

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**De Smet School District #38-2**  
**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 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the high school Library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead, Athletic Admin. Marv McCune and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visitors were Donna Palmlund of the *Kingsbury Journal*, Angela Ostrander representing DTO and Pastor Jonathon of the American Lutheran Church

**Public Participation:** There were no requests for public participation. Supt. Van Regenmorter introduced Angela Ostrander, the District's new consumer science instructor.

**Agenda:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the presented agenda with addition of item g to the consent agenda the acceptance of the resignation of Kathy Wattenphul, as mini bus driver. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

**NESC Report:** Barb Asleson reported that the August regular NESC meeting the board discussed the details of their Inservice that went very well. A side note that Oldham-Ramona has joined the NESC. There was a lengthy discussion as to the board declaring NESC employees as "essential workers", which mean that staff members do not have to adhere to the 14 day quarantine if they are exhibiting symptoms due to COVID. Mrs. Asleson said not final decision was made as several employees are not very comfortable with it. The topic will be decided at the September regular meeting. Also discussed were the tele-therapy and how it would be utilized for quarantined staff and students. The steer committee for negotiations was appointed.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** There were no reports for the Education Enhancement Foundation.

**Legislative Report:** Pres. Roth and Mrs. Purintun agreed that the 2% increase of State aid will be forthcoming for this school year. It will be based on enrollment from the last Friday of the month of September. The legislature is discussing a special session for COVID funds that the State is receiving that need to be allocated before the end of the calendar year. No final decision has been made at this time.

**Buildings and Facilities Report:** Supt. Abi gave an update for the buildings and grounds. The State Fire Marshall visited last week and noted several items that need to be taken care of. A few of the items were repeat offenses but will need to be addressed when the LIW is updated with HVAC and electricity remodels. The visit was a good experience for Terry Holland, who learned many areas that are looked at behind the outer structure of the building.

**MH/HS Principal Report** Princ. Armstead reported that the MS/HS kicked off the start of the year with students having the opportunity to share their experiences with last spring and the school closure. They also used time to prepare students in the event they need to go to online resources in this school year. Staff gave the State Interim Assessments and pre-tets during the first few days and will be able to use this data to determine where students may need extra help. Ms. Sinclair has been assigned the duties of managing the remote learning platform and is doing a great job with organizing and keeping contact with students and parents. We are currently at 24 students with 20 of those to be long term. The school days have been different but everyone is doing their best to adjust and keep a positive attitude.

The athletic season has been off to a successful start with coaches and athletes maintaining their health and having open lines of communication with other schools. The week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> will be Homecoming. Students will be decorating classroom doors with Coronation at 7:30 in the Armory/Gym. The event will be live

streamed. On Friday there will be a parade at 1:45 PM and a Pep Fest at 2:15 in the Armory, which again will be live streamed. The students will be kept in their “pods” and assigned classes.

**Elementary Principal Report:** Supt. Abi noted that Friday was Ms. Tacy Boldt’s last day before heading over season deployment. The elementary students and staff wore red to honor her and all that serve. Ms. Boldt will be back to her teaching assignment in April.

A new food service program was started recently with a different fresh fruit and vegetable snack given to elementary students every day. Food Service manager Nita Muser applied for the program and was recently accepted. Supt. Abi said it has been a fun addition to the day and the children are enjoying being introduced to different healthy snacks that they may not have had opportunities to try.

The start of the school for the elementary has gone very well with students adapting and being very respectful to all their fellow students and staff, masked or not. It has been a wonderful experience to be able to see the kindness between the students.

On Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, students will have an early dismissal so that staff will be able to look at data from recent testing. Preschool screening will be conducted on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the De Smet Event Center.

**Consent Agenda:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by E. Buckmiller and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, the financial report for the period of August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, the bills for payment as presented (See attached listing); Public School Exemption Certificates for students A,B,C,D, E; Approval of open enrollment application for Student A; Approval of signed employment agreement for Jennifer Rudebusch (One Act Play) @ \$1920, Brendon Pitts, Head Girls Basketball @4052, Kaylee Mehlum, LIW Paraprofessional @ \$13.50/Hour; Myrna Knadle, SPED Paraprofessional @ \$13.80 /Hour and the resignation of Kathy Wattenphul as mini bus driver.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 7317.18, Pr.Yr Taxes 3477.68 Utility Taxes 26,865.65, Tax Pen.& Int. 480.44 Interest 103.80, Admissions 418.00; Medicaid Indirect 535.59, Medicaid Direct 489.79, Other Local Revenue 1522.69, County Apportionment 1214.07, State Aid 68,934.00,

Disbursements – 51,190.66 August Payroll 174,697.65

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,268,675.87

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 8115.82, Pr.Yr. Taxes 3512.61, Pen&Int 495.36;

Disbursements – 32,656.65

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 967,252.84

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 3156.17, Pr.Yr Taxes 1805.85, Pen&Int. 232.59;

Medicaid Indirect 82.00; Medicaid Direct 82.00

Disbursements – 8898.46; August Payroll 14,979.52

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 454,122.84

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – 6408.75

Disbursements – 1785.00 August Payroll 982.47

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4499.75

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – none

Disbursements – none

ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4330.54

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenues –35,782.98

Disbursements – 44,215.34

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 131,523.92

General Fund: A-Ox Welding – Vo-Ag Supplies 185.95; ACT – Testing Services 366.91; Active Heating Inc – Repair/Maint 411.50; All American Sports Co. – COVID Sanitizer 263.90, Ftbl equip Repair 1543.22 Total \$1817.12; Appeara – Service 1.31; ATS – Repairs/Maint 95.00; Automatic Building Controls – Repairs/Maint 2167.41; Avid Hawk LLC – Website Serv 47.93; Bobs Service – Piano Tuning 110.00; Carson Dellosa Pub.- Elem Supp K 146.95; City of De Smet – Fees for Plot.Serv. 30; Bus Gar utilities 36.55; Utilities 215.56 Total 282.00; Colonia Research – COVID Sanitizer 337.57; Cook’s Waste – Utilities 1358.50; Culligan – Utilities 112.80; Decker Equipment – Custodian Supp 48.25; Dust-Tex Serv – COVID Clean Serv 240.96; Ecolab – Cust Supp 287.07, Repairs/Maint 137.61 Total 424.68; Eric Armin Inc.- Elem Supp 5<sup>th</sup> 113.71; Fusion – Communications 370.70;

Hauff Mid America Sports – Ftball supp 2392.95, CC Awards 428.72 Total 2821.67; Heiman Fire Equipment – Fire Safety Supp/Inspect 827.50; Hillyard – Cust Supp 3692.43, COVID Classroom Supp 285.98; Innovative Office Solutions – COVID Sanitizer Supp 6933.33, Tech Supplies 3382.43, Princ. Off Supp 433.46, Title Supp 134.37, Cust Locker parts 289.70 Total 11,173.26; JW Pepper - Voc Mus Supp 120.73; Johnny on the Spot – Port Toilet Rent 800.00; Kingsbury Elect – Trans Communications 54.81; Lightspeed Tech Inc – Tech Supp 42.00; Maynards Food – Cust Supp 42.93; NAPA Auto – Trans supp 26.50; Network Services – COVID Sanitizer/Supplies 778.03; NESc – Gen Serv 10.29, Read.Recovery 303.32 Total 313.61; NW Pub Service Utilities 199.65, Trans Utilities 13.80 Total 213.45; O’Keefe Imp Inc – Trans Repair/Maint 494.97; Office Peeps – Supplies PreK-HS and Princ office 5150.04; Otter Tail Power – Trans Garage 34.70, Ath.Fd. 159.44, Building Utilities 953.34; Rich’s Gas ‘n Serv – Trans Fuel 70.75; Savvas Learning Co – Elem Curr 327.03; Scholastic Magazines 1550.04; School Specialty – Elem Supp 78.02; SD Bureau of Inf – Tech Repairs 20.10; Smith Lumber – Cust Supp 191.25; Stan Houston Equip – Vo-Ag Supp 26.15; Taylor Music – Inst Repairs 688.99, Band Supp 231.90 Total 920.89, Trustworthy Hardware – Cust Supp 251.91, Trans Supp 31.39, Vo-Ag Supp 42.30 Total 325.60; United Laboratories – Cust Supp 341.96; Ron White – Bus Inspections 336.00; ASBSD – Reg Fees 525.00; Chicago Cult Center – Voc. Mus Supp 20.00; Dust-Tex – COVID Cleaning Supp 263.96; Girton Adams Co – Boiler Maint 2058.69; Hillyard – Cust Supp 224.45; Lewis Drug – COVID Health Supp 269.90; Lightspeed Tech – Tech Supp 49.00; Network Service COVID Sanitizer 56.52, Cust Supp 107.38 Total 163.90; Office Peeps – Copier Maint 1342.62; Sherwin Williams – Cust supp 181.47; Training Room Inc. – Field Paint 411.10; Zell Man. – Trans Repairs 326.36; De Smet Food Service – Reimb Adult meals 690.60 Total General Fund – 47,370.69

Capital Outlay Fund: Audio Connections – Repairs/Maint Armory/Ath Fd. 7351.00; Bau Plumbing and Heating – COVID Water Fountains \$19,400; Blick Art Material – Elem Art Equip 1045.43; Brain pope – Software 5 Yr Sub 6843.75; CDI Tech – MS/HS Tech Software 540.00; Co-op Arch – Arch Services 1875.00; Eternal Sec. Pro – Security Upgrades 1569.69; Hauff Mid-America Sports – GBB Uniforms 1614.95; Houghton Mifflin Co – Elem Curr 762.55; IXL Learning Quia – Inst Software 359.00; Liminex inc ADM Software 3615.16; Office peeps – COVID Safety Equip/Screens 2075.00; Ultra/Conn.Pt – HS Tech Equip 1320.00; G&R Controls – HVAC Proj 2156.00; Gov. Off of Econ.Dev – Light Project Annual Principal Payment 25,820.00; Sherwin Williams – COVID Equip. 489.00; Starfall Education - Elem Tech Software 270.00; Ultra Inc/Conn Pt. Video Display 1110.00, Tech Adm Software 556.00 Total 1666.00; Total Capital Outlay Fund – 78,972.53

Special Education Fund: Fusion – Communications 106.24; Innovative Office Solutions – Supplies 10.57; McCrossan Boys Ranch – Tuition 1594.53; NESc – Early Childhood 401.93, Trans/Tech 29.62, Psychologist 700.14, Speech Pathologist 1211.93, Physical Therapy 342.24, Occupational Therapy 516.61 Total 3202.57; Office Peeps – Supplies 854.33; Total Special Education Fund 5768.24

Food Service Fund: Aaron Poppen – Refund of Student Sales 115.30, Cash-Wa – Supplies 607.97, Food 2948.19 Total 3556.16; Maynards Food Center 34.54; Prairie Farms Dairy 695.02; US Foods – supplies 274.39, Food 4056.51 Total 4330.90 Total Food Service Fund – 8616.62

**Proposed Fiscal Year Budget 2021 and Adoption:** Bus. Mgr. Susan Purinton gave a review and proposal of changes to the FY2021 budget. The changes to the General Fund Appropriations from the July budget hearing consisted mostly of additional expenditures due to COVID with a virtual learning coordinator, long term substitutes and additional workshops to prepare the staff for health practices and remote learning. Also additional COVID supplies such as sanitizers. There were also additions to the football program for football equipment repairs and utilities. Changes made in the Capital Outlay Fund Appropriations were due to increased curriculum/technology requests. Operation and Maintenance included COVID equipment for ventilation, cleaning and changing over of water fountains. The largest change was moving the use of fund balance to transfer outs to assist the General Fund expenditures. Final actual transfers will be decided toward the end of the fiscal year, May or June, 2021. The Special Education Appropriations changes were for additional paraprofessionals to help with student needs and corrections of the NESc budget. The Means of Finance to fund General Fund changes were the reduction of admissions with the Board decision to not charge at events or have activity passes due to COVID risks and possibility of cancellation of events. The other major change in Transfers In was the reversal of using fund balance

to accessing capital outlay funds. The board’s final decision on this will be dependent on how the State Legislature session of 2021 funds education for the next year. Capital Outlay Funding was increased to include the recent announcement of CARES Funds. At this time, the highest expenses for COVID are in building and grounds improvements for cleaning and improved air and sanitization. The board may decide in the future as to different avenues of where these funds will be deposited as the school year progresses and COVID expenses are more detailed. The additional funds needed to balance the special education expenditures will come from the fund balance which is high enough to support those without the need to raise taxes. The enterprise fund of Food Service was a reduction in Sales to Adults with the board offering free meals to the staff due to additional duties and oversight of lunch periods and recesses in order to keep all students and staff in their respective classes. There may be additional changes and supplements to the Federal Reimbursements as the District awaits hearing on whether it meets the requirements to fund all student lunches. To recap the changes from FY2020 to FY2021, the General Fund Budget decreased \$23,653 of budgeted expenditures from last year. This is attributed to staff cuts and other cuts in areas such as supplies and services. The Capital Outlay Fund Budget decreased \$80,720 at this time of adoption. This amount could increase in expenditures as the board continues to explore the demands of badly needed renovations to the LIW building and WPA HS Gym. COVID expenditures are also driving additional expenditures of equipment and supplies as the District manages face to face instruction and keeping students and staff safe. At this time, much of the technology for virtual learning on-line has been addressed and the administration feels the district is in a good position for such an emergency. The Special Education did see a decrease of \$18,309 due to fewer services in out of district placements. The board agreed to continue at the lower levy rate of \$1.00 per thousand and utilize fund balances. The board acknowledges that depending on District student needs in the future, the levy may have to be increased substantially in order to qualify for the Extra-ordinary Cost Fund, which by law would require to be at the full maximum of \$1.58. The District currently receives no State Aid for Special Education as our valuations and tax income are high enough to meet local needs. There being no further discussion, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the following Resolution B-FY2021 of the Annual Budget, all voting “aye”, motion carried.

**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2**  
**RESOLUTION NO. B-FY2021**

**ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET:**

Let it be resolved, that the School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 after duly considering the proposed budget and its changes thereto, to be published in accordance with SDCL 13-11-2 hereby approves and adopts its proposed budget and changes thereto, to be its Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The adopted Annual Budget totals are as follows:

General Fund	\$2,884,945
Capital Outlay Fund	\$1,272,245
Special Education	\$ 604,179
Food Service	\$ 172,622
Driver’s Education	\$ 4,196

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adopted annual budget levy requests are as follows:

General Fund	\$1.443 per \$1000 of Ag Valuation
	\$3.229 per \$1000 of Owner-Occupied
	\$6.682 per \$1000 for all others not classified as ag or owner-occupied.
General Fund Opt Out	\$200,000
Special Education Fund	\$1.00 per \$1000 of Total Valuation

Capital Outlay Fund

Per SDCL 13-16-7.2 \$3400 per Student \$945,000

Business Manager – Susan L. Purintun

09/14/2020

Date

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>As Published</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>			
1110 Elementary Education	\$591,024	\$598,194	\$ 7,170
1121 Middle School Programs	\$240,636	\$245,212	\$ 4,576
1131 High School Programs	\$554,604	\$580,219	\$25,615
2219 Improvement of Instruction	\$23,419	\$38,398	\$14,979
2227 Technology in School	\$61,576	\$64,833	\$ 3,257
2642 Recruit and Placement	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 150
6100 Male Activities	\$ 57,249	\$ 59,929	\$ 2,680
Operating Transfers Out	\$ 28,772	\$ 24,572	\$ (4,200)
			<b>\$ 54,227</b>
<b><u>Capital Outlay Fund</u></b>			
1111 Elementary Education	\$ 35,530	\$ 36,580	\$ 1,050
1121 Middle School Programs	\$ 48,522	\$ 54,434	\$ 5,912
1131 HS Academic Education	\$ 31,017	\$ 35,017	\$ 4,000
2219 Improvement of Instruction	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
2227 Technology in School	\$ 11,100	\$ 11,700	\$ 600
2549 Operation and Maintenance	\$ 844,656	\$462,902	\$(381,754)
6100 Male Activities	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,850	\$ 100
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 493,792	\$ 493,792
			<b>\$ 124,200</b>
<b><u>Special Education Fund</u></b>			
1221 Mild to Moderate Disabilities	\$ 357,677	\$382,334	\$ 24,657
2129 Transition Services	\$ 455	\$ 150	\$ (305)
2142 Psychological Services	\$ 19,500	\$ 11,000	\$ (8,500)
2171 Physical Therapy Services	\$ 5,224	\$ 4,500	\$ (724)
2172 Occupational Therapy Services	\$ 7,887	\$ 7,000	\$ (887)
			<b>\$ 14,241</b>

<b>MEANS OF FINANCE</b>	<b>As Published</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>			

Fund Bal Designated to Balance	\$ 425,565	\$ -	\$(425,565)
1710 Admission	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,000	\$ (14,000)
Other Sources - Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 493,792	\$ 493,792
			<b>\$ 54,227</b>

**Capital Outlay**

**Fund**

4151

ESSER/CARES	\$ -	\$ 124,200	\$ 124,200
			<b>\$ 124,200</b>

**Special Education Fund**

Fund Balance Designated to Finance Budget

\$101,748	\$115,989	\$ 14,241
		<b>\$ 14,241</b>

**Enterprise**

**Fund**

1620 Sales to Adults

\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$(6,000)
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1623 Reimb Adult Meals

\$ 1,500	\$ 11,700	10,200
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Other Sources - Transfers In

\$ 28,772	24,572	(4,200)
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On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve the proposed Spring 2021 Music Trip. The music booster will be opening up the vacant seats of last year's seniors to any students that do not participate in music but would like to accompany their classmates. They will be responsible for their financial share. There are open seats due last year's senior class having graduated with a smaller 8<sup>th</sup> grade class coming in. There are also open spots for parents. The travel company is not recommending tours to New York City but at this time are still able to book Washington DC and Nashville. Final locations will be determined as the time gets nearer. There is a new group of music booster officers that were elected recently. They will be starting fund raising opportunities for all students. Pres. Roth thanked the Boosters for their efforts and time to make the trips and experience possible for our students. All voting "aye", motion carried.

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to not participate in the Tax Deferment as proposed by the Federal Government. All voting "aye", motion carried.

On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve Schoenfish and Company as the District Audit Company for FY2020 not exceeding \$8300. All voting "aye", motion carried.

On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry for approval of JH athletes to participate on the Varsity Volleyball team. Discussion was held by the board noting that this definitely is a "need based" situation with only 8 high school players. Athletic Administrator Marv McCune noted that coach Vikki Dylla can only dress 14 players. Board member Jared Tolzin reminded the board and Mr. McCune of making sure all JH girls have the opportunity to dress with parental permission. Mr. McCune agreed and noted that some girls will want to dress, others will not feel ready to play at the HS level of competition. Pastor Jonathon of the American Lutheran Church asked the board to continue the practice of no JH practices on Weds. after school. The Lutheran Church, along with other congregations, offer classes to the JH age group and would appreciate the school's continued policy of no JH activities on Weds. after school along with HS practices ending by 6 PM. The board consensus and Athletic Admin. McCune supported pastor Jonathon and noted that the policies that have been in place will continue. All voting

“Aye”, motion carried. Mr. McCune did note that the same issue of JH athletes playing for girls basketball will be approached also as at this time next month as the numbers look to be low at the HS level.

On motion by D. Garry, seconded by E. Buckmiller to go into executive session on Personnel Matters as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:09 PM. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:25 PM

There being no further business on motion by D.Garry , seconded by B.Asleson to adjourn. All voting “aye”, motion carried.6:26 PM)

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth  
Susan L. Purinton, Business Manager

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