

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 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 in the high school library. Board members in attendance were Daniel Albrecht, Evan Buckmiller, Blake Hojer, Shane Roth, and Nick Wilkinson. Others in attendance included: Superintendent Dr. Abi Van Regenmorter, Principal Daniel Bettin, Business Manager Cassi Johnson, Lindsay Nolte, Brittany Hughes, Logan Nielsen, RJ Cleveland, Brody Halverson, and parents.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS - SENIOR CAPSTONE. RJ Cleveland's senior project will teach others how to change oil. He plans to attend Mitchell Tech for Diesel Ag Power. Brody Halverson plans to attend LATC for Ag Business and is doing a project on upper control arms replacement. Logan Nielsen plans to attend LATC for Robotics and Electronic Systems Technology. He is working on a coding project for his senior project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

AGENDA - Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions to the consent agenda: approval of resignation from Brendon Pitts as Head Football Coach, approval of AVERA PACE/Prairie Farms Milk School Pricing for 2026-2027, and approval of Schoenfish & Co as audit company for FY2026. This motion, made by Evan Buckmiller, seconded by Nick Wilkinson.

DELEGATIONS - None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE - None

DISCUSSION ON DUAL CREDIT POLICY. Mr. Bettin presented updates to the dual credit policy. The board, parents, and administration shared comments on the proposed changes to dual credit classes. Mr. Bettin will bring an updated policy for review and approval in May.

CONSENT AGENDA - Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Daniel Albrecht, seconded by Blake Hojer.

Approval and/or corrections of minutes of previous meeting: March 9 - Regular Meeting and March 23 - Special Meeting

Approval and/or corrections to the financial report:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 65,574.09, Interest 231.69; Admissions 133.00; Medicaid 663.42; Other 3543.83; County Apportionment 1044.01; State Aid 136,638.00; SRSA Reimbursement 33,777.00; Title I Reimbursement 29,007.00; FFVP Reimbursement 1811.46

Disbursements - 330,575.19

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - \$194,505.73

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 57,954.09; Interest 1620.271; E-Rate Reimbursement 10,490.87

Disbursements - 70,065.23

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - \$2,627,009.05

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 34,298.02; Medicaid 585.74

Disbursements - 68,889.34

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - \$127,641.63

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 24,152.37

Disbursements - 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE - \$56,958.01

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue - Interest 225.93; Sales to Students 9852.00; District Paid Meals 4026.80; SNP Reimbursement 7031.30

Disbursements - 24,578.54

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$-57,247.06

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue - Drivers Ed Fee 825.00

Disbursements - 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$4117.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue - Donations 950.00

Disbursements - 0

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$40,134.42

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues - 53,374.13

Disbursements - 42,973.27

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE - \$74,860.05

Consideration and approval of all bills:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: A-OX WELDING supplies 1157.69; AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS annual fire alarm check 1556.00; BEST WESTERN ABERDEEN State BBB 5177.66; BROOKINGS ENGRAVING engrave plaques 48.50; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 1286.80; BROOKINGS REGISTER publish ads 146.16; CITY OF DESMET water/sewer 1001.05; COWBOY STORES fuel 655.98; DE SMET FARM MUTUAL house insurance 1347.25; DE SMET

SCHOOL staff meals 1864.30, seconds 3091.50; supplies 9.93; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse March expenses 8980.17; DUST-TEX SERVICES cleaning service 609.84; G&R CONTROLS repairs 2437.85; HEIMAN FIRE maintenance 270.81; HILLYARD supplies 11,756.27; INNOVATIVE supplies 122.88; INSTRUMENTALIST awards 173.00; JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE sprinkler inspection 1049.95; JOSTENS graduation supplies/awards 1263.90; KINGSBURY CTY COUNTRY CLUB rental fee 1500.00; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC radio tower 63.15; KINGSBURY JOURNAL renewal, publish ads/minutes 786.96; LODGE AT DEADWOOD AD conference 348.00; MAIN STOP fuel 115.06; MAYNARDS supplies 610.14; DAKOTA SPORTS supplies 280.95; NAPA supplies 16.83; NESC services 80.84; NORTHWEST PIPE parts 73.08; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 2454.92; O'CONNOR COMP filters 169.75; O'KEEFE'S supplies 579.29; OTTER-TAIL POWER electricity 12,020.25; P-FLEET fuel 4747.55; PERFORMANCE FOODS ffvp supplies 3398.30; SDEOP conference 95.00; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 90.00; TESSMAN SEEDS supplies 65.20; TOWN & COUNTRY publish ads 110.00; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 112.05; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone 753.07

GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 249.62; ARTIFICIAL MERCH.COM refund -1164.91; ATHLETIC.NET DWU track meet 162.50; AVID HAWK website 45.00; C-EXPRESS laundry 31.38; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 7.70; EBAY supplies 71.97; ETSY staff gifts 125.44; EXPLORE LEARNING subscription 37.50; HOBBY LOBBY supplies 318.89; INDEED advertising 159.30; JW PEPPER music 315.99; JONES SCHOOL SUPPLIES awards 224.44; LODGE AT DEADWOOD meals AD conference 69.68; MAIN STOP fuel 83.26; MAVERICKS meal AD conference 34.95; PITNEY BOWES lease 177.00; POPPLERS credit shipping -12.05; QUALITY INN MITCHELL hotel FFA interviews 91.41; QUIZZZ subscription 216.00; RAMADA hotel State FCCLA 212.21; TPT worksheets 35.70
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$75,044.36

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: CR MECHANICAL geo thermal unit 7887.77; FOREMAN SALES 2027 Ford Collins Mini Bus 106,773.00; G&R CONTROLS REPAIRS -2355.56; SHOP OUTFITTERS Universal Fabricator w/ Tubing Dies 15,898.00; NORTHERN DIRECTIONAL install fiber at elem gym 4534.78; TITAN MACHINERY bus repairs 3176.32; WW TIRE bus tires 1701.32

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON library books 2859.66
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$140,475.29

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: NESC services 12,724.80

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: EDUCATION TO THE CORE subscription 99.00

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,823.80

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: 605 MEATS processing fees 679.40; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse March expenses 67.75; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1806.21; MAYNARDS supplies 335.08; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 13,870.88

FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS: AMAZON supplies 100.47;

WALMART supplies 13.96

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$16,873.75

Approval of contracts: Nathan Bendorf (Asst. Track - 25-26 school year); Tricia Holland (EL-Summer School); Kristen Luethmers (Elementary Summer School); Traci Schoenfelder (Elementary Summer School); and Madison Kizer (Student Advisor, Asst Track 26-27 school year)

Approval of Resignation: Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

Approval of Volunteer Coaches: Becky Albrecht-JH Track

Approval of 2026-2027 SDHSAA Membership Resolution:

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 it's jurisdiction as hereinafter listed: De Smet High School.

This is to be for the period which begins July 1, 2026 and ends on June 30, 2027 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, 2026 and agrees to conduct its activities programs within the framework of these instruments.

Approval of budgeted transfer in the amount of \$150,000 from Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund

Approval of Surplus. Property declared surplus according to SDCL 6-13-1 and valued under \$500 includes: 18-Kindles, 1-HP Laser Jet Pro 400 color, 7-HP 2013 Ultra Slim Docking Stations, 1-Califone Doc Camera, 1-Bright Sign Player XD4, 2-Swivl Expand Lense, 1-Ruckus Zone Flex 7982 Access Points, 1-HP Laser Jet P1606nd, 1-HP Laser Jet Pro 400 color M451NW, 1-APC Back-UPS Pro 1500 s, 1-APC SMX750 Battery Backup, 1-Panasonic KX-KDV130 Phone, 1-Stereo with 8 track and speakers, 8-HP Switches, 1-Ruckus Zone Director 1200, 2-Cisco Switches, 5 boxes cameras/VHDs/power boxes, 2-project ceiling mounts, 1-qomo document camera, 1-vinal cutter, 1-Promethean Board, 2-amplifer, 5-Lenovo laptop screens, 1-Visio TV, 1-HP Laserjet Enterprise M60A, 1-Gateway All-in-One, 2-Polycom Units, 1-USB hub, 1-Logitech Speaker, 9-11ft x 2ft garage door panels and hardware, 9-used A/C units, and 2-truck tires 10r 22.5 (no rims).

Approval of resignation from Brendon Pitts as Head Football Coach

Approval of AVERA PACE/Prairie Farms Milk School Pricing for 2026-2027

Approval of Schoenfish & Co as audit company for FY2026

REPORTS:

NESC Report - Shane Roth attended the March meeting and provided an overview of their meeting.

Education Enhancement Foundation - Daniel Albrecht attended the annual Education Enhancement Foundation meeting a couple weeks ago. Various projects were funded, including new chimes for the music department and a new camera for the yearbook.

Legislative Report - No new business to report on.

Buildings & Facilities - Dr. Abi shared the new 2027 Ford Collins mini bus was delivered April 14. The school roof inspections are in progress. During the inspections, some issues were identified on the roof of the new elementary addition. Those repairs are being made and will fall under warranty.

Teachers' Report - Mrs. Hughes shared that the Fashion Design students have a field trip coming up soon. They are also working on a project to transform something old to new. Last year, the Education Enhancement Foundation purchased six sewing machines for her classroom. The increase in machines has provides more hands-on experience for students to complete projects and practice everyday skills like how to hem pants.

Administrative Reports -

Mr. Bettin shared that the D&D Math Contest was held in Deubrook on April 8. Meyer Kees finished 1st in 7th Grade Math. Mateo Lazaro placed 5th in 6th grade Math. Jacob Davis placed 3rd in Algebra II. Girls Basketball ended their season after a loss to Parkston, one game short of the state tournament. Hazel Luethmers was named to the DVC All-Conference 1st Team and LCC All-Conference Team. Audi Currier was named to the DVC All-Conference 3rd Team. Megan Dylla was named Honorable Mention for the DVC. Boys Basketball qualified for the state tournament and finished as Consolation Champions in 5th place. Grant Wilkinson made the All-Tournament Team, DVC All-Conference 1st Team, LCC All-Conference Team, DVC Most Valuable Player, and is a finalist for the South Dakota Player of the Year. Noah Luethmers was named to the DVC All-Conference 1st Team and LCC All-Conference Team. Slayten Wilkinson and Carter Wilkinson were named to the DVC All-Conference 3rd Team, with Kolby Sinclair named DVC Honorable Mention. Spring sports have started. There are 35 track participants, 18 softball participants, and 15 golf participants. There have been several postponed or canceled events due to weather. The following coaching positions are open: Head Cross Country Coach, Assistant Volleyball Coach, and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Upcoming events: Apr 17-19 All School Play; Apr 20-22 State FFA; Apr 23 FFA Banquet; Apr 25 Prom; Apr 27-28 Senior Experience Presentations; May 1 Day of Caring; May 3 Athletic Banquet; May 6 High School Awards Day and Baccalaureate; May 8 Graduation Practice and Seniors do LIW Walk-through; May 9 Graduation at 2pm; May 13 Middle School Awards; May 13-22 Drivers Education Classroom Experience; and May 15 Last Day of School, 1:30pm dismissal.

Business Manager Johnson shared that two candidates filed petitions so there will be a School Board Election on June 2. The candidates running for one seat (3-year term) are Evan Buckmiller and Cody Siver. Absentee Voting begins April 17 in the Business Office. Voter Registration deadline is May 18.

Dr. Abi has given some tours to families looking to enroll their students next school year. State

testing is underway for elementary students. Middle school students will begin next week, and Juniors took the ACT in March. Elementary will begin field trips next week. The 5th graders will visit the Air National Guard in Sioux Falls as part of the Department of Defense Starbase program. Kindergarten and 1st grades will go to the Watertown Zoo. The pre-school teacher opening will close at the end of the week.

MOTION TO APPROVE UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS - Special Board Meeting on April 20 at 8:00am, Special Board Meeting on April 29 at 12:00pm, next Regular Board Meeting on May 11 at 6:30pm. This motion, made by Blake Hojer, seconded by Daniel Albrecht.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND RENEW ASBPT BENEFITS FUND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. This motion, made by Evan Buckmiller, seconded by Daniel Albrecht.

BE IT HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED by the De Smet School District School Board of the DeSmet School District, 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, 2026 to 12 midnight CST, June 30, 2027. 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 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND RENEW ASBPT WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND. This motion, made by Daniel Albrecht, seconded by Evan Buckmiller.

BE IT HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED by the DeSmet School District School Board of the De Smet School District, 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, 2026, to 12 midnight CST, June 30, 2027. The projected contribution required for such coverage as provided in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund Participation Agreement is \$26,467.00. 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026-2027 NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT. This motion, made by Blake Hojer, seconded by Daniel Albrecht.

DISCUSSION: TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 4-8, 2026. The school will honor all staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. We invite the community to join us in celebrating and showing appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION for Personnel Matters: Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and Contract Negotiations: Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). Motion to approve entering executive session at 7:30pm was made by Evan Buckmiller, seconded by Blake Hojer.

President Roth declared the board out of executive session at 8:19pm.

MOTION TO ISSUE 2026-2027 ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS. This motion, made by Blake Hojer, seconded by Daniel Albrecht.

MOTION TO ISSUE 2026-2027 CERTIFIED CONTRACTS AND CLASSIFIED WORK AGREEMENTS. This motion, made by Nick Wilkinson, seconded by Evan Buckmiller.

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. This motion, made by Daniel Albrecht, seconded by Nick Wilkinson.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager