

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 May 11th, 2020 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Norm Koehlmoos, Donita Garry, Barb Asleson (by Zoom), Jared Tolzin. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, HS/MS Principal Andy Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visitors were Mike Siefker, (by Zoom) representing *The Kingsbury Journal*, Brian Bindert, representing American Trust Insurance by conference call and Marlys Larsen (by Zoom) representing the DTO.

The May 2020 Agenda was adopted with the following changes: #13 Event Center Contract – removed as no contract was received; Remove #14 to approve election officials in consideration that there will be no election this year as no petitions were circulated and returned; add discussion of girl athletic participation numbers for JH and HS. On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by D. Garry to approve the amendments. On roll call vote: D.Garry “aye”, J. Tolzin “aye”, N. Koehlmoos “aye”, B. Asleson “aye”, S. Roth “aye” - All voting “aye”, motion carried.

There were no Delegations or Conflicts of Interest presented.

On motion by J. Tolzin , seconded by B. Asleson and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of April 13th, 2020, the following financial report for the period of April 1st, 2020 through April 30th, 2020, the bills presented for payment; approval of appointment of Superintendent Van Regenmorter as Federal Program Administrator, School Improvement Coordinator and the Homeless Liaison; approval of the District’s IDEA Comprehensive Plan; approval of resignation of Linda Foley, Lisa Hinkley, Allison Carlson, Alyssa Lindstrom, Doug Osthus (GBB), April Rusche (One-Act Play), Pat Wheeler (CC) approval of signed classified, certified, administrative and coaching contracts; approval of surplus food service items;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 154,254.80 Interest 146.95; Admissions 109.29; Tuition from other LEA’s \$1200.00; County Appport. 746.44, State Aid 64,660.00
Disbursements – 30220.81 April Payroll 221,496.99
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 685,013.87

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 92,055.35, Cont 2.00; Other \$3000
Disbursements – 69,373.86
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,106,032.76

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Val Tax 35,672.37,
Disbursements – 4272.01, April Payroll 47,520.42
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 316,714.30

FOOD SERVICE – Revenue – Sales to Pupils 604.55, Sales to Adults 130.00, Other Sales 173.37, Reimb Adult Meals 173.37, Federal Reimb 3577.18
Disbursements – 5195.55, April Payroll 12,118.51
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -21,669.09

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – None
Disbursements – None
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 3942.63

TRUST AND AGENCY – Revenue – 51,286.926
Disbursements – 45,726.96

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 132,682.17

Annual Property and Liability Insurance Review: Brian Bindert reviewed by conference call the District's annual insurance renewal. The company has made valuation adjustments including inflation guards. The overall increase was estimated at \$3927. Mr. Bindert noted that the rate increases are considered "General rate increases" and that they do not reflect that the District has been irresponsible in handling of property or liability issues. The board members also reviewed the quote for cyber security in the amount of \$440. The general liability umbrella will no longer extend over the District's workman comp policy it holds with ASBSD due to financial concerns. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by Norm Koehlmoos to approve the new insurance rate increases and include the cyber insurance. On roll call vote: D.Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried

NESC Report: Mr. Koehlmoos reported that most representatives participated by Zoom meeting. Due to that, the meeting took quite a lot longer with the roll call votes. Staff contracts have been issued with the COVID19 clause.

Education Enhancement Foundation: There was no business for the Foundation.

Facilities Committee: The facilities committee had nothing new to report. Supt. Abi will be in contact to see where Co-op Architecture is with the facilities assessment.

Legislative Report: The board heard that the latest news from Pierre is that the special session Governor Noem had planned on for June to review the downturn of state revenues due to the COVID19 closures, is now looking to be called for in September. There is concern that the legislature's increase to state aid could be revoked.

