

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 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 19, 2026 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, Business Manager Cassi Johnson, and Principal Daniel Bettin. Others in attendance included: Harper Anderson, Neva Clubb, Isaiah Roth, Lindsay Nolte, Lindsay Jeffrey, and Brian Bindert. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**MOTION #2660 AGENDA APPROVAL:** on motion by Evan Buckmiller, seconded by Daniel Albrecht, with the removal of the FSMC RFP approval from the agenda.

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:** None

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH:** Superintendent Abi recognized the School Board for their dedicated leadership in public education and for improving achievement for all public school students. The board was also treated with snacks prepared by Mrs. Hughes' culinary class.

**MOTION # 2661 CONSENT AGENDA** on motion by Blake Hojer, seconded by Daniel Albrecht, to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approval and/or corrections of minutes of previous meeting on January 12, 2026.
- B. Approval and/or corrections to the financial report

**GENERAL FUND:**

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 3492.19, Interest 231.69; Admissions 5169.00; Medicaid 467.20; Other Local 98.00; County Apportionment 1203.83; State Aid 137,528.00, FFVP Reimbursement 1822.92

Disbursements - 360,411.20

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE: \$371,389.05

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:**

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 2290.27; Interest 1918.56

Disbursements - 281,826.58

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE: \$2,730,442.01

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:**

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 1378.16; Medicaid 379.07

Disbursements - 58,293.96

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE: \$222,418.63

**BOND REDEMPTION FUND:**

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 997.98

Disbursements - 191,125.00  
TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE: \$21,974.82

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue - Interest 221.50; Sales to Students 7852.70; District Paid Meals 3760.85; Other Local 73.74; SNP Reimbursement 6216.17

Disbursements - 21,763.45  
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE: \$-47,372.10

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue - 0

Disbursements - 0  
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE: \$3292.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue - Donations 400.00

Disbursements - 92.40  
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$35,784.42

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues -10,683.47

Disbursements - 16,783.76  
TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE: \$86,118.41

C. **Consideration and approval of all bills**

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 54.32; CENTURY BUSINESS copies 858.33; BROOKINGS REGISTER publish ads 48.00; CITY OF DE SMET water 1042.07; COOKS garbage 2211.42; DIAL VIRTUAL online classes 650.00; COVERED WAGON DVC hospitality 325.00; COWBOY fuel 257.46; DAKOTA ACADEMIC CONSULTING e-rate consultant 3200.00; DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORP community ad 785.00; DE SMET FOOD Jan seconds and staff meals 4256.90; IMPREST Jan expenses 4595.01; DUST-TEXT cleaning service 585.28; INNOVATIVE SUPPLIES 51.71; KINGSBURY TREASURER taxes on 4th St house 2916.74; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC radio tower, add outlet 358.07; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/notices 466.62; MAYNARDS classroom supplies 340.28; NAPA supplies 354.48; NESC services 80.84; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 3333.49; O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT supplies 147.23; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 496.75; OTTERTAIL electricity 6916.98; PFLEET fuel 4473.66; PC PARTS computer parts 94.99; PERFORMANCE FOODS FFVP supplies 2679.54; SHEYENNE TRANSPORT repairs 914.53; SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES renewals 58.99; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 145.00; TITAN MACHINERY repairs 488.36; TOWN & COUNTRY publish ad 110.00; TRAINING ROOM supplies 839.18; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 218.21; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 745.75;

**GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** ACE supplies 318.59; AMAZON supplies 1198.03; AVIDHAWK website services 45.00; BEST WESTERN Jr Honor Choir hotel 329.06; COFFEE CUP meal Jr Honor Choir 28.92; COX ALIGNMENT bus repairs 1438.25; DAYS INN FFA Legislative Days 451.68; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 10.09; FLEGELS FLOWERS funeral plant 70.00; HARRIET & OAK meals Jr Honor Choir 108.06; LANGUAGE LINK interpreter services 21.09; LOWES supplies 24.28; MICHAELS supplies 60.52; NORTH CENTRAL BUS parts 682.04; NORTHERN STATE job fair 100.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 2583.75;

SAVERS supplies 61.31; SDSU PERFORMING ARTS music in-service 30.00; TPT worksheets 30.93; TUTTEO subscription 49.00; U-HAUL envelopes/postage 3847.00; WENDY'S meal 13.28

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$56,679.07**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** CMC NEPTUNE renewal 1620.00; IMAGINE LEARNING online courses 4855.00; HAUFF track uniforms 5121.50

**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$11,596.50**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES:** NESC Jan services 12,724.80

**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,724.80**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES:** EASTSIDE DAIRY milk 1706.99; MAYNARDS supplies 102.09; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 15,051.56

**FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 25.62; WALMART supplies 35.19

**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$15,112.37**

- D. Approval of Resignations at the end of the 2025-2026 school year: Cory Haugen (Cross Country Coach), Kyler Julius (School Counselor), and Connie Geyer (Part-time Math Teacher).

