

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 February 14th, 2022 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.-Elem Princ. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Mike Siefker of the *Kingsbury Journal*, Jerry Spethman of DA Davidson.

**Agenda:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to adopt the presented agenda. All voting "aye", motion carried

**SD School Board Recognition Week:** Supt. Abi noted that South Dakota School Board Recognition Week is Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Board members were presented with certificates, cookies baked by the FCCLA and a beautiful poster made by the Kindergarten class thanking board members for their efforts to serve the students, staff, and community.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Consent Agenda:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by E. Buckmiller and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the financial report for the period of January 1st through January 31st, 2022, bills presented for payment; approval of signed contracts of Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun, Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter for FY23;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 2434.45, Pr.Yrs Taxes 126.85, Pen&Int 102.18, Interest 91.65, Admissions 2850.00; Co.Apport 1492.01, Revenue in Lieu of Taxes 1673.90, State Aid 82,460.00; Other Federal Grants through State 23,591; Fed Reimb FVRS 1314.97

Disbursements – 64,169.97 January Payroll 205,979.76

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,010,310.40

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1514.96, Pr. Yrs Taxes 84.18, Pen&Int 67.58; Cont/ Donations 1052.00; Rev in Lieu of Taxes 1818.99; Other 1865.00

Disbursements – 11,944.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,504,165.70

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 794.86, Pr. Yrs Taxes 32.62; Pen&Int 34.10, Revenue in Lieu of Tax 1004.57

Disbursements – 5127.11 January Payroll 42,950.59

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 329,140.98

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – Meals Paid by Dist. 1352.00, Other Sales 1340.19 Federal Reimbursement – 18,476.83;

Disbursements – 9531.65, January Payroll 11,194.58

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -4599.38

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue – 70,397.67

Disbursements – 54,533.70

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 103,652.81

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue – None

Disbursements – None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4005.22

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCES: 34,613.14

Bill Listing:

**GENERAL FUND:** Access Health-Prof Serv-trans physical 149; Active Heating-Repairs/Maint 1922.06; Adv.Fd US Post Off-Stamps 116, De Smet Flowers-memorial 21.50, Sanford Health Plan-H.S.A. Part Fees 12; A.Armstead-Comm reimb 300; R.Gigov-reimb tuition 75; A.VanRegenmorter-Comm Reimb 300; S.Purintun-reimb office supp/tax forms 199.67; D.Ruesink-Off GBB/Trav 127.80; A.Gross-off GBB 90; J.Maag-Off GBB 90; D.Ruesink-Off BBB/Trav 127.80; N.Ahmann-Off BBB 90; A.Gross-Off BBB 90; Maynards-Princ Off Supp 102.55; A.Ostrander-Reimb CS Supp 70.49; S.Purintun-Comm Reimb 300; K.Vockrodt-Reimb Music Subscrip 49; Trev.Holland-OFF JHBB 155.00; C.Cavanaugh-OFF JHBB 95; Cliff.Geyer-OFF JHBB 110; E.McCune-OFF JHBB 115; Terry Holland-Reimb Bldg Supp/Filters/Flags 1278.06; W.Buck-OFF Dblhdr BB 125; G.Duffy-OFF Dblhdr 125; B.Buck-Off Dblhdr BB/Trav 146; B.Geyer-Reimb AD Supp/Postage 78.63; T.Schoenfelder-reimb travel 92.40; S.Schepel-OFF Dblhdr BB 125; T.Duffy-OFF Dblhdr BB 125;P.Entringer-OFF Dblhdr BB/Trav 185.80; Castlewood HS-1Act Play Fee 200.83; AvidHawk-Tech Fee 90; J.Hart-Reimb Bckgr Check 53.25;R.Hageman-Off BBB 90;W.Buck-Off BBB 90; B.Buck-Off BBB/Trav 111; M.Clark-Off GBB/Trav 119.40; G.Blue-Off GBB 90; M.Ruth-Off GBB 90; S.Schepel-Off BBB 90; T.Duffy-Off BBB 90; P.Entringer-Off BBB/Trav 148.80; G.Blue-Off Dblhdr 125; W.Buck-Off Dblhdr/Trav 167; S.Mack-Off BBB 90; A.Entringer-Off BBB 90; R.Effling-Off BBB/Trav 127.80; S.Schepel-Off GBB 90; T.Duffy-Off GBB 90; P.Entringer-Off GBB/Trav 148.80; B.Geyer-Reimb Stor.Supp 38.31; USPO-Shipp/postage 94.54; J.Hojer-Reimb Elem Supp/Text 124.56; Region III Music-Reg Fee 143; Total Gen.Adv.Fd. 7634.99; Alert Services-First Aid Supp 167.40; Avid Hawk-WebTech 45; BioCorp-Science Supp 73.83; Century Bus. Prod-Copier Supp/serv 584.81; City of De Smet-Utilities Bus Gar 40.70, Bldg Utilties 401.25, Disposal 20 Total 462.04; Culligan-Utilties 52; De Smet Fd Serv-FVRS Reimb 1442.75, Reimb Adult Meals 1948 Total 3390.75; Dustex-Clean Serv 514.20; Foreman Bus Sales-Trans Supp 442.06; Fusion-Communications 458.77; G&R-Serv/Repairs 108; Hauff MidAmerica Sports-Wrest Supp 310.80, BBB Supp 619.58, GBB Supp 619.57 Total 1549.95; Hillyard-Cust Supp 548.82; Terry Holland-Reimb Cust Supp 526.91; Humanity Launch-Inserv presentation 2000; IS Restaur.Serv-Plumb Supp 219.42; Jostens-Grad Supp 825.98; Kingsbury CCC-Dues/Fees 1200; Kingsbury Elect-Trans Comm 54.56; Kingsbury Journal-Bd Comm 805.77, Journ.Pages 200, Subscr 65 Tota 1070.77; Maynards-Cons Sc Supp 272.21, Science Supp 99.26 Total 371.47; Midwestern Mech-Boiler Repairs 1171.43; NES-Gen Serv 22.51; NW Pub Serv-Utilities Bus Gar 355.32, Bldgs 5951.26 Total 6306.58; O’Keefe Impl-Trans Rep/Supp 1752.13; Office Peeps-Copier Supp 952.59, File Repairs 145 Total 1097.59; Otter Tail Power-Utilities Bus Gar 109.74, Ath Fd 131.07, Bldgs 7771.48 Total 8012.29; Playscripts Inc-All School Play 411.85; Rich’s Gas’n Serv-Trans Fuel 826.82; S&S Cont - LIW Boiler/RR/Bus Gar.Vent 2281.20; Scholastic-Elem Subs. 95.83; School Spec.-Princ Off 82.20, Coun Supp 212.01 Total 294.21; Smith’s Lumbber-Cust Supp 44.15; Taylor Music-Inst Repair 75; Trustworthy-Cust Supp 6.84; ValleyFiber-Ath Fd Com 66.98; Winning Vision-VocMus Supp 149.68; **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 46,987.88**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:** Adv.Fd. A.Ostrander-Perkins Equip 1455.74, C.Tangen-Res Books 1857.24, L.Kretzschmar-reimb coll text 215.88, B.Marten-reimb coll text 389.25, J.Janssen-reimb coll text 63.89 total Adv.Fd CO 3982.00; IMEG-Land Survey 7000; Jim’s Repair/Tractors-Gator Snow Removal equip 5900; **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 16,882.00**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:** Fusion-Comm 76.61; E.Martian-SPED Supp Reimb 287.38; McCrossan Boys Ranch-Out of Dist Tuition 1567.40; Mitchell School-Out of Dist Tuition 880; NES-Early Childhood 376.90, Psychologist 648.07, Speech Therapy 1132.27, Phys Therapy 279.60, Occup Therapy 512.12 Total NES 2948.96; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 5760.35**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND:** Bernard Food Ind-Food 605.90; CASH-WA of Fargo-Food 4808.18, Supplies 726.41 Total 5534.59; Child and Adult Nutrition-Food 57.16; Maynards-Food 217.42; Nita Muser-reimb Fd Serv Supplies 85.03, Food 93 Total 178.03; Performance Food Serv-Supplies 309.03, Food 4948.66 Total

5257.69; Prairie Farm Dairy-Food 1557.15; C.Wilkinson-Refund 440.45 **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES: 13,848.39**

**NESC Report:** Representative Barb Asleson referred board members to the minutes included in their board files.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** There was no business to report from the Foundation.

**Legislative Report:** The board reviewed current legislation with brief discussion concerning the juvenile justice reform and state aid increase proposals. A Cracker Barrel session was held at the Oxbow on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Buildings and Facilities Report:** Buildings and Grounds committee members will be meeting with Co-Op Architecture on Thursday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to review plans.

**Principal/AD Report:** Ms. South Dakota, Katelyn O'Neill, spoke to students K-12 on Friday with her focusing on healthy mind and body.

The FCCLA hosted a Valentine's Carnival-Dance for the middle school students on Saturday evening. This week the FCCLA will be celebrating their week with selling of heart shaped cookies and quiz games. FFA week will be the following week with a staff breakfast on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 along with competitive activities during the noon hour.

Representatives from the Sanford Underground Research Facility will be giving presentations to middle and high school students in the morning of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Following the De Smet band and chorus will host the "Afternoon of Arts" at 2 PM as a rehearsal for the Region music contest the following day in Watertown.

Students are also scheduled for a mental health presentation on March 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy Mamer. This is an event that was rescheduled from an earlier date in January.

Staff will be receiving training for administering State testing on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> along with PBIS work time. De Smet is hosting an instructional in-service on February 18<sup>th</sup> with approximately 250 staff from six different school districts planning on attending.

The Board heard that De Smet staff and admin collected textbooks and materials to loan to the Miller School District in the wake of their recent tragedy of an explosion in their school shop. Students are not only displaced from their educational facilities but are also suffering from lack of having their learning materials and tools that are not useable at this time. The principal who picked up the truckload of items noted that they were hoping to be back into their building by August. And while holding classes in various parts of their community is a great inconvenience, they are very grateful that there was no loss of life or substantial injuries.

The fourth-grade class will be traveling to Pierre on Weds, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, for their annual trip to the Capital and to visit historical venues pertaining to South Dakota History.

State testing will begin on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kindergarten screening will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. At this time, 20 plus students are anticipated to participate. The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester for the LIW students will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The board heard that all three of the sporting activities are doing excellent. The wrestlers have learned that they have qualified for Duals at the State meet the weekend of February 26<sup>th</sup>. The individual regions will be held on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The girls and boys basketball teams are having very successful seasons with both being rated highly in the polls. Region place for the girls begins the week of February 21<sup>st</sup> and for the boys February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Presentation:** At this time the Mr. Jerry Spethman of DA Davidson and Co gave a presentation on what a possible financing situation could look like as the Board moves closer to the building/renovation of elementary classrooms for grades Pre-K-5. DA Davidson worked with the school district when the current middle school/high school building bond was passed along with the capital certificates for the new athletic field and track. Mr. Spethman gave out different scenarios for Capital certificates and bonds along with a timeline if the board proceeded yet this spring. He noted that interest rates are anticipated to rise and securing financing as soon as possible would be a good fiscal move. He used a top figure of \$9 million dollars but noting that he understood that the project may need to be cut back and/or put into separate projects.

Following his presentation, Pres. Roth voiced his thoughts that he feels the board needs to look at doing Bond Redemption Certificates. This financing avenue would not put such tight restrictions on the capital outlay fund for future years. This is especially true with current capital outlay tax funding changes that are now based on student enrollment versus tax levy valuation. It was noted that in doing a Bond, it will involve an election, which most likely will slow the project up by several months. Pres. Roth asked Mr. Spethman to rework his presentation and gear it toward bonds versus capital outlay certificates.

**Motion for SDHSAA Softball Intent:** On motion by J Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to not participate in the girls softball program at this time with the limited number of students that showed interest. Supt. Abi noted that If numbers were to change in the future, the district will have an opportunity to either form a team, or to possibly coop with another school. All voting “aye”, motion carried

**2022-2023 School Year Calendar:** The board reviewed the two proposed 2022-2023 school year calendars. The calendars were drawn up by a committee of staff members and administration. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the calendar that would start school on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The last day will be May 19<sup>th</sup> with graduation on May 13<sup>th</sup>. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Technology Budget FY2023 Presentation:** Andy Armstead gave a short presentation on the technology budget, highlighting the changes from the previous year. The changes that have been recommended are updates of current technology equipment that are basically on a rotation basis. The new technology proposed is to add two additional ActivPanels along with 1 Digital signage Display unit. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the FY2023 Technology budget of \$119,512.33. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**March 2022 Calendar:** The board heard proposals from Supt. Abi in the event girls basketball and the boys basketball teams make it to State Tournament play. The wrestling team is assured of participating in the dual match on Saturday of their State Tournament. Individual matches will be decided on Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Supt. Abi is offering a fan bus for the wrestling fans for Thursday matches. Fridays of all three tournaments are scheduled as spring break days. Following discussion, it was the general consensus to have e-learning days on Thursdays of the boys and girls basketball tournaments. This will eliminate having to make up the days at the end of the calendar school year.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion to adjourn by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson. All voting “aye”, motion carried. (6:51 PM)

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

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