listed: De Smet High School.

This is to be for the period which begins July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026 with the supervision, control, and regulation of any and all high school interscholastic activities being delegated to said Association.

In addition, the above-mentioned School Board has ratified the Constitution, By-Laws, and rules of the South Dakota High School Activities Association as of July 1, 2025 and agrees to conduct its activities programs within the framework of these instruments.

- j) Approval of resignation of Tricia Holland as JH Volleyball Coach.

Reports

NESC: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report

Legislative Report: No report

Buildings/Facilities Committee Report: Superintendent Abi shared that the district participated in the state-wide tornado drill on April 11. The concrete drive-thru on the south side of the elementary is anticipated to be completed in May. ARS sealed up the roof where the old elementary met with the gym. A line of trees was removed west of the old elementary for being past their useful life. This spring we will have some electrical and fiber cables buried before finishing dirt work. The school is collecting quotes for fencing and grass seeding. The football team plans to use an open lot this fall for practice.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Jeffrey reported that elementary teachers are busy with field trip planning. The Kindergarten classes will visit the Village to deliver Easter baskets and read with the residents.

Business Manager Report: Business Manager Johnson reported that school board petitions are now available in the Business Office until May 9, 2025. There are two, 3-year term positions open. During the March 24 De Smet CDE event, the Kingsbury County Cattlemen and FCCLA hosted a Burger Feed for the Beef-to-School Program, earning \$2030 for the program.

HS/MS Principal and Athletic Director Report: Principal Bettin reported De Smet High School hosted an area FFA CDE on March 24 with over 400 students in attendance. There were 8 students who attended a DVC Leadership training in Lake Preston on March 26. FFA Convention was held in Brookings April 3-5. The annual FFA Banquet was held on April 7. The following students received awards at the annual D&D Math Contest on March 29: Chase Temme 1st Place in Senior Math, Harper Anderson 3rd Place in Senior Math, and Nate Wilkinson 7th Place in Middle School Math. Mrs. Holt organized a Summer Job Fair for students in grades 8-12 on March 31. There were nine businesses that participated in the job fair. State testing began on April 2 for middle school students and April 8 for high school students. Bettin attended the SDIAAA Conference in Chamberlain from April 1-3. Congratulations to the following students: Grant Wilkinson - All Conference LCC & 1st Team DVC; Noah Luethmers - All Conference LCC & Honorable Mention DVC; Hazel Luethmers - All Conference LCC, 1st Team DVC, & 2nd team All State; Alyssa Asleson - All Conference LCC & 2nd Team DVC; Megan Dylla - 3rd Team DVC; Mirra Beck - Honorable Mention DVC. The All-School Play was held April 11 and

12. Upcoming Events: Apr 16-Juniors to LATC; Apr 17-DeSmet Varsity Track Meet; Apr 18-No School; Apr 21-School (make-up day); Apr 23-Goof Olympics; Apr 24-HS/MS Spring Concert; Apr 26-Prom; Apr 27-29-State FCCLA Conference; Apr 27-May 2-National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma; Apr 30- De Smet HS/MS Day of Caring; May 1-LCC MS Track Meet in De Smet; May 4-Athletic Banquet; May 5-De Smet MS Track Meet; May 6-De Smet MS Golf Meet; May 7-HS Awards during Bulldog Time; May 7-Baccalaureate at CMA Church; May 8-De Smet Varsity Golf Meet; May 10-Graduation at 2pm; May 14-MS Awards during Bulldog Time; May 16-Last Day of School, 1:30pm dismissal.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Superintendent Abi shared there will be a LIW Family Literacy Fun Night on May 8, dental screenings are April 22 and 23. There is a make-up day on April 21 for grades 1-12.

Discussion – Early Graduation Requirements: Mr. Bettin shared that a few students have expressed interest in graduating early. He provided the board with a draft policy based on policies from neighboring districts. A policy will be brought to the board in May for approval.

Discussion – Senior Capstone Requirement: Mr. Bettin shared information about a new Senior Capstone class that he is proposing to require for students beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Nolte provided an overview of the class objectives and goals, which include career exploration, career research and a capstone project. Mr. Bettin will bring a formal request to add the Senior Capstone class as a De Smet School District class requirement to the board in May for approval.

Discussion - Student Cell Phone Policy: Mr. Bettin shared that cell phone usage by students during the school day is causing a number of issues. The current cell phone policy allows students to utilize their cell phone and smartwatch devices during designated times of the school day. Mr. Bettin provided sample policies from neighboring districts regarding cell phone use. The board was not opposed to a cell phone ban policy for students. Mr. Bettin will do further research and present a policy to the board at a later date.

Discussion – Wednesday Practices for JH Athletes: Mr. Bettin shared a Parent Permission Form that is provided to student-athletes regarding junior high students practicing with C, JV, or Varsity teams on Wednesdays. The purpose of the form is to acknowledge the importance of balance between athletics and religious education, and that religious education will take priority over athletic practices.

Motion #2558 Avera PACE/Prairie Farms Milk School Pricing: On motion by B. Hojer, seconded by E. Buckmiller, to approve D15 Food Services Shared Services Agreement with Brandon Valley School District. The administration clarified that the school lunch program offers 1% white milk and chocolate fat-free milk to students, which is following federal regulations set by USDA.

Motion #2559 D15 Food Service Shared Services Agreement: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Albrecht, to approve D15 Food Services Shared Services Agreement with Brandon Valley School District. Business Manager Johnson shared that the cost to participate is \$5000 annually. D15 will submit an RFP this spring which will generate significant savings on food costs for the district. Our current involvement with Dak4 has seen a savings of over \$10,000 on food costs this school year. The other benefits of the program include: cycle menus, menu viewing software, menu nutrient analysis, special diet assistance, recipe development and analysis, registered dietician access, training strategies and opportunities, procurement assistance, buying group involvement, federal and state compliance, resource & information, and district wellness compliance.

Motion #2560 ASBPT (Health Insurance) Benefits Fund: On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by B. Hojer, to approve renewal of school-sponsored health insurance with ASBPT Benefits Fund.

BE IT HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED by the De Smet School District School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2, acting in pursuant to SDCL ch. 1-24 and SDCL 13-10-3, 13-8-39, and the general authority of SDCL title 13, and hereby adopts, approves, and ratifies the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement as attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, effective as of the time of adoption of this Motion.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED AND RESOLVED that the Protective Trust Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws are hereby adopted, and further that actions taken under the ASB Protective Trust Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws and the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement since the time and date the District initially joined said Trust are hereby ratified and approved to the same extent and effect as if each amendment thereto had been separately submitted and to the Board for approval prior to execution by the Superintendent and Business Manager.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED AND RESOLVED that the Superintendent and Business Manager are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the District, the present South Dakota School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement as it presently exists and may from time to time be amended and approved pursuant to the Bylaws herein adopted. Each succeeding Participation Agreement changing in any manner the benefits, contributions, or obligations arising under the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund shall be submitted to the Board for approval prior execution by the Superintendent and Business Manager.

IT IS FURTHER MOVED AND RESOLVED that coverage provided in the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement shall extend from 12:01 a.m. CST, July 1, 2025 to 12 midnight CST, June 30, 2026. The contribution required for such coverage is as set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A renewal letter and by this reference incorporated herein.

There is hereby delegated to the Superintendent the authority to carry out, or to further delegate subject to his supervision and responsibility, the obligations of the District identified in the Bylaws approved herein, the Participation Agreement, and the Master Contracts provided by the Trust Administrator. Finally, the Board hereby agrees to indemnify the Trust and its members, pursuant to the process established in the Bylaws approved herein, the full amount of any assessment levied by the Trust Fund Board, including termination contribution, pursuant to the Bylaws and the full amount of any contribution agreed to in the current or subsequent Participation Agreements approved by the Board as submitted upon proper vouchers.

Motion #2561 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement: On motion by E.Buckmiller, seconded by J.Tolzin, to approve the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement. The teacher base salary will move to \$52,000. Certified Teachers will receive a 5% increase and the school will continue to provide 100% coverage for single health, dental and vision insurance. The district is committed to offering a competitive wage for staff. Administration shared that the district is in a healthy position to offer an increase over the 1.25% approved by the State. The increase will also aid the district in meeting Teacher Compensation and Cash Balance Accountabilities set by SDCL.

Discussion – Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week: Superintendent Abi shared that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9, 2025. In appreciation of the incredible work and dedication shown by our staff, the board will be providing Beef Bucks as a token of gratitude.

Motion #2562 Executive Session: on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D.Albrecht, to go into executive session at 7:03PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular Session resumed at 7:35 PM.

Motion #2563 Issue Contracts: On motion by D. Albrecht, seconded by B. Hojer, to approve issuing contracts and agreements to certified staff, classified staff, administration, and coaches.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

Motion #2563 Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J.Tolzin, to adjourn at 7:36 PM.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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