Principal's Reports: Princ. Armstead reviewed how Graduation 2020 will be conducted after several changes have been made over the course of the last few weeks. On May 16th, at 2 PM, twenty-one senior graduates will be honored. The ceremony will be as close to traditional as possible but also following CDC regulations. The service will not be open to the general public. The graduates are being allowed guests that they submitted for approval by the administration. There will be approximately 130 guests. Supt Abi communicated with graduates and their parents to advise family in the high-risk category to view the ceremony through the broadcast that is being provided by Valley Fiber. A videographer and photographer will be present to record the event for prosperity. Videos and photos will be available within a few weeks following the event. Following graduation, seniors have the opportunity to set up on Calumet Ave with their "baskets" to receive cards and gifts by friends and family in their vehicles.

Driver's Education has been delayed at this time until June. The instructor would like to do the class in person so the administration is looking at holding class in the gym so that the students can be socially distanced. There are presently only 10 students signed up for the class but Principal Armstead expects the number to be more in the 18-20 range. If the District is able to complete classroom instruction by June 30th, the students will be regulated under law to drive with their parent/guardian for 90 days. After July 1st, that time is lengthened to 180 days.

Locker clean-up will take place on the 19th and 20th with students signing up for a time frame to do so. Supt. Abi praised the parents and students for doing a phenomenal job of keeping in touch and doing school work. E-learning has been a journey for all those involved and most of made the best of a

situation that is not ideal. During the last two meal pick ups the numbers have been at 250 children. The cooks have prepared boxes for the students for 5 days of meals. Next week will be the last week.

Families may drop off final school work, supplies such as chrome books, library and textbooks at the elementary on May 20th from 9 AM to 6 PM. Parents with questions, should contact Mrs. Abi.

Preliminary Budget: Bus. Mgr. Susan Purinton presented the preliminary budget for FY2021. The proposed budget will be published the last week of June, with a hearing scheduled during the month of July and adoption at the September 14, 20 regular meeting. The presented budget includes increases to insurance, supplies and utilities. This budget does not include the 2% state aid increase and will be adjusted as further advice from the State comes through. The board will have the ability to reopen negotiations if they feel confident that the dollars will be on going in the future. The future enrollment for fall 2020 currently should be up by 6 students. At this time there are many variables yet to be decided specifically in the Capital Outlay Fund for facility improvements and transfers to the General Fund before the budget is set and adopted.

Public Hearing of Waiver: The board reviewed the waiver application High School credit before 9th grade for health class. By allowing 8th grade students to enroll in this course in 8th grade, it will give more flexibility for electives. This was the first reading of this waiver and will be considered for passage at the June regular meeting.

SDHSAA Amendments/Representative Voting: Following review of SDHSAA Amendment #1 and board representatives, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to vote for the following: Tom Culver of Avon as east river at large supt. representative and Marty Weismantel of Groton Area School for the Small School Group Board of Ed representative and "YES" on Amendment No. 1, which changes the number of practice days prior to the first contest. On roll call vote: D.Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried.

Shared Band and Choir Instructors with Lake Preston: Supt. Abi reported to the Board that the shared services of band and choir instructors with Lake Preston has gone very well. The respective calendars have lined up well and the teachers are enthused with the new prospects. There will be a few kinks in the process as the school year evolves but all are excited for working together for the best programs for the students.

Girls Athletic Number Review: Supt. Abi gave a quick run down of anticipated participating girl athletes for the following sports: HS Volleyball grades nine-twelve – 10; grade eight – 2-3; HS Girls Basketball grades nine – twelve – 9 to 10; 8th grade – 2. AD McCune was not able to be in attendance but will be advising the board next month as to working through combining the JH and HS program.

Negotiated Agreement: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to approve the 2020-2021 negotiated agreement. Pres. Roth thanked the DTO for their understanding of the state funding situation and concurring that no raises at this time would be the prudent option at this time. All involved that if funds become available that negotiations could be reopened. On roll call vote: D.Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried.

Executive Session: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to go into executive session at 6:23 PM on personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) On roll call vote: D.Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried

Regular session resumed at 6:38 PM.

Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. On roll call vote: D.Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried.

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

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