

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 pursuant to due notice at 5:30 PM on November 11th, 2019 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Norm Koehlmoos, Donita Garry, Jarod Tolzin and Barb Asleson. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead, AD Marv McCune and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund of *The De Smet News*, Lindsey Nolte, representative of DTO.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the agenda with amendment to include 9A. Motion to accept Muth Technology, Inc. quote for \$7840 along with 8e to the consent agenda to surplus outdated desks and 14. Executive session for contractual matters - SDCL 1-25-2(3). All members voting "aye", motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

SCHOOL VEHICLE SERVICE BID: Bids from O'Keefe Implement Inc. and Truck and Ag Repair were opened and read. The following bids were received:

O'Keefe Implement Inc: Bus #1 \$260; Bus #2 \$215; Bus #3 \$165; Bus #4 \$170; Bus #5 \$175; Bus #6 \$190; Bus #7 \$170; Additional extra fluids, air and fuel filters are at an extra charge with 10% discount. Vehicle service \$37.99

Truck and Ag Service: Bus #1 \$275; Bus #2 \$230; Bus #3 \$190; Bus #4 \$200; Bus #5 \$200; Bus #6 \$220; Bus #7 \$200; Additional \$21.25 labor to install fuel filter plus the cost of the filter, extra fluid, air/fuel filter are additional charge. Vehicles \$45.00

On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to accept the low bid of O'Keefe Implement Inc. for bus and vehicle work. All board members voting "aye", motion carried.

REPORTS:

NESC - Rep. Norm Koehlmoos reviewed the regular October meeting. The board approved the FY18 audit, center base tuition and surplus vehicle bids. There was discussion as to the Reading Recovery program with possibility of a loss one. There are currently 7 districts participating.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION: No report was given for Education Enhancement Foundation.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES: The HVAC renovations are coming along in a timely matter although the onset of lower than normal temps this fall have made the areas that were serviced by the defunct Boiler rather chilly. Temporary units have been installed for the shop and old HS gym. There is still a wait for parts for the library and make up air units. The National Guard have completed their exit and only have to remove the outside signs. A meeting will be held on Weds., Nov. 13th to discuss possibilities for the Elementary Design Remodel.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth noted that he will be attending Delegate Assembly in Pierre, Nov. 14th-15th. Supt. Abi, Pres. Roth and Bd Member Tolzin attended the regional ASBSD meeting in Madison. They reviewed potential legislative action and positions school boards would like to see ASBSD take.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: MS/HS Principal Armstead reported that on October 29th, 10 adults and 10 students attended a special event featuring Holocaust survivor and author Eva Schloss, stepsister of Anne Frank. This event was sponsored by Augustana University's Diversity and Inclusion Office and the Chabad Jewish Center of SD. The Elemen Center was filled with over 3000 in attendance to hear Mrs. Schloss speak of her experiences of growing up in Germany and surviving Auschwitz Camp. Mrs. Schloss is 90 plus years and continues to travel the world to share hers and other's stories so the horrors of that period of history are not forgotten. Princ.. Armstead thanked Kathy Sanderson for arranging the trip and promoting it with our students.

De Smet students have been busy attending State and National Events. The De Smet FFA recently sent 12 students to the National Convention in Indianapolis. FCCLA will have an estimated 6 students that will be attending a National Conference in Dallas, TX. All State Chorus was held in Sioux Falls the first weekend of November. Fall extra-curricular activities are wrapping their seasons with regional tournaments being hosted in De Smet for volleyball and oral interpretation. The De Smet Music Boosters will be hosting a dinner theatre on November 19th with Disney music as a theme.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on November 25th and 26th from 3 to 6 PM. Students will be dismissed at 1:30. - All State Chorus - Veterans Day Program - Marvelous - students and Ms. Rosado. Adv. Bio students to Cadaver Lab in SDSU tomorrow - FCCLA Fall National Convention in Dallas - Dinner Theatre at 6 PM music to follow: PT Conferences 11/25-26

Supt/Elem. Princ. Abi Van Regenmorter added that the first trimester for the LIW elementary students will be complete on Weds., Nov. 13th. There will be a 1:30 dismissal for teacher in-service on Friday, November 15.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of October 14th 2019, the financial report for the period of October 1st through October 31st, 2019, the bills for payment as presented (see attached listing.); Approval of public school exemption for student A; approval of disposal of surplus desks.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 19,430.62 , Pen&Int. 9.60, Interest 5686.68, Admissions 2771.00,; Other Local Revenue 708.86, Co.Apport 1188.82, State Aid 70,110.00, Disbursements - 30,028.96, Oct. Payroll 194,443.32

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 976,486.60

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 15,777.97, Pen&Int 2.89; Cont and Donations 2500.00

Disbursements - 31,098.18

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 920,262.96

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 7907.56, Pen&Int 1.45: Medicaid 38.99

Disbursements - 6067.37, October Payroll 42,741.85

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 336,684.14

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Sales to Pupils 8695.65, Sales to Adults 720.00, Other Sales 172.45, Federal Reimb.7153.27, Reimb adult meals 268.00

Disbursements - 10,763.18, October Payroll 9336.80

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - 3846.27

ENTERPRISE FUND - Revenue - None

Disbursements - None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - 3942.63

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue -88,842.47

Disbursements - 82,555.91

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 125,522.20

All voting "aye", motion carried.

BID APPROVAL: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to accept the low bid of Castlerock Construction of \$120,544.08 for renovation of the National Guard areas that will be used for wrestling rooms and weight/training equipment for students. Other bids received were as follows: Tellinghuisen Construction \$121,500; C. Eagle Construction \$128,800; Clark Drew Construction \$145,300; Jans Corporation \$157,875. All voting "aye", motion carried.

QUOTE AMENDMENT APPROVAL: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve additional work from Muth Electric, Inc. for \$7840 for fiber and change conduit size to be pulled from custodial closet in MS/HS buildings, where the phone lines are currently located to the closet in the Armory/Gym. Discussion was held with Mr. Armstead noting that this would be beneficial and cost effective as Valley Fiber runs fiber to the building in the future for internet and communication usage. All voting "aye", motion carried.

JH GIRLS BASKETBALL PARTICIPATION AT JV LEVEL: AD Marv McCune reviewed participation numbers for the junior and high school girls basketball program. Coach Osthus held a meeting after school on this day and noted that 12 girls anticipate participating at the JV-Varsity level. The numbers for the JH are estimated at approximately 16. As per the school policy, coach Osthus will most likely pull JH players to fill positions at the JV level but he does not see a need to use them at the varsity level, so no motion approval is needed by the Board of Education at this time.

APPROVE JH WRESTLING COACH POSITION: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve an assistant wrestling coach position at \$1595.70 (District's portion would be one third at \$531.90). Supt. Abi noted that both Arlington and Lake Preston School Boards have already approved this position. Wrestling coaches have an individual who is interested in the position. The estimated participation numbers between the three schools in the cooperative is 24. AD McCune noted that the position request was brought to his attention last year and again in the spring. He did remind the board that there are other sports that have the approximately the same numbers that have requested assistance and been turned down. Supt. Abi also was concerned as to the message it sends with recent staff cuts. After further discussion, all voted "aye", motion carried.

FOOD SERVICE PROCUREMENT POLICY: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to approve the federal procurement policy which is on file in the business office. All voting "aye", motion carried.

EVENTS CENTER CONTRACT: Supt. Abi, Pres. Roth and board member Tolzin met recently with city and school attorney Todd Wilkinson, City Finance office Tracy Larsen, Council members Jay Slater and George Cavanaugh and event center coordinator Kristy Hubbard to discuss the rental agreement and usage of the event center. Pres. Roth said the initial proposal is to raise the rent from \$11,500 and full use of water to \$16,500 with a cap on the district water usage of 1.6 million gallons and city rate charges thereafter. After further discussion, the proposal was amended to \$13,500 with a cap on water of 2.5 million. School Board committee members were told by the City officials they feel the school has not been responsible in the use of the water for the athletic field. Board member Jared Tolzin had done quite a lot of research on the number of gallons used and felt the first year was not even possible since the number of gallons recorded would take every day of the year of 49.4 gallons per minute to meet the number and still would not meet the usage. The board members were also given charts of usage for the rooms and theatre. The theatre use was up substantially due to the drama coaches being encouraged by the event center coordinator to hold practices there. That use may be revisited for the coming year. Pres. Roth noted that

the bottom line for the board to consider is that there is nothing that the district does at the event center that staff and students cannot do with our current facilities. He added that tax payers have already paid for the facilities with generous contributions along with donations from the Education Foundation. While the restrooms and concessions are nice, the board needs to look at cost savings over the future years of building our own facilities to be cost effective. Board member Jared Tolzin has put together numbers and made contacts as to the costs of installing a well and pump for the athletic field, which would take the city out of the water usage issue. Board members will consider annual fees of rental to the city versus renting per event and providing facilities needed to host events. Pres. Roth was adamant that he wants to work with the City and use the Event Center as tax payers were promised when the facilities were proposed and built. But he also feels that it was never part of the deal that the school would supplement the event center's budget with rental fees. It was also noted that during the years that the school rented the old football field at a cost of \$500 per year, the school was not billed for water used for maintaining the turf of the old field. There was never a discussion with school board members that there would be rental fees and water utility bills of \$8000 plus. At a time when the school is cutting staff, lower enrollment numbers and unknowns with state aid, the board will need to weigh all options in where the district dollars are spent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to go into executive session 6:10 PM on contractual issues as per SDCL 1-25-2(3). AD McCune and Princ. Armstead remained for the session. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:55 PM.

There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. (6:56 PM) All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth

Susan L. Purinton, Business Manager

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