

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 6:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Shane Roth, Evan Buckmiller, Daniel Albrecht, Blake Hojer, and Nick Wilkinson. Others in attendance included: Superintendent Dr. Abi Van Regenmorter, Principal Daniel Bettin, Business Manager Cassi Johnson, John and Lorenda Anderson, Tricia Holland, Brittany Hughes, Brian Bindert, Lindsay Nolte, and Austie du Randt.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: John and Lorenda Anderson requested the use of the LIW gym for De Smet Pickleball on days the De Smet Event Center is unavailable.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda after changing dual credit policy to discussion item. This motion, made by Evan Buckmiller, seconded by Blake Hojer.

DELEGATIONS – None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE – None

CONSENT AGENDA - Motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item-H to appointing of Election Officials and make it a separate motion. This motion, made by Blake Hojer, seconded by Daniel Albrecht.

Approval and/or corrections of minutes of previous meeting: Regular Meeting April 14, 2026, Special Meeting April 20, 2026 and Special Meeting April 29, 2026.

Approval and/or corrections to the financial report:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 66,742.21, Interest 224.22; Admissions 741.00; Activity Host Fees 2800.00; Service to Other Schools 2250.00; Other 532.54; County Apportionment 1734.10; State Aid 136,638.00; Title II Reimbursement 5469.00; FFVP Reimbursement 2922.81; Transfer from Capital Outlay 150,000.00

Disbursements - 353,807.24

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - \$210,752.37

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 69,860.74; Interest 1444.81; Other 5819.00; Title II Reimbursement 9416.00

Disbursements - 278,979.66

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - \$2,434,569.94

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 41,345.85; Medicaid 452.61

Disbursements - 70,279.07

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - \$99,161.02

BOND REDEMPTION FUND:

Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 29,114.97

Disbursements - 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE - \$86,072.98

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue - Sales to Students 10,697.44; District Paid Meals 4955.80; SNP Reimbursement 8103.62

Disbursements - 29,464.42

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$-62,954.62

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue - Drivers Ed Fee 550.00

Disbursements - 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$4667.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue - 0

Disbursements - 0

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$40,134.42

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues - 21,601.59

Disbursements - 30,703.87

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE - \$83,962.33

Consideration and approval of all bills:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: A0XWELDING supplies 481.42; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 409.15; CENTURY BUSINESS supplies/copies 1041.77; CITY OF DE SMET water 925.81; CREATIVE PRINTING certificates 256.53; DAKOTA ED CONSULTING Supt search 8854.14; DAKOTA TIMING track meet 1080.00; DE SMET SCHOOL April Seconds 3400.00 + April Staff Meals 2034.25; DE SMET IMPREST Reimb Apr Imprest 5787.00; DUST-TEX cleaning services 609.84; G&R CONTROLS repairs 557.33; HILLYARD supplies 1789.77; HORIZON HEALTHCARE DOT physicals 476.00; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC radio tower 62.85; LAKE CENTRAL CONFERENCE Sy27 fees 900.00; MAYNARDS supplies 618.21; HAUFF measuring tape 49.90; NAPA supplies 337.84; NESC services, D&A testing pool 760.53; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY gas 1415.97; O'KEEFES supplies 481.87; OFFICE PEEPS paper 396.00; OTTERTAIL POWER electricity 4868.63; PFLEET fuel 7094.83; PC PARTS PLUS Chromebook parts 189.98; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 3106.83; RAMKOTA HOTEL hotel SDASBO cond 232.00; SASD Bettin Membership

800.00; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 80.00; TRUSTWORTHY supplies 32.58; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone 770.35; WILKINSON INSURANCE bond for BusMgr & Supt 252.50

GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES: ACE HARDWARE supplies 7.42; AMAZON supplies 3393.03; ATHLETIC.NET Howard Wood Relays 500.00; AVID HAWK website 45.00; LANGUAGE LINK interpreter services 31.36; DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 82.73; ETSY retirement/staff gifts 142.70; GPTZERO subscription 47.98; HOLIDAY IN hotel SDSTE Conf 251.14; JW PEPPER solo books 139.96; MAIN STOP fuel 36.74; MCDONALDS meal-travel 12.32; MENDARDS supplies 11.92; POPPLERS sheet music 233.88; SALTY MARE COFFEE staff appreciation 284.76; SLEEP INN COLUMBUS FFA Land Judging 115.33; SLEEP INN YUKON FFA land judging 460.00; TPT worksheets 89.33; MARRIOTT DC FCCLA Nationals 1365.89; LOVES fuel 72.71; WORDWALL subscription 116.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$57,594.08

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: TITAN repairs bus #5 1014.92

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES: AMAZON library books 2430.51

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES: \$3445.43

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: NESC tuition and services 9860.84

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES: DOLLAR GENERAL supplies 9.03; MAYNARDS supplies 21.18

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$9891.05

FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1662.94; MAYNARDS supplies 111.25; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 11,738.23

FOOD SERVICE FUND AUTO-PAY EXPENDITURES: WALMART supplies 12.96

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$11,751.19

Approval of resignations: Jeanne Penney (Title); Daniel Bettin, Jr. (Elementary Teacher); Dave Van Regenmorter (Head of Facilities)

Approval of Open Enrollment Students: A, B

Approval of contracts: Kelsey Smith (Preschool); Reyna Beck (Cross Country Coach)

Approval of signed certified contracts

Approval of signed classified contracts

Approval of signed administration contracts

Approval of signed extracurricular contracts

MOTION TO APPOINT RENAE AUGHENBAUGH, TRICIA HOLLAND, AND ISAIAH ROTH AS ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026 ELECTION. This motion, made by Daniel Albrecht, seconded by Evan Buckmiller. President Roth called for a roll call vote. Albrecht-aye, Buckmiller-aye, Hojer-aye, Roth-aye, Wilkinson-aye. Motion Passed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT PROPERTY INSURANCE. Motion to approve property insurance quote from EMC Property and Casualty Insurance Company. This motion, made by Daniel Albrecht, seconded by Blake Hojer. The board inquired about increasing the umbrella limit, and considering options with the dwelling covered through De Smet Farm Mutual.

DISCUSSION ON AUTO INSURANCE. Brian Bindert provided a quote on auto insurance through EMC. The current auto policy is through Auto-Owners and is set to renew in August. The board will review quotes at a future meeting.

REPORTS:

- NESC Report - Shane Roth reviewed business from the April meetings.
- Education Enhancement Foundation - No report
- Legislative Report - No report.
- Buildings & Facilities - Dr. Abi reported that the schools is awaiting on a roof report from ARS. Spielman Excavating wrapped up their drainage project at the school in early May. A facilities meeting will be scheduled once the roof report is available.
- Teachers' Report - Brittany Hughes, FACS teacher shared that 92 million tons of clothes go to waste each year. This fact was the inspiration behind her Fashion Design class project to transform thrifted clothing into something new. She also shared that Culinary students worked on a restaurant project throughout the semester. Students learned about restaurant layouts, created logos and menus, as well as shared samples of feature menu items with staff. FCCLA had another successful year at State Conference. Alexis Coon qualified for Nationals, which will be held in Washington D.C. from July 6-11.
- Administrative Reports:
 - Business Manager Johnson will share the preliminary 2026-2027 budget later in the meeting.
 - Principal Betting congratulated Mr. Dave Vanderwal, who was named the Golden Owl Award Winner during the SD State FFA Convention. The Ag Business Team won their state competition and qualified for Nationals. The team members included: Anthony Escobar, Breyton Johnson, Chase Temme, and Logan Nielsen. Breyton Johnson was the individual champion. The FFA Banquet was held on April 23. FFA students competed at the National Land Judging Competition in Oklahoma May 3-8. De Smet Middle and High School students participated in the 3rd Annual Day of Caring event on May 1. The De Smet Athletic Banquet was held May 3 at the Event Center. Congratulations to Hazel Luethmers and Grant Wilkinson on being named Senior Athletes of the Year, and to Mike Johnson and Chris Gilligan on being named De Smet Boosters of the Year. High School Awards were given on May 6, with five Build Dakota Scholarships being awarded to Isaiah Roth, Brody Halverson, Danny Sudenga, Megan Dylla and Ivey Schoenfelder. De Smet will not pursue a coop for competitive cheer next school

year. Upcoming Events: May 13-22 Drivers Education Classroom; May 15 Last Day of School and 1:30pm Dismissal; May 28-30 State Track; June 1-2 State Golf; and June 4-6 State Softball.

- Dr. Abi shared that state test results are coming in slowly. DARE graduation was held May 6. There will be an open house for the retirements of Connie Geyer and Jeanne Penney on Friday, May 15 from 2-3pm in the Community Room.

DISCUSSION ON DUAL CREDIT POLICY. A Dual Credit Committee was formed to review and update the policy. Tricia Holland presented an update to the dual credit policy and requested direction on some areas of the policy. The committee will bring an updated policy for approval in June.

MOTION TO CAST BALLOTS FOR SDHSAA AMENDMENTS. Motion to approve voting on the SDHSAA ballot issues as follows: Yes on Amendment 1, Yes on Amendment 2, Yes on Amendment 3, and Jeff Kusters from Frederick Area for Division IV Representative. This motion, made by Nick Wilkinson, seconded by Evan Buckmiller.

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027. Business Manager Johnson presented the preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. There are several moving parts in the budget that may influence numbers before the budget hearing in July. The General Fund is expected to see a 6% increase due to an increase in salaries and benefits. The Capital Outlay Fund may see an increase due to a need to transfer revenue to the General Fund, as well as anticipating some larger capital projects soon. The Special Education Fund is anticipated to see an 11% increase due to an increase in service costs, salaries and benefits. Food Service Fund may see a 25% increase due to increasing staff and offering seconds on entrées at no cost to students or staff. The Bond Redemption Fund is scheduled to pay principal payments on the Bond through August 2047.

EXECUTIVE SESSION for Personnel Matters: Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion to approve to move into executive session at 7:11PM was made by Nick Wilkinson, seconded by Blake Hojer.

President Roth declared the board out of executive session at 7:52PM.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to approve to adjourn at 7:53PM. This motion, made by Blake Hojer, seconded by Nick Wilkinson.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager