

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 5:30 PM on Monday, March 9, 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: Jennifer Stofferahn, Lindsay Nolte, Samone Grubb, Britney Coleman, Aubree Blue and Arianna Larson. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA – motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Blake Hojer and seconded by Daniel Albrecht, Carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

REPORTS:

NESC Report: The NESC business was reviewed.

Education Enhancement Foundation: No report.

Legislative Report: President Roth shared that property tax bills are still the hot topic in Pierre. Funding for schools has not been determined, but anticipated to be around 1.4%. HB1082 to establish parameters for reimbursing school districts for providing free or reduced-price meals to students has passed.

Buildings & Facilities: No report.

Teachers' Report: Jennifer Stofferahn reported that middle school is working on test prep rotations during Bulldog Time. The rotations include Reading with Mr. Lo, Writing with Mrs. Coughlin, Math with Mrs. Holland, and Typing with Mr. Pitts. They are also doing some general review on test-taking skills and concepts. The high school art students have been busy learning about ceramics. Art students participated in an Art Show in Lake Preston, with one student placing first overall and another student receiving third overall. They will be working on fair projects soon.

Administrative Reports:

Business Manager Johnson shared that Brian Bindert delivered a dividend check from EMC in the amount of \$12,272.71. The Food Service Director position continues to be advertised. A reminder that petitions for the one 3-year term school board position are due to the Business Office by 5pm on March 24. There will be an NHS Induction Ceremony and Red Cord Presentation on March 24 at 6:30pm in the Armory Gym. She is preparing information for negotiations and a preliminary budget for 2026-2027.

Bettin shared that Mr. Vanderwal was announced as an Honoree for the Golden Owl Award during FFA Week. This award recognizes agricultural educators in South Dakota for their contributions to the next generation of agricultural leaders. He received a plaque and \$500 cash prize and will now be eligible for SD Agricultural Educator of the Year. Ms. Thielbar accompanied four students to Milwaukee for the Midwestern ACDA Honor Choir from February 26-March 1. The Junior and Sophomore classes attended a Mini-Maker Workshop at Lake Area Technical College where they heard from a representative from Blue Bunny Ice Cream. Students also experienced cobots, 3D printing, soldering, energy systems, machining and welding. The Kingsbury County Knights competed in the State Wrestling Tournament on February 26-28. The following wrestlers placed: Blake Jennings - 5th, Cody Zell - 7th, Breyton Johnson - 7th, and Donovan Sandven - 7th. Some students have expressed interest in competitive cheer with Iroquois-Lake Preston next fall. Track started March 2. Softball starts March 16. Golf starts March 30. Upcoming Events: Mar 11-Middle School Awards; Mar 13-No School/Spring Break; Mar 16 & 17 - 1:30pm Dismissal and Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30pm-7pm; Mar 19-21 - State Boys Basketball; Mar 20 - No School/Spring Break; Mar 24 - ACT Testing, NHS Induction Ceremony; Mar 25 - NHS/Red Cross Blood Drive; Mar 26 - ACT Testing; Apr 1 - Goof Olympics; Apr 2 - D&D Math Contest in De Smet; Apr 3 - No School/Easter Break; and Apr 6 - School Make-up Day.

Dr. Abi reported that De Smet has been selected as a recipient of a Perkins Reserve Grant to purchase a Metal Fabrication Machine. Kindergarten Screening was March 6. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be March 16 and 17. There will be a special presentation on March 26 geared for parents with children in PreK through grade 2 to discuss the impact of cell phones.

CONSENT AGENDA motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Evan Buckmiller and seconded by Blake Hojer, Carried.

**Approval and/or corrections of minutes of previous meeting** on February 19, 2026

**Approval and/or corrections to the financial report**

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 27,562.37, Interest 209.27; Admissions 5961.00; Other 1546.23; County Apportionment 827.88; State Aid 136,638.00; State Apportionment 29,640.84; Bank Franchise 36,560.02; FFVP Reimbursement 2532.13

Disbursements - 360,179.37

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - \$252,657.42

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 25,983.37; Interest 1591.27

Disbursements - 11,596.50

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - \$2,584,269.73

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 15,380.09; Medicaid 429.09

Disbursements - 76,580.60

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - \$161,647.21

**BOND REDEMPTION FUND:**

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 10,830.82

Disbursements - 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE - \$32,805.64

**FOOD SERVICE FUND:**

Revenue - Interest 187.25; Sales to Students 10,498.55; District Paid Meals 4256.90; Donations 1500.00; SNP Reimbursement 7544.62

Disbursements - 30,419.77

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$-53,804.55

**ENTERPRISE FUND:**

Revenue - 0

Disbursements - 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3292.03

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

Revenue - Donations 3400.00

Disbursements - 0

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$39,182.42

**TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:**

Revenues - 34,954.75

Disbursements - 34,152.25

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE - \$85,315.91

**Consideration and approval of all bills**

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** 3D SECURITIES service call 430.00; A&M PROD COMP wrestling plaques 135.00; AL'S PAINTING wrestling rentals 563.65; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 6.29; A-0X WELDING supplies 1795.30; ASBSD Quorum subscription 2000.00; BEST WESTERN One Act hotel 1760.00; BIO CORP supplies 293.03; CENTURY BUSINESS copies & supplies 1298.30; CITY OF DE SMET water 1115.17; COOKS WASTEPAPER garbage 2211.42; COVERED WAGON wrestling hospitality 275.00; DAKOTA MAILING postage ink 98.85; DE SMET MUSIC BOOSTERS meals for in-service 1560.00; DE SMET SCHOOL seconds 2523.00 + staff meals 1503.80; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse Feb 3882.97; DE SMET SCHOOL JH DVC revenue 895.00; DE SMET WELDING welding 709.00; DUST-TEX cleaning service 609.84; IROQUOIS SCHOOL Region BBB 1298.00; KINGBURY ELECTRIC radio tower, service 189.70; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish ads, Bulldog Bark 662.00; MAYNARDS supplies 688.31; NAPA supplies 329.77; NESC services 80.84; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 2954.20; O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT supplies 95.21; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 990.00; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 504.21; PFLEET fuel 4562.46; PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE fvp supplies 1606.52; RAMADA hotel-joint convention 297.00; SDHSAA Region Girls Wrestling 2138.79;

SIGN DESIGN wrestling charts 142.50; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 30.00; TESSMAN SEEDS supplies 328.19; TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPER advertisement 440.00; TROPHIES PLUS wrestling medals 122.64; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 19.80; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone 751.23

**GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 105.97; AVID HAWK website 45.00; DAYS IN PIERRE credit on rooms 451.68; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 51.77; ELDRIDGE PUBLISHING scripts & licensing 472.70; GPTZERO TRIAL subscription 23.99; HYATT REGENCY MILWAUKEE hotel 999.52; KWIK TRIP fuel 29.00; LANGUAGE LINK services 62.44; LINMAR BP fuel 62.56; MENARDS supplies 64.21; NORTHERN STATE UNIV job fair registration 175.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 845.28; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 30.23; POPPLERS choir music 620.55; SDASBO conference registration 125.00; TPT worksheets 57.91; ULINE supplies 1942.33; WEEK JUNIOR subscription 63.67  
**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$47,222.44**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** CITY OF DE SMET lease 6375.00; COX ALIGNMENT repairs bus #7 1693.72; RTI Chromebooks 17,460.00; TITAN MACHINERY repairs bus #4 1785.32

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 11.87  
**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$27,325.91**

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** TPT worksheets 12.25  
**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,737.05**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES:** 605 MEATS processing fees 1082.80; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse Feb 55.00; EAST SIDE DAIRY milk 1416.62; IS RESTAURANT scraper 9.14; MAYNARDS supplies 189.09; PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE supplies 9771.15

**FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 16.99; ULINE supplies 82.00  
**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,622.79**

**Approval of Resignation of Whitney Edleman (Preschool); Kyler Julius (Asst. Basketball & Asst. Golf).**

PRESENTATIONS – SENIOR CAPSTONE: Aubree Blue plans to pursue a career in nursing, with a focus on labor/delivery and pediatrics. She is hosting a children's clothing drive in the De Smet area, with donations going to Little Badgers Baby Closet. Arianna Larson is also interested in the medical field. She is working with a nurse to learn about ECG coding. Britney Coleman is exploring laboratory tech. Her project involves testing bacteria in saliva.

MOTION to Appoint Board of Education Representatives Nick Wilkinson and Evan Buckmiller to the Negotiations Committee. This motion, made by Blake Hojer and seconded by Daniel Albrecht, Carried.

MOTION to Approve DAK15 Shared Food Services Agreement for 2026-2027 This motion, made by Blake Hojer and seconded by Nick Wilkinson, Carried.

MOTION to Appoint Blake Hojer as District Representatives and Shane Roth as Alternates for Appeals Process of Assessed Property Values at Township Board Meetings on March 16, 2026 This motion, made by Nick Wilkinson and seconded by Daniel Albrecht, Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION for Contract Negotiations: Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) and Personnel Matters: Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). This motion, made by Nick Wilkinson and seconded by Evan Buckmiller, Carried.

President Roth declared the board out of executive session at 7:55PM.

MOTION to move the regular April Meeting to Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Library. This motion, made by Daniel Albrecht and seconded by Nick Wilkinson, Carried.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:56PM. This motion, made by Evan Buckmiller and seconded by Blake Hojer, Carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager