

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 5:30PM on January 12, 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 and Business Manager Cassi Johnson. Others in attendance included: Jessica McCune, Samone Grubb, Slayton Wilkinson, Blake Jennings, and Alexis Alderman. (Unless noted, all motions were unanimous.)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Participation:** President Roth requested to move public participation to Executive Session.

**Motion #2652 Agenda Approval:** On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by D. Albrecht, to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) following the agenda approval, and February meeting date after reports.

**Motion #2653 Executive Session:** on motion by B. Hojer, seconded by N. Wilkinson, to go into executive session at 5:33PM for student matters pursuant to SDCL SDCL 1-25-2(2).

Regular session resumed at 6:02PM.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosures:** None

**Motion #2654 Consent Agenda:** On motion D. Albrecht, seconded by B. Hojer, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes from the regular meeting on December 8, 2025.
- b) Approval of financial report for December 2025;

**GENERAL FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 44,174.80, Interest 246.98; Other 2170.68; County Apportionment 1348.67; State Aid 138,846.00; Title IV Reimb 7273.00; Title I Reimb 45,980.00; FFVP Reimb 4798.07  
Disbursements – 341,103.01

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$582,677.42

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 42,273.07; Interest 2398.45; Title IV Reimb 2727.00; Title II Reimb 965.00  
Disbursements – 92,601.69  
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – \$2,564,082.76

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 25,438.52; Medicaid 246.49  
Disbursements – 78,677.10  
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$278,955.36

**BOND REDEMPTION FUND:**

Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 18,420.85  
Disbursements – 0

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE – \$213,101.84

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Revenue – Interest 235.83; Sales to Students 11,432.45; District Paid Meals 3314.55; SNP Reimb 15,071.22

Disbursements – 31,472.30

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – \$-43,733.61

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Revenue – 0

Disbursements – 0

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3292.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Revenue – \$-

Disbursements – \$13,550.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE: \$35,476.82

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND:

Revenues – 15,232.99

Disbursements – 10,374.92

TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUND CASH BALANCE – \$80,018.12

- c) Approval of the bills for payment as presented:

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:** A0X WELDING supplies and leases 1750.16; ACT test fees 2106.00; ANDERSON LUMBER supplies 504.55; ASBSD Quorum subscription 1333.00; AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS service system 1052.04; BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES professional development 3000.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS copies 739.34; CHAMPIONS FOREVER MINISTRIES elementary program 1900.00; CITY OF DE SMET water 910.73; COOKS garbage 2178.74; CR CORNER fuel 121.11; DAKOTA POTTER SUPPLY kiln repairs 170.00; DE SMET FOOD staff meals 1539.85 + seconds 2221.00; DE SMET IMPREST reimburse DEC expenses 4343.48; DUST-TEX cleaning services 877.92; HILLYARD supplies 1294.06; KINGSBURY ELECTRIC radio tower, service call 2256.88; KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish minutes/ads/Bulldog Bark 300.81; LIFELINE supplies 629.99; MAINSTOP staff appreciation 59.96; MAYNARDS class supplies 821.84; NAPA supplies 18.84; NES general services 80.84; NORTHWEST ENERGY gas 655.61; OFFICE PEEPS supplies 236.17; O'KEEFES supplies 1086.81; OSTER CONSULTING professional development 5000.00; OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY electricity 6525.69; PFLEET fuel 3879.99; PERFECT PLAYCLEMENT Character Matters MS/HS speaker 1000.00; PERFORMANCE FOODS food supplies 1747.12; SCHOENFISH & CO fy24 & fy25 audit 23,000.00; SDIAAA conference/membership 400.00; TAYLOR MUSIC repairs 35.00; TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE supplies 39.92; VALLEY FIBERCOM phone & internet 752.77;

**GENERAL FUND AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 1810.35; AMERICAN CHOIR DIR ASSOC membership 125.00; AVID HAWK website services 45.00; DECKER supplies 90.03; LANGUAGE LINK interpreter services 99.46; McGRAW-HILL textbooks 244.66; MENARDS supplies 63.66; NAFME membership 127.00; PITNEY BOWES lease 177.00; REFLECT supplies 187.95; SHEET MUSIC music 206.91; SNOWBLOX-SNOJAX snow guards 90.09; SUPER TEACHER WORKSHEETS subscription 24.95; SWEEP SCRUB.COM assembly kit 392.94; TPT worksheets 16.80; VACUUM FACTORY belts 65.32

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$78,337.34**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES:** MAYNARDS supplies 21.76; NES Jan services, Dec tuition 12,724.80

**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,746.56**

**BOND REDEMPTION FUND EXPENDITURES:** FIRST BANK & TRUST interest and fees 192,125.00

**TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION FUND EXPENDITURES: \$192,125.00**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES:** EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY milk 1310.92; MAYNARDS supplies 77.68; PERFORMANCE FOODS supplies 10,978.34;

**FOOD SERVICE AUTO-PAY BILLS:** AMAZON supplies 132.00; WEBSTRAUNT STORE supplies 66.95

**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: \$12,565.89**

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENDITURES:** KINGSBURY JOURNAL publish thank-you 92.40

**TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENDITURES: \$92.40**

- d) Approval open enrollment for student A.
- e) Approval of Food Service Procurement Policy.
- f) Approval of classified contract for Sydnee Winters in the amount of \$20.
- g) Approval of resignations: Nicholas Carlson-Assistant Track Coach and Alex Anderson-Assistant Volleyball Coach.

