

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 August 1th, 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 Sup. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead, Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visitors were Donna Palmlund of the *Kingsbury Journal*, Kayla and Brandon Vockrodt.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA: There being no changes to the agenda, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the agenda as presented and posted. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

NESC REPORT: NESC Rep Barb Asleson reported that the NESC adopted the proposed budget making note of changes from the preliminary budget presented in previous months. The meeting served as their annual meeting with election and appointment of officers. The meeting’s major topic was geared toward COVID and dealing with protection of staff and students they serve. A staff “in-person” in-service with social distancing, in-service will be held on the 11th of August. The NESC is celebrating 40 years of serving school districts in NE South Dakota. Currently there are 24 districts receiving services from the Co-op. At this time, meetings will continue to be held by Zoom. LATI is not open for groups as large as the NESC, so the directors are considering the Ramkota Convention Center.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION REPORT: The District received noticed that a family has donated a monetary amount to the Foundation to be used for the purchase of a “Art Cart” for the Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary. The Board thanked the family and Foundation for their generosity to the new program being implemented this year.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth noted that he attended the SASD/ASBSD annual convention the past week. The ASBSD conducted their annual organization meeting in person. Drafts were made of the ASBSD’s standard positions for legislation. The annual fall regional meetings will be conducted but most likely will be on-line. At this time, the organizations do not feel there will be a special Legislative session in September to re-open budget items. Pres. Roth feels confident that De Smet will be able to open negotiations with the teaching staff depending on final enrollment numbers and COVID expenditures. The remainder of the convention was held on-line with web links and zoom meetings.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT: Supt. Abi reported that the LIW building assessment will be held in September after the re-opening of the school and things are back into a routine. Preparations for ensuring the safety of students and staff during this COVID epidemic continue.

PRINCIPALS REPORTS: Principal Armstead reported that the school year begins on August 20th. The teacher's have been in preparing for the last several weeks. Many attended two different in-service trainings on the new Promethean panels. Middle school science teacher's attended trainings on the "Amplify" curriculum that will be new to our district this year.

The digital signage is up in the entry way of the MS/HS building and the Armory/Gym. Announcements will be streamed daily and ball games will also be streamed on them.

Mr. Armstead and staff having been working on adjusting schedules to allow more time for passing between periods, lunch time, but not lose in-class time.

Registrations for middle school and high school students will be held on August 12th and 13th.

Supt. Abi gave her report noting that the annual elementary "Unpack your Backpack" has had to be cancelled. The kindergarten will do an orientation the beginning of the week of August 17th. Enrollment numbers have been flexing daily. As of the half an hour before the meeting, the number was at 279, including the remote learners.

Teachers, paras and secretaries will have in-service meetings on August 11th, 12th and 18th. They will be held at the Event Center to allow for social distancing. Training was part of meetings for the new platforms staff will be using for instructional planning and assignments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the annual meeting of July 10th and special meeting/budget hearing of July 28th; the financial report for the period of July 1st through July 31st, the bills for payment as presented (See attached listing.); approval of application for public school exemption for Student A and B; approval of elementary and middle school/high school student handbooks; approval of resignation of FACS instructor Jacqueline Rosado; approval of resignation of custodian Cody Siver; approval of resignation of elementary secretary Sheila Poppen; approval of signed employment agreement of Ryan Larson @ \$16.50/Hr.; approval of signed contract of FACS instructor contract for Angela Ostrander @ \$45,000 with FCCLA advisor @ \$2713, Asst. GBB @ \$2836 and Concessions advisor @ \$533.33; approval of signed employment agreement for paraprofessional Michaela Novak @ \$13.50/Hr; approval of signed coaching contract for Andy Armstead as JH boys basketball @ \$1985; approval of a breakfast prices to Pre-K-5 \$1.35; 6-12 \$1.50; Adults \$2.00, Reduced 30 cents (set by federal regulations); All voting "aye", motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 5737.11, Pr.Yrs Taxes 2454.99; Pen&Int 236.08, Interest 109.68, Other Local Revenue 348.00; County Apportionment 1215.36; State Aid 68,934.00, Rural Electric Taxes (Due from FY20) 31,519.95, Fed.REAP 49,439.00
Disbursements - 27,272.32, July Payroll 152,339.48
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,383,740.78
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 4751.10, Pr. Yrs Taxes 3185.22; Pen&Int 281.04;
Disbursements - 92,802.18
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 987,685.70
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 1841.05; Pr.Yr Taxes 1596.18; Pen&Int 133.08;
Disbursements - 5452.81, July Payroll 14,979.48
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 472,724.21
FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - None
Disbursements - None
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - 858.47
ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - 3250.00
Disbursements - 666.03, July Payroll 2196.06
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$4330.54
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenues - 44,612.38
Disbursements - 53,820.61
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 148,944.70

OPEN ENROLLMENT BUS PICK UP POINTS: On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J.Tolzin to establish and notify the Hamlin School District and Iroquois School District of the De Smet School District's intent for pick up points at the Bryant Gym and in Iroquois, north of the Fire Hall. All voting "aye", motion carried.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY/CLASSIFIED PAY: On motion by D.Garry, seconded by E.Buckmiller to approve \$90 per day for teaching substitutes and increase hourly to \$9.50 for paras, cooks and secretaries; long term subs will be paid 1/175th of the base (\$230) per day. Supt. Abi requested to amend the motion to substitute teachers to \$100 per day and \$10.00 per hour for paras, cooks, secretaries and custodians. She shared a statistic that a student during his K-12 years will have the equivalent of one year of their education taught by substitute educators. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the requested amendment. All voting "aye", motion carried

LIW PLUMBING EVALUATION: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to accept the bid from Elite Drain and Sewer Cleaning LLC for LIW plumbing evaluation in the amount of \$1332.75. The other bid was from Sewer Duck, Inc in the amount of \$3800. Supt. Abi noted that Travis Sichmeller, of Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, gave Elite a good recommendation and has worked with them in the past on projects. All voting "aye", motion carried.

REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the proposed "Remote Learning Program". Supt. Abi reviewed the program noting that Para Suzie Sinclair will be the remote learning advisor and both she and Princ. Armstead feel she has the organizational skills and ability to help

families succeed with this method of learning. Families will need to supply the internet access. Board members asked that when students request to be allowed to return to their assigned school/classroom that they must be approved by the administration. It was also noted to be added that Quality work completion have the addition that grading and course work will be the same as in-person grading scales. The program expectations can be found online at desmet.k12.sd.us or by contacting the school office. All voting "aye", motion carried with additions.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the presented "Back to School/COVID 19 Plan". Pres. Roth commended the committee who helped develop the plan and felt they had achieved many goals with a situation that continually evolves. It was noted that parents/guardians will need to sign off on the plan for liability issues. Band Instructor Kayla Vockrodt also presented the Music Education recommendations/suggestions for keeping instrumental and vocal students and teachers safe. She handed out face masks that were sewn especially for students using instruments. The board commended Mrs. Vockrodt and her helpers, Sharry Knock, Diane Oldsen, Brenna Nuese, Paula Vockrodt, MacKenzie McKeithan and donators Melissa Kees, Jennifer Manie Diane Oldsen, Kathy Larson and all that donated panty hose. The plan can be found online at desmet.k12.sd.us or by contacting the school office. All voting "aye", motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to go into executive session on personnel business pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 6:20 PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:55 PM.

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

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

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