**REPORTS:**

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

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report.

**Legislative Report:** Superintendent Abi shared that education will tentatively see a 1-2% increase from the state. There is a list of education-related bills available on the ASBSD Bill Tracker (<https://asbsd.org/services/billtracker-2/>).

**Buildings & Facilities:** The committee will meet in March.

**Teachers' Report:** Mrs. Jeffrey shared highlights from the Regional Staff In-Service on February 13. She also shared that Kindergarten will be working on academic and kindness challenges next week, with medals being awarded based on points earned.

**Administrative Reports:**

Business Manager Johnson reported the Food Service Task Force has reviewed the Food Service Management Company RFP and decided not to rush the process. They recommend staying with Dakota 15 for the 2026-2027 school year, with plans to reconsider an FSMC RFP for the 2027-2028 school year next fall. The school is advertising for a Food Service Director. A reminder to patrons of the district that petitions are available until March 24 in the Business Office for the School Board vacancy (one, 3-year term beginning July 1).

Principal Bettin reported FCCLA Week was February 9-13 and FFA Week will be February 22-27. The NSU Choral Tour made a stop in De Smet on February 12. De Smet hosted 115 competitors at the Region Girls Wrestling Tournament on February 19. Congratulations to One Act for earning a Superior rating at State. The following actors also received Superior ratings: Lyla Schoenfelder and Sophia Gigov. There was an appeal request submitted to the SDHSAA to exclude students from the

count if they were unable to participate in athletic competitions due to religious beliefs. The request was granted, moving the school to the bottom of Class 9A. Football schedules will be released later this spring. Open positions include; Assistant Track and Assistant Volleyball. Upcoming events include: Feb 23-Senior Trip to the Capital; Feb 24-Afternoon of Arts at 1pm; Feb 25-Solo/Ensemble Contest in Watertown; Feb 26-Bulldog Buddies; Feb 27-No School; Mar 2-Track begins; Mar 6-End of Quarter 3.

Superintendent Abi reported that Mrs. Johnson's 4th grade class traveled to Pierre to learn about state government on February 4. Around 150 educators from De Smet, Wolsey-Wessington, Sanborn Central, Iroquois, ORR, and Lake Preston attended Regional In-Service on February 13. The district is looking for a high school math teacher and school counselor for the 2026-2027 school year. Quorum training for the board will be scheduled for early March.

**PRESENTATIONS – SENIOR CAPSTONE:** Harper Anderson shared she is planning to pursue Human Biology at SDSU in the fall, and her senior project is on sleep. Neva Clubb shared that she will be attending LATC in the fall for social work, and her senior project is to inform the hearing about the deaf culture. Isaiah Roth plans to attend LATC for Med Fire. He is putting together a kid-friendly book about 911 for his senior project.

**DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY INSURANCE:** Brian Bindert from World Insurance Associates presented insurance quotes for the rental house on 4th Street. The board inquired about the value of the home being reduced and coverage for sewer back-up. Brian will follow up with Dr. Abi. The board wants to move forward with insuring the property. Bindert is also preparing property insurance for next year. EMC plans to renew, but he is also gathering quotes from Wright Insurance and AIG. He will share the quotes with the board in April, with plans to align to start date with the school's fiscal year.

**MOTION #2662 APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 MASTER CALENDAR:** Dr. Abi shared that a survey was conducted to get calendar feedback. The Calendar Committee utilized information from the survey, the SDHSAA calendar, and start dates of colleges/universities to create the proposed calendar. The 2026-2027 school year will begin on August 25 and end on May 19. On motion by Blake Hojer, seconded by Nick Wilkinson, approve the 2026-2027 master calendar.

**DISCUSSION – CTE WORKFORCE GRANT:** The CTE Committee had an opportunity to tour a facility on the west side of town, but felt there were other steps that needed to be taken before expanding into a larger space. An application for a Perkins Reserve Grant was submitted this spring to improve metal fabrication instruction. The committee and board have interest in collaborating with other area schools to expand CTE opportunities for our students. The next CTE meeting will be April 22.

**MOTION #2663 EXECUTIVE SESSION:** on motion by Nick Wilkinson, seconded by Evan Buckmiller, to move into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for Personnel Matters at 7:41 PM. President Roth declared the board out of executive session at 8:22 PM.

**MOTION #2664 EXECUTIVE SESSION:** on motion by Nick Wilkinson, seconded by Evan Buckmiller, to move into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for Student Matters at 8:22 PM. President Roth declared the board out of executive session at 8:31 PM.

**MOTION #2665 ADJOURNMENT:** on motion by Daniel Albrecht, seconded by Blake Hojer, to adjourn at 8:34 PM.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager