

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 13th, 2023 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Norm Koehlmoos, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson was absent. Administrators present were Supt.-Elem Princ. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ/AD Dan Bettin and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting by conference call was Amy Halverson for the *Kingsbury Journal*. Becky Albrecht was in attendance to represent the DTO.

Agenda: On motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by E. Buckmiller to adopt the presented agenda with the addition of consent agenda item e: accept the resignation of Tricia Holland as asst. volleyball coach. All voting "aye", motion carried.

SD School Board Recognition Week: Supt. Abi noted that South Dakota School Board Recognition Week is Feb. 20st through the 24th. Board members were presented with certificates and tickets for a free school lunch. The FCCLA membership gifted board members and administrators with treat bags and a thank you letter detailing the activities and accomplishments made possible by the school board's support. The letter was signed by all the members. The school board was very appreciative of the acknowledgement by the FCCLA members.

Delegations: None

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: A conflict of interest disclosure was presented to the board. The terms were deemed fair and reasonable. The disclosures will be submitted to the SD Auditor General and the SD attorney General following official approval of the minutes of the February 13th meeting at the March regular meeting.

Public Participation: None

Consent Agenda: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of Jan. 9th, 2023, the financial report for the period of January 1st through January 31st, 2023, bills presented for payment; approval of signed contracts of Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun, Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter for FY24; approval of resignation of Tricia Holland as asst. volleyball coach;

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 2027.10, Pr.Yrs Taxes 2.97, Pen&Int 39.98, Interest 263.29, Admissions 4170.00; Co.Apport 671.97, Revenue in Lieu of Taxes 4464.30, State Aid 96,201.00; Other State Reimb (Teach.Lead.Acad) 333.19; Federal Grants through State (Small Rural Schools) 26,009; Title IV Part A 10,000, Title I 22,035, Title II Part A 11,777

Disbursements – 42,426.67 January Payroll 203,896.22

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,391,628.65

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 1231.16, Pr. Yrs Taxes .72, Pen&Int 19.20; Cont/Donations 7743.41; Perkins 2435.00

Disbursements – 7630.19

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,547,816.56

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 615.64, Pr. Yrs Taxes .38; Pen&Int 9.60, Medicaid Direct 416.51

Disbursements – 10,563.64 January Payroll 31,879.19

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 290,595.42

BOND REDEMPTION FUND: Revenue – None

Disbursements 143,729.17

BOND REDEMPTION FUND CASH BALANCE: 377,639.39

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Revenue – Interest 9422.51

Disbursements 147,558.20

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH BALANCE: 7,675,111.95

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – Sales to Pupils 10,712.45; Sales to Adults 32.00; Meals Paid by Dist. , Other Sales 913.25; Other Sales 156.38, FVR 1041.63; Interest 208.57; Federal Reimbursement – 4923.71;

Disbursements – 9530.66, January Payroll 6952.56

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -3397.74

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Revenue – None

Disbursements – None

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CASH BALANCE 31,714.14

ENTERPRISE FUND (DRIVERS EDUCATION): Revenue – none

Disbursements – None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE: 4180.14

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue – 64,468.71

Disbursements – 60,042.60

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 111,924.70

Bill Listing:

General Fund Expenditures: A-OX Welding, Vo-ag Supplies \$757.59; Active Heating Inc, Repairs/Maint HS 327.55; ADV FD – D.VanRegenmorter, Cust Supp 55.86, S. Purintun, Bus Off Tax Supp 130.38, LS Schol BB Tourn Fee 200, J.Nihart Off Dblhdr/Trav 159.99, N.Huntimer, Off Dblhdr 125, A.Simpson Off Dblhdr 125, J. Jorgenson Off Dblhdr 125, J. Rasmussen, Off Dblhdr 125, RTR Comm Ed, Reg BB Tourn Fee 40, Arlington HS, 1-Act Play Reg Fees 213.33, L.Preston HS, Art Show Fee 50, D.VanRegenmorter, Reimb Water Filters/Maint 638.99; D.VanRegenmorter, Cust Supp 384.78, A.VanRegenmorter, Reimb PBIS Supp 109.06, A. VanRegenmorter, Reimb Elem Supp 33.02, P. Entringer, Off GBB/Trav 186.20, T Duffy, Off Dblhdr 125, R. Hageman, Off Dblhdr 125, B. Buck Off GBB/Trav 115.50, W. Buck, Off GBB 90, R. Hageman, Off GBB 90, J.Fast, Off Dblhdr 125, P.Santema, Off Dblhdr 125, J. Rasmussen, Off Dblhdr/Trav 160.70, SDSU Perf Arts, Reg Fee Honors Band 30, D.Bettin, Travel/Dues 190.18; Reg Music Cont, Fees 166, AB&T, 1-Act Play State Travel 405, S.Mack, Off GBB 90, R. Effling, Off GBB/Trav 181.80, J. Beers, Off GBB 90, B.Mack, Off GBB 90, J. Johnson, Off GBB/Trav 134.88, G.Duffy, Off GBB/Trav 114.48, D.Bettin, Reimb Comm 300, A. VanRegenmorter, Reimb Comm 300, S. Purintun, Reimb Comm 300, D.VanRegenmorter, Reimb Gym Dividers 468.59 TOTAL ADV FD 6518.74; Alert Services, Athletic First Aid 118.85; Avid Hawk, Prof Fees 45, Century Business, Copier Maint/Supp 1059.23; City of De Smet, Bus Garage Utilities 42.59, Bldg Utilities 633.45 Total 676.04; Clubhouse Hotel and Suites Supt. Trav 162.92; Culligan, Utilities 62; De Smet Flowers, Memorial 41; De Smet School Food Service, Reimb Adult meals 1855.25, Decker Equipment, Cust supp 49.45; Dust-Text, Cleaning Service 549.21; Fusion, Communications Dec/Jan 1076.64; Girton Adams Co, Boiler Maint. 350; Hillyard, Cust Supp 2856.41; Interstate Battery Center, 86.27; Kingsbury Country Club, Fees use of Course – CC and Golf 1200; Kingsbury Electric Coop, Repairs/ Maint 154.44; Kingsbury Journal, Journ Page 300, Schol Adv 105 Bd Comm 1078.10 Total 1483.10; Language Link, Prof Fees 44.40; Main Stop, Fuel 17,862.02; Maynards, MS Cons.Sc Supp 67.67; Nita Muser, Cust Supp 16.43; NAPA, Trans Supp 74.93; NESCS, Gen Serv 35.01; NW Public Serv, Bus Garage Utilities 144.21, Bldg Utilities 3964.71 Total 4108.92; Office Peeps, Copier supp 328.80, Princ Supp 19.15, Total 347.95; Otter Tail, Ath Fd Utilities 131.27, Bus Garage 191.92 Bldg Utilties 7441.63 Total 7764.82; Restaurant Design Equip Cust Supp 78.29; Rich’s Gas ‘n Service, Fuel 4999.73; Schoenfish and Co, Annual Audit Services 9100; Sheyenne Transport, Repairs 3608.21; Smith’s Lumber, Cust Supp 8.21; Taylor Music, Inst Repairs 240; Tessman Seed Inc, Hort Class Supp 492.01; Trustworthy Hardware, Cust Supp 23.75; Valley Fibercom, Ath Fd Serv 66.98 **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 68,369.02**

Capital Outlay Fund Expenditures: Adv. Fund – J.Burke, Reimb Coll Texts 75.26, K.Janssen, Reimb Coll Texts 46.26, J.McCune, Reimb Coll Text 90.26, J. Hojer, Reimb Elem Curr 95; Total Adv. Fd 306.78; Hillyard, Cust Supp/Equipment-Vacuum 814.37; Innovative Office Sol, Cust Equip – Vacuum 452; Restaurant

Design Equip, Freezer Shelving (Farm to Sch Grant) 2595.92; **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 4169.07:**

Special Education Fund Expenditures: Fusion, Dec/Jan Communications 190.44; Maynards, SPED Supp 100.95; NESB, CB Tuition 5262.37, Early Childhood 568.17, Psychologist 999.66, Speech Path 1627.36, Phys Therapy 422.05, Occup Therapy 739.03 Total NESB 9618.64; Pearson Education, Sped Curr 27; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 9937.03**

Capital Fund Projects Expenditures: Co-op Architecture, Archt Fees 4386.10; Foerster Testing Limited, Concrete Tests 835, WS Construction, LIW Project 71,142.86; **TOTAL CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS EXPENDITURES 76,363.96**

Food Service Expenditures: CASH-WA of Fargo, Supplies 393.71, Food 5515.67 Total 5909.38; Child and Adult Nutrition, Food 341.85, East Side Jersey Dairy, Food 1486.49; Maynards2, Food 340.52; Performance Food, Supplies 328.90 Food 8100.19 Total 8429.09; School Nutrition Assoc, Fees 51; Warne's Appliance, Microwave 359; **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES 16,917.33**

NESB Report: Representative Barb Asleson was absent for the report. Board members were referred 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 state aid increase proposals. Governor Noem has proposed a 5% increase but with the CPI being at 7.9%, school districts are advocating for an 8% increase to not only be able to continue efforts of competitive salaries but to cope with inflation in fuel, utilities, insurance and food. The ASBSD has also been watching Bill 1234 which involves vouchers that would move public tax dollars to private education groups. Pres. Roth is to be in Pierre on Monday, Feb. 20th for an ASBSD meeting.

Buildings and Facilities Report: Supt. Abi noted that the LIW Elementary construction site is at standstill at this time until weather conditions allow for crews to resume their work. While outside work is limited the interior details are being reviewed and finalized.

Principal/AD Report: Princ. Bettin noted that MS/HS students are already halfway through the 3rd quarter of the school year. An early release day was held on Jan 13th where the staff worked on eLearning materials and projects in the event of further snow days. ELearning days will allow for students to be able to work from home as able with teacher's and paras available for assistance. The day will count as an in person learning and will not need to be made up at the end of the school year. Middle school PBIS awards, classroom awards and fall awards that were delayed were given out on January 17th. The One-Act Play competed in Regional competition in Brookings on January 18th. They finished the top two, qualifying for the State Festival in Sioux Falls on February 2-4. Willem Lim and Matt Rusche earned superior ratings for their performances in both regions and state. Performances were held for students in grades 4-8 on Feb 8th and a performance for the public at the Event Center was done in conjunction with oral interpretation and the art department on Feb. 12th.

De Smet hosted a 14 team Big East/LCC conference tournament. It was a success with the opportunity for all to watch very competitive wrestling matches. Mr. Bettin thanked the youth wrestling club, the music boosters and staff for all of their efforts in planning, organizing and working the event.

The board was made aware of the need for additional assistant coaches for the golf and track programs as the preliminary numbers for participants has increased. At recent spring activity meetings, there were 35 students in grades 7-12 with one coach and 50 plus students grades 7-8 for track with 3 coaches. The board approved an assistant for golf last year to help with differing skill levels in golf last year and AD Bettin recommended that the board hire the assistant golf. He also advocated for the track program and compared it to the football program with different "positions" in track that need specialized instruction for runners, throwers, jumpers, and someone to oversee the program to give all students the best opportunity for their skills.

Supt Abi reported that the elementary school had recently celebrated "100th Day" of school. Elementary students started their 2nd trimester on Thursday, Feb. 9th. The DARE graduation was recently held at the Event Center. Officer Keith Jenkins instructed the students in the program. The program continues to

offer life skills and the opportunity to interact with the local law enforcement. The fourth grade students recently experienced the annual trip to Pierre. This year the students were able to visit the Discovery Center and loved the learning activities it provided. A special treat at their Capital visit was meeting Governor Kristi Noem and having photo opportunities with her.

The District will be hosting a regional in-service on Friday, Feb. 17th for five school districts. There will be motivational speakers along with breakout sessions through out the day and the opportunity to meet in small groups to participate in content grade-level discussions. The music boosters are hosting a soup and sandwich luncheon.

Teachers Report: Becky Albrecht gave an excellent breakdown report of each elementary grade activities. Preschoolers are working on their letters and patterns, Kindergarten is preparing for a Valentine's play and celebrating Laura Ingalls Wilder for the month of February; 1st graders had fun learning the ground hog day history and predicting weather; 2nd grade made Valentine's for the nursing home residents. They have been doing reports on Arctic animals and making progress on telling time and counting change; 3rd grade is working on polygon identification and area/perimeter formulas, preparing for the Smarter Balance testing for the first time. 4th and 5th grade have taken time from regular studies to learn library skills in the high school building. Students have increased reading times and are enjoying checking out challenging chapter books.

At the MS/HS level, Cory Haugen's Contemporary Issues class has been researching the topic of minimum wage, creating budgets for different states to see how each state's minimum wages compare and if they could manage their lifestyle on that budget. Kathy Sanderson's technical writing students are working on career-related documents (resumes, application and thank you letters) along with mock interviews. Her senior English class are reading *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. They have learned through discussion that the author's purpose was not to create a horror story as is depicted in today's movie's but are able to make connections between the science of 1818 to current scientific research and projects. Mrs. Nolte's English I students are studying the Shakespeare play Romeo and Juliet.

Motion for LION Bus Purchase: On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by S. Roth to pursue the purchase of the LionC All-Electric School Bus as per specifications through Sourcewell Contract 063020-LON for the cost of \$375,000 to be fully funded through the federal "Clean School Bus Rebate" program. The board further discussed the costs of the charging station of \$12,916 and installation, which will be handled through Otter Tail Power/Kingsbury Electric. The grant additionally allows for up to \$25,000 for this part of the program. After researching different bus companies and doing the on-site visit, LIONS offered the lowest quote along with the additional training for staff and first responders in the event of an emergency with the vehicle. There is a kit that is provided to the local first responders/fire department. Supt. Abi had also been in contact with the District's insurance as to coverage and said there would be no issues for coverage. The bus is a standard sizing and actually is six inches wider in the aisle than our regular buses. The bus is produced in Joliet, IL and the District should have it by late summer or early fall. Following discussion, all voting "aye", motion carried.

Motion for Snow Removal Equipment: The board reviewed a contract with Kibble Equipment of Madison SD for a lease agreement of \$2500 for a John Deere Tractor 5090E beginning Oct 15, 2023 through June 15, 2024. On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve said lease. In further discussion, the tractor will be used primarily for snow removal for FY24. Board members Koehlmoos and Tolzin along with head of facilities, Dave Van Regenmorter were informed that there is no interest locally to provide a tractor to the district as has been done in past years. They visited with several area Implement dealerships and found that Kibble offered what they felt fit the needs equipment and financially for the district for next year. The lease needed to be secured and in place for Kibble to have the tractor available and on site in time for next year's winter season. All voting "aye", motion carried.

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve a snow removal services contract with Blake Koehlmoos for the remaining months of February-April on an as-needed basis for large snow events. The term of this contract is seasonal and expires May 1, 2023. The District agrees to pay Mr.

Koehlmoos at a rate of \$50/hour including travel time to town. All voting "aye" with Norm Koehlmoos abstaining. Motion carried.

2023-2024 School Year Calendar: The board reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 school year calendar. The calendar was drawn up by a committee of staff members and administration. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by N. Koehlmoos to adopt the calendar that would start school on August 22nd. The last day will be May 17th with graduation on May 11th. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Executive Session: On motion by J. Tolzin, 2nd by N. Koehlmoos to go into executive session concerning personnel matters pursuant to SDL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:00 PM. All voting "aye", motion carried. Regular session resumed at 6:31.

Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion to adjourn by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J. Tolzin. All voting "aye", motion carried. (6:32 PM)

ATTEST: Shane Roth, President

Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager

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