**Presentation/Senior Capstone:** Slayton Wilkinson enjoyed hearing from Jamie Lancaster, Executive Director with the De Smet Development Corporation. He plans to attend LATC for Ag Business. Blake Jennings appreciated learning about the Build Dakota Scholarship. He plans to pursue electrical maintenance and construction at Mitchell Tech. Alexis plans to attend LATC for cosmetology. She appreciated learning more about technical skills. Alexis' senior project will be learning about hair and styling. Overall, students feel the most beneficial part of the Senior Capstone class is working on post-secondary planning.

#### **Reports**

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

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report.

**Legislative Report:** The South Dakota 101<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session begins January 13. Dr. Abi shared some public education talking points with board members.

**Buildings/Facilities Committee Report:** Dr. Abi shared an overview of the Facilities Committee minutes from January 9. The parking lot project is on hold while quotes are obtained from engineers for the project. A quote from Foreman Sales for a 2027 Ford Collins wheel-chair accessible mini-bus was reviewed. The house on 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be rented to a staff member, to be chosen through lottery. Other areas of focus for the facilities committee include: improvements to the video board and upgrades to the kitchen.

**Teacher Report:** none

#### **Administration Reports:**

Business Manager Johnson shared IDEA MOE compliance was confirmed for fiscal year 2025. Board training for Quorum meeting program will be scheduled after the Administrative Training later this month. Kingsbury County Auditor Echo Steffensen coordinated a meeting about elections with schools and cities within the county. The school is considering a combined election with the city of De Smet, in conjunction with Kingsbury County if a school board election is needed in June. A reminder that Evan Buckmiller's 3-year term is expiring and petitions for that position will be available in the Business Office beginning February 2.

Principal/AD Bettin shared the Student Council annual food drive collected over 900 items for the De Smet Food Bank. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class won a trip to Air Madness for accumulating the best point average for items donated. There was early dismissal on December 19 for winter break, with classes resuming on January 5. Winter sports are in full swing. One Act Play is preparing to compete at Regions in Brookings on January 21. There are two open coaching positions: Assistant Track and Assistant Volleyball. Upcoming Events: Jan 14 – Middle School Awards; Jan 15 – Mark Leinweaver, Guest Speaker for Middle & High School Students; Jan 17 – 1:30pm Dismissal for Teacher In-Service; Jan 21 – One Act Regions in Brookings; Jan 22 – Bulldog Buddies; Jan 21-22 – FFA Legislative Days in Pierre; Feb 9-12 – FCCLA Week; Feb 13 – No School for Teacher Regional In-Service; Feb 16 – No School for President's Day; Feb 17-20 – FFA Week; Feb 23 – Senior Trip to the State Capital; Feb 24 – Afternoon of Arts; and Feb 25 – Solo/Ensemble at Watertown.

Superintendent Abi shared there will be a 1:30 dismissal on Feb 19 because De Smet is hosting Regional girls wrestling. The Teacher In-Service on January 16 will focus on the book "The Missing Link to Help them Think: Connecting Executive Function and SEL Skills to Boost Student Achievement." The calendar committee will meet on Jan 26 regarding the 2026-2027 school calendar. This year's Regional In-service will be held February 13, with the following schools in attendance: Sanborn Central, Iroquois, Lake Preston, Wolsey-Wessington, and ORR.

**Motion #2655 Next Board Meeting:** on motion by N. Wilkinson, seconded by B. Hojer to move the next regular board meeting to 7:00pm on Thursday, February 19 in the library.

**Motion #2656 School Board Election Date:** on motion by B. Hojer, seconded by E. Buckmiller, to set the School Board Election for June 2, 2026.

**Food Service Task Force Recommendations:** Blake Hojer shared that the task force has met three times to review the current operations of the kitchen. It was determined that new equipment is needed and quotes have been requested, with ovens, warmers and freezer space being top priority. The task force feels that offering free seconds to all students and staff has been well received. The district has spent \$8003 on staff meals from August through December, and \$3697 on free seconds from November 11 through December. The kitchen has been working through some logistical issues due to the increase in food volume, including: meal counts, equipment efficiency and space, and staff needs. There was discussion on whether to continue with the Dakota 15 Food Buying Group, join a food service management company, or go back to doing our own food service program. Samone Grubb shared her desire to step down as Food Service Director once her replacement is found. The administration will begin advertising for the position. The task force requested to obtain quotes on the cost of a food service management company. The task force is interested in seeing what other menu options could be available to students. Administration is surveying students favorite and least favorite menu items to aid in the menu option discussion.

**Motion #2657 FY24 & FY25 Audit Report:** on motion by E. Buckmiller seconded by B. Hojer, to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report completed by Schoenfish & Co, and accepted by the South Dakota. Department of Legislative Audit.

**Motion #2658 Executive Session:** on motion by B. Hojer, seconded by N. Wilkinson, to go into executive session at 6:51PM for Personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular session resumed at 7:38PM.

**Motion #2659 Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Albrecht, seconded by E. Buckmiller, to adjourn at 7:39PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Cassi Johnson, Business Manager

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