

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 10th, 2021 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Vice-President Barb Asleson was absent. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, HS/MS Principal Andy Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visitors were Mike Siefker, representing *The Kingsbury Journal*, Brian Bindert, representing American Trust Insurance, Mike Luethmers, Emily Martian representing the DTO, and Tacy Boldt, LIW elementary instructor and MSgt of the Air National Guard.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mike Luethmers addressed the board and gave a handout to propose 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys to be able to participate with the junior high teams in 2021-2022. The number of boys that are participating in the upper elementary grades (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) are very low. This year's numbers were the following: 6 in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 1 in both 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He is concerned for the outlook of the JH program and keeping the players out for the sport. The board thanked Mr. Luethmers for his information along with his volunteering to put in the time to coach. Pres. Roth noted that the athletic director will generally give the board notice of the need for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to participate but it does not take board approval for that to happen. The administration is aware of the low numbers and will continue to follow the situation.

The May 2021 agenda was adopted with the following changes to the consent agenda: i. approval of resignation of Tammy Albrecht as elementary instructor; J. approval to allow Tammy Albrecht contract pay out in May to meet SDRS requirements. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the amendments. All voting "aye", motion carried.

There were no Delegations or Conflicts of Interest presented.

On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J. Tolzin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of April 12th, 2021, the following financial report for the period of April 1st, 2021 through April 30th, 2021, 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 Cory Haugen as athletic director, approval of signed certified, administrative and coaching contracts; approval of surplus vocal music arrangements; approval of the resignation of Tammy Albrecht; approval to allow Tammy Albrecht to pay off contract in May for South Dakota Retirement requirements:

GENERAL FUND: Revenue - Ad Val Tax 192,292.94 Interest 80.80; Other Local Rev. 655.50; County Apportionment 659.10; Rev in Lieu of Tax 7775.95; State Aid 69,159.00  
Disbursements - 42,711.62 April Payroll 197,728.05

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 867,062.13

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue - Ad Val Tax 96,702.71, Other 921.94

Disbursements - 5174.15

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,635.063.46

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue - Ad Val Tax 50,740.80,

Disbursements - 5088.82, April Payroll 40,104.63

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 311,853.35

FOOD SERVICE - Revenue - Sales to Pupils 100.00, Other Sales 129.49, Federal Reimb 5090.10

Disbursements - 10,203.36, April Payroll 9056.64  
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - 7807.17

ENTERPRISE FUND: Revenue - None

Disbursements - None

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - 4330.54

TRUST AND AGENCY - Revenue - 51,286.926

Disbursements - 45,726.96

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 132,682.17

**GENERAL FUND:** Advance Fund - A.Armstead-reimb tech supp.65.98; T.Holland-reimb cust supp 140.37; A.VanRegenmorter-reimb.trav/supp 115.98; S.Purintun-travel 126.00; Sanford Health-HSA Fee 10.00; A.Ostrander-Reimb ELL Tuit. 1125.00; C.Beck-reimb coach cert 35.00; Howard Wood Relays-fees 50.00; O’Gorman Invite-track fees 150.00; De Smet Chamber-staff apprec. 550.00; Estelline Alumni-track fees 140.00; D.Vanderwal-fuel 94.88; K.Markel-judge music cont/trav \$129.40; Kingsbury Journ.-subscrip 65.00; T.Holland-reimb covid supp 52.19; A.Hawk-tech supp 45.00; Redfield HS-track fee 125.00; McCook Central-title IX Training 216.00; Total Gen Fd Adv. Fd.3793.80; City of De Smet-Bus Gar Utilities 40.79, Building Utilities 407.89 Total 448.68; Dakotah Lodge-FCCLA travel 248.00; Dustex-COVID supp 419.22; Foreman Sales and Serv-trans supp 143.36; Hauff Mid-America Sports-track supp 213.90; Hillyard-COVID supp 1166.00, Cust Supp 38.58 Total 1204.58; Innovative Office Solutions-Tech Supp 549.11; Kingsbury Journal-Bd Comm 132.97; Maynards-Cons.Science Supp 210.25; McLeod’s Supp-election supplies 74.03; NAPA Auto Parts-Trans Supp 22.48; NESC-Gen Serv 10.29, Read.Rec 303.32 Total 313.61; O’Keefe Imple-Repairs/Maint 466.99; Office Peeps-Copier Supp/Serv 1128.08; Otter Tail Power-Bus Gar Utilities 124.55, Ath Fd. Utilities 145.10, Bldgs/Grds Utilities 5726.93 Total 5996.58; Prestwick House-library res 504.36; Rich’s Gas’n Serv-Trans Fuel 3289.65; Safeguard Bus Sys-Bus Off Supp 378.44; Scott’s Auto Body-Bus Repairs 235.00; TIE-Fees 1250.00; Trustworthy Hardware-cust supp 24.30; WW Tire-Trans Supp 225.04; Apple Computer-Tech Supp 69.00; Cook’s Wastepaper/Recycling-Utilities 1406.34; Culligan-Utilities 35.00; Fusion-Communications 505.69; G&R Controls Inc. Repairs/Maint 84.97; Harv’s Drilling LLC-Repairs/Maint 390.00; Kingsbury Electric Coop-Trans Comm 54.44; Kingsbury Journal Bd Supp 82.50; Mack Landscaping-Ath Fd. Irr Repairs 190.00; NW Pub Serv-Bus Gar Utilities 99.84, Bldgs/Grds. 1979.54 Total 2079.38; Office Peeps-Copier Supp 251.40; Ramkota Inn-Bus Off Trav 212.00; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 23,279.35 **CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:**

C.Tangen-Library Res. Books(Amazon) 1224.31; A.Vanregenmorter-Texts (Amazon) 277.51; Apple Computer-Tech Software 139.00; TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 1640.82

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND;** NESC-Early Childhood 401.93; Trans/Tech 29.62; Psychologist 700.14; Speech Path 1211.93; Phys Therapy 342.24; Occup. Therapy 516.71 Total NES 3202.57; McCrossan Boys Ranch-Tuition 1518.60 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 4721.17

**FOOD SERVICE:** Reimb student lunch balances: Trevor Benthin 2.75; Cody Cavanaugh 70.20; Andrew Close 47.75; Aria Gruenhagen 71.00; Carly Wiese 120.49; Child and Adult Nutr-Food 113.52; Maynards-Food 225.89; CASH-WA-Food 6574.71, Supplies 107.99 Total 6682.70; Prairie Farms Dairy-Food 1027.74; US FOODS-Food 3645.83; TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES 12,007.87

Pres. Roth noted that the board thanks Tammy Albrecht for her 32 years of wonderful teaching and amazing accomplishments. They wish her the best in her retirement, but she will be dearly missed.

**PRESENTATION:** Air Force MSgt. Tacy Boldt presented to the Board of Education of the De Smet School District a United States of America Flag that was flown on three different jets to commemorate her tour of duty overseas. The flag was flown in an F15 Fighter Jet, A KC-10 Refueler and an E3 (AWACS). Certificates were given for each flight. MSgt Boldt, in her dress

blues, thanked the Board, the staff and her students for their support during her time away. She expressed her pride in teaching for a school that supports these endeavors and her pride in service her country. Supt. Abi added that MSgt. Boldt kept in contact with her students and other classes through the internet and on zoom meetings. The students learned about the area that she was assigned to, and in turn, she was able to keep in touch to know how her students were progressing. The gift of the flag and certificates will be displayed in a prominent place to share with students and community.

**Annual Property and Liability Insurance Review:** Brian Bindert reviewed the District's property and liability insurance coverage and rates. There was a raise in overall premium of \$7048 for a total premium of \$44,195.00. Mr. Bindert explained that he is seeing many increases as companies have had to raise valuation of properties due to so many of the natural disasters that have occurred throughout the country. Through these losses Insurance companies have found that many properties were lacking adequate coverage. The board discussed whether the District is adequately covered for Cyber and Ransomware attacks. Mr. Bindert will obtain costs of increasing the current coverage the District holds. The board also heard that the company is continuing to work on the bus shed fire damage and getting the estimates for repairs. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the new insurance rate increases. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**NESC Report:** Pres. Roth reported on the April meeting for Mrs. Asleson in her absence. The NESC board was expecting a timeline of transition from Director Aberle by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The NESC is installing new video conferencing equipment to continue to allow board members to attend virtually. There will also be a slight increase in Center Base rates for the FY22.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** There was no business for the Foundation. Pres. Greg Skyberg had visited with Mrs. Purintun about setting up a meeting towards the end of May.

**Facilities Committee:** The LIW project will be discussed further down on the agenda. Supt. Abi notified the board that the Development Corporation has notified the District that the new Townhome project will soon be started in Wilder Pass in the lots currently used for the practice football field. This will necessitate the District to figure out another plan for practices. Supt. Abi has discussed with Mayor Wolkow the option of having practices on the baseball field as was the original proposal when the new athletic complex was constructed.

The District is looking at purchasing a 2016 8-passenger van that is on the State Surplus list in Huron. The vehicle has 68,044 miles and is listed for \$18,900. Supt. Abi has checked with O'Keefe's to see if they possibly had anything similar and at this time, they do not. The District is in need of a smaller van for activities with smaller participation numbers.

