

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 March 8th, 2021 in the high school conference room. 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. Andrew Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Mike Siefker of the *Kingsbury Journal*. Shelly Osthus and her 6th grade students, Cortney Smith, Coy Van Regenmorter, Jordan Botkin, Noah Luethmers, Jordyn Gilligan. Mike Luethmers, Mark and Jordan Purintun attended the meeting during presentations.

Public participation: None

At this time, Beresford Business Manager Jared Olson made an unexpected visit to do a presentation on behalf of the South Dakota Business Officials Association. Mr. Olson presented Business Manager Susan Purintun the award of 2021 Outstanding School Business Official. He read a proclamation from SDASBO President Darla Mayer along with notes from other business managers and supt. Abi Van Regenmorter expressing their gratitude and Mrs. Purintun's accomplishments through her many years of service to the district, community, educational committees and the business managers organization. Mrs. Purintun was very grateful for the accolades and award noting that there are many deserving of such an award and being fortunate to have so many dedicated and wonderful associates to work with to accomplish what the profession brings to it. Mr. Olson also made note that he had the opportunity to drive around the De Smet Community and found it to be a very progressive and impressive town. He hopes to return to spend more time in the future.

The board reviewed and adopted the proposed agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda Item f. approval of Jennifer Stofferahn as K-12 Art and MS Social Studies Teacher with concession extra duties. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller, all voting "aye", motion carried.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of February 8th, 2021; the financial report for the period of February 1st through February 28th, 2021; consideration and approval of all bills; set Driver Education rates at \$250 per student (no increase from FY20); approval of contracts - Madison Birkel, Asst. Track @ \$1050; Jennifer Stofferahn as K-12 Art and MS Social Studies Teacher with concession extra duties.

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 43,717.68; Pr.Yr.Taxes 143.47; Pen&Int 7.16; Interest 77.77, Other Revenue 2384.15; Co Apport 976.92; State Aid 69,159.00; State Apport. 22,436.11; Bank Franchise Tax 29,055.53; Title IV Part A 9865.00; Title I 16,227.00; Title II Part A 201.00;
Disbursements - 44,647.53 February Payroll 199,004.07
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 950,799.79
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 35,471.81, Pr.Yrs Taxes 95.22; Pen&Int 4.75; Other 49,615.14
Disbursements - 15,078.27
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,549,553.22
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 18,610.05, Pr. Yrs Taxes 36.90; Pen&Int 1.84; Medicaid Direct 123.04;
Disbursements - 4987.23, February Payroll 42,558.85
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 340,970.42
FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue - Meals paid by Dist 1480.00; Other Sales 350.66, Federal Reimburse. 27984.78; ESSER I 22,816.00
Disbursements - 11,991.88, February Payroll 9275.99
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - 23,206.62
ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - None
Disbursements - None
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - 4330.54
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue - 55,909.74
Disbursements - 46,963.94
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 130,686.46
GENERAL FUND: A-Ox Welding, Ag Supplies 1193.71; Active Heating, Repairs/Thermost 630.25, Armory Repairs 1646.70 Total 2276.95; Advance Fund AB&T, State 1-act Play travel 54.00; K.Vockrodt, LP Travel 99.96; A.Rusche, Reimb postage 15.50; Sanford Health, HSA Fees 10.00; J. Rasmussen, Off BB Dblhdr 125.00; B. DeBoer, Off Dblhdr/Trav 154.40; C.Vossekuil, Off BB Dblhdr 125.00; J.Benning, Off GBB 90.00; T. Johnson, Off GBB 90.00; C.Fugere, Off GBB/Trav 132.00; W.Buck, Off GBB 90.00; R. Hageman, Off GBB 90.00; B. Buck, Off GBB/Trav 104.70; A. Ostrander, Reimb CS Supp 87.72; S. Osthus, Reimb Tuit. 120.00; A.VanRegenmorter; Trav 175.99; A.Hawk, Tech Supp 45.00; J.Bertsch, Off GBB/Trav 174.00; T. Schoenfelder, Off GBB 90.00; R.Derouchery, Off GBB 90.00; T. Holland, Reimb Cust Supp 327.98; P. Entringer, Off BBB/Trav 144.60; S.Schepal, Off BBB 90.00; R. Effling, Off BBB 90.00; S. Purintun, Reimb Cons Sc Equip Repair Postage 71.70; Total Adv.Fd. 2687.55; ASBSD, Reg Fees 50.00; City of De Smet, Utilities, bus garage 40.79, bldgs. 421.17 Total 461.96; Cook's Waste, Utilities 1406.34; Culligan, Utilities, 62.00; De Smet Flowers, Supplies 139.00; Dust-tex, Covid Clean 476.48; EMC Insur, Add Prem 35.00; Eternal Security Prod., Tech Repairs 1678.76; Fusion, Communications 422.37; G&R Controls, Boiler Repairs 3900.95; Heiman Fire Equip. Fire Ext.recharge 36.00; Hillyard, Cust Supp 1762.41; Johnson Controls Serv/Inspec sprink system 1052.92; Kingsbury Elec, Comm.54.32, repairs/maint 70.00 Total 124.32; Kingsbury Journal Comm 265.00; Maynards, Science Supp 138.54, Cons. Sc Supp 219.02 Total 357.56; NAPA, Trans Supp 256.97; NESCC, Gen Serv 10.29, Read.Rec. 303.32 Total 313.61; NW Pub Serv Util, Bus Gar 168.54, Buildings 3126.05 Total 3294.59; O'Keefe Imp, Trans Rep/Maint 1100.71; Office Peeps, Coper Serv/Maint 1069.98; Dustin Olson, Snow Removal 975.00; Otter Tail Power, Bus Gar

116.46, Ath Fd. 135.35, Bldgs 7540.50 Total 7792.32; Protec Roofing, Repairs 1094.90; Rich's Gas, Trans Fuel 3261.91; Scott's Auto Body, Fire Repairs 285.55; Smith's Lumber, Cust Supp 213.71, Shop Supp 59.06 Total 272.77; Training Room, Ath Sanitizer 61.23; Trustworthy Hardware, Cust Supp 26.46; West Sioux/Dakota Pottery, Art Supp 38.40; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: 38,233.68

CAPITAL OUTLAY: C. Tangen, Reimb Resource Books 800.56; Foreman Bus Sales, 2012 Bluebird Bus 24,000.00; Harv's Drilling LLC, Water Htr Improvements 6121.15; McCune Elec, Water Heater Improv. 398.84; Northern State Univ, Acad Text 23.49; Winsupply, Wt. Htr. Improve. 13,764.70; TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY IMPROVEMENTS: 45,108.74

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Adv. Fd: E.Martian, LD Supp 266.06; Fusion, Comm. 81.23; Lang.Link, Prof Serv 52.44; McCrossan Boys Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1442.67; NESC, Behav. Analyst 3153.48; NESC, Early Childhood 401.93, Trans/Tech 29.62, Psychologist 700.14, Speech Path 1211.93, Phys Therapy 342.24, Occupational Therapy 516.71, Total Monthly NESC 6356.05; TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: 8198.45

FOOD SERVICE: CASH-WA of Fargo, Food 3888.64; Child and Adult Nutr., Food 83.36; Maynards, Food 208.55; Prairie Farms Dairy, Food 902.15; School Nutrition Association, Fees 46.50; US Foods, Supplies 185.14, Food 3361.73 Total US Foods 3546.87; TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 8676.07

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 100,216.94 All voting "aye", motion carried.

NESC REPORT: NESC Representative Barb Asleson reported on the Feb. regular meeting noting that they had accepted De Smet's request to withdraw from the Reading Recovery Program. The board had also approved a new auditing firm of Qualm, Berglin and Post, PC for a three year contract beginning with FY21.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION: No report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth reviewed the legislative session which will be ending this week. At this point there has been no further word of changes to Gov. Noem's proposal of a 2.4% increase to education state aid. Bill 177 has passed concerning home school students being able to participate in extra-curricular activities. Also HB1217, which specifically requires anyone looking to participating in sanctioned sports to provide an annual signed waiver confirming a student's age and the student's "biological sex, as ascertained at or before birth in accordance with the student's genetics and reproductive biology. Both bills are awaiting Governor Noem's signature.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES: Supt. Abi reported that the buildings and grounds committee will be meeting on Thursday, at 2 PM. She has been notified that the District's request for new locks/entry system had not been approved for Homeland Security Funding.

PRINCIPALS REPORTS: Mr. Armstead told the Board that the band and chorus, along with Lake Preston performed two "Afternoon of Arts" programs on 2/23 and

2/24 with each town hosing an afternoon. The student performed a variety of group ensembles including brass, percussion, swing choir and vocal ensembles.

The One Act Play finished their season with a live performance at the Event Center the previous Saturday evening. The drama cast received a Superior on their performance along with Aria Gruenhagen, Matthew Rusche and Willem Lim receiving individual superior acting awards.

The end of the third quarter will be March 16th. State assessment testing began today, March 8th. Testing will continue through May 7th. Mr. Armstead commended the staff for being great to work with being flexible and helping to administer the tests.

The 8th and 12th graders will be training for the CPR exam this coming month.

Teacher's are working on educational experiences for the students that do not attend the music trip in April. There will be approximately 20 students that will be remaining at home. Ideas that have been brought up includes life skills trainings, a presenter, community clean-up and tours of local businesses.

Kindergarten screenings were conducted on Friday, March 5th. There were students screened.

A "Penny War" is taking place for the next two weeks between the 3rd and 4th grade students for a fund raiser for the Food Pantry. Supt. Abi said the students are having a lot of fun with this project.

The board also were reminded that the Boys Basketball team will be vying for the State B's in the SoDak 16 the next night. In the hopes that they make it, the district will receive 80 adult tickets and 20 student tickets for the State B's in Aberdeen. The adult tickets are \$30 and students \$18. The tickets are all general session with no reserve seating. There are 2800 tickets available so there will be plenty of tickets to be purchased at the door. Administrators did note that after each session the arena will be cleared and sanitized for the next round. Those that want to watch other games will need to purchase tickets for those sessions. This is protocol established by the NSU facility.

The staff are preparing students for a remote learning day for Thursday, the 11th in the event our boys make the State Tournament as our seed will play at noon on that day. Friday, the 12th, was already scheduled as a spring break day.

Supt. Abi also noted that Lewis Drug had called earlier in the day and had 10 vaccines available to staff. Staff were to call and set up an appointment for Tuesday afternoon.

Social Justice Project - 6th Grade Students: Shelly Osthus' 6th grade students gave three excellent presentations using the ActivPanel for their presentations. Mrs. Osthus explained that the students had to meet 5 objectives, design t-shirts/apparel to help "sell and promote" their project and come up with a hash tag to promote their project. Jordan Botkin and Jordyn Gilligan proposed that the school should build an animal barn on school property. The animal barn would

promote work ethic, animal kindness and it has been documented that interaction with animals relieves stress. Their hash tag is #welikeanimals.

The second presentation was done by Coy Van Regenmorter and Noah Luethmers promoting that the District should unblock games on the school's network. The reasoning for allowing the games would help students to develop better dexterity, social skills and improve attitudes. The hash tag they developed was #gamesunblockgames.

Cortney Smith gave a detailed presentation on saving the environment. She gave several points addressing the land, water and space. She gave statistics on garbage accumulation in all three environments. Ms. Smith finished with how all people can do better to recycle and care for our surroundings to save planet Earth. Her hash tag was #bethe change.

Tax Appeals Representatives: On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by B. Asleson to appoint Jared Tolzin as representative, with Shane Roth as an alternate in the appeals process of assessed property values at Township Board meetings and the De Smet City Council that will be conducted during the week of March 15th-19th, 2021. The other board members will be on call, if needed. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Technology Budget: Princ. Armstead reviewed the major points of the proposed tech budget for 2021-2022. The total budget at this point is \$125,662.98. The budget is consistent with prior years budgets with continued software, maintenance, supplies and repairs. The major purchases will be to continue adding ActivPanels, security additions and do upgrades for the wireless system. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the technology budget proposed for FY22. All voting "aye", motion carried.

2021 Music Boosters Trip: The trip will be the week of April 5th - 10th. Supt. Abi noted that there will be 53 students going along with 14 chaperones, including 2 nurses. The tour will be to Washington DC and Nashville. The company that was hired for the tour that was to of taken place last spring, strongly recommended not visiting New York City with the pandemic still being an issue. The students will not be performing as they have in past year's due to health concerns. A parent meeting is scheduled for March 22nd.

Negotiations Representatives: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to appoint Shane Roth and Barb Asleson to represent the Board of Education for negotiations purposes. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Executive Session: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to go into executive session at 6:12 PM on personnel Matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) .

Regular session resumed at 6:25 PM

There being no further business at this time, 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. Purintun, Business Manager

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