**Legislative Report:** No report.

**Principal's Reports:** Princ. Armstead reported that Prom was a success and the students enjoyed the festivities. He thanked Ms. Fods, Ms. Birkel, Mr. Holland and Mr. Vanderwal for all their additional work and time.

The MS/HS Spring Concert also went very well with both vocal and instrumental sounding great. The students enjoyed having the opportunity to have Show Choir back.

The Athletic Awards sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club is scheduled on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Event Center. Cookies and beverages will be served.

The All School Play will be held at the Event Center Theatre on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. The students will perform “The Boardinghouse” by Vern Harden.

Principal and Supt. Abi offered their congratulations to the Class of 2021, who graduated in commencement exercises on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Supt. Abi noted that students and staff enjoying field trips this year with the K-1 going to Aberdeen’s Storybook Land, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade touring LIW Society and The Homestead, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the Watertown Zoo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Sioux Falls to the Field Day for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Pre-school graduation will be held at the Event Center on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, elementary students completed 20 different acts for a talent show. The students did magic and card tricks, played piano, drum and vocal selections, dance routines and even had clowns and unicycles. The finale of the show was student’s names being drawn to “pie” Supt. Abi. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the entertainment. Supt. Abi noted that hearing the “belly laughs” of the students made the experience very special.

The last day of school will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Summer school will be held with assistance of ESSER funding from the federal government. The classes will address learning loss that was an outcome of missed days due to COVID. Parents of children that are eligible for the additional classes are being notified of the structure of the classes and how it can be helpful to their students to participate.

**Preliminary Budget:** Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun presented the preliminary budget for FY2022. The proposed budget will be published in July with a hearing scheduled during the month of July and adoption at the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting. The presented budget includes increases to certified staff, insurance, supplies and utilities. This budget does include the 2.5% state aid increase along with estimated ESSER Funding. The future enrollment for fall 2021 currently should be up by 6 students to 290. 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.

	FY2021	FY2022	Comparison
<b>General Fund</b>			
Instructional Service	\$ 1,502,113	\$ 1,629,929	\$ 127,816
Support Service	\$ 1,146,439	\$ 1,282,210	\$ 135,771
Community Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Programmed Charges (Unempl)	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Co-Curr. Service	\$ 207,821	\$ 199,826	\$ (7,995)
Operating Transfer Out	\$ 24,572	\$ -	\$ (24,572)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,884,945</b>	<b>\$ 3,115,965</b>	<b>\$ 231,020</b>

<b>Special Education</b>			
Instructional Service	\$ 483,024	\$ 496,389	\$ 13,365
Support Service and Coop	\$ 121,155	\$ 137,455	\$ 16,300
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 604,179</b>	<b>\$ 633,844</b>	<b>\$ 29,665</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Instructional	\$ 126,031	\$ 114,265	\$ (11,766)
Support Service	\$ 595,102	\$ 775,369	\$ 180,267
Debt Service	\$ 25,820	\$ 25,820	\$ -
Co-Curr. Service	\$ 31,500	\$ 60,020	\$ 28,520
Transfers Out	\$ 493,792	\$ 522,658	\$ 28,866
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,272,245</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,132</b>	<b>\$ 225,887</b>
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>			
Food Service	\$ 172,622	\$ 185,654	\$ 13,032
Driver's Education	\$ 4,196	\$ 4,196	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 176,818</b>	<b>\$ 189,850</b>	<b>\$ 13,032</b>

	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>Comparison</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Fund Balance			\$ -
Local Sources	\$ 1,396,965	\$ 1,394,906	\$ (2,059)
County Sources	\$ 18,000	\$ 30,400	\$ 12,400
State Sources	\$ 899,579	\$ 986,910	\$ 87,331
Federal Sources	\$ 76,609	\$ 181,091	\$ 104,482
Operating Transfers In	\$ 493,792	\$ 522,658	\$ 28,866
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,884,945</b>	<b>\$ 3,115,965</b>	<b>\$ 231,020</b>
<b>Special Education</b>			
Fund Balance	\$ 115,989	\$ 146,854	\$ 30,865

Local Sources	\$ 488,190	\$ 486,990	\$ (1,201)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 604,179</b>	<b>\$ 633,844</b>	<b>\$ 29,665</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Fund Balance			
Local Sources	\$ 1,145,245	\$ 962,078	\$ (183,167)
State Sources	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ -
Federal Sources	\$ 124,200	\$ 533,254	\$ 409,054
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,272,245</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,132</b>	<b>\$ 225,887</b>
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>			
Designated Fund Balance			
Local Sources	\$ 109,496	\$ 16,850	\$ (92,646)
State Sources	\$ 750	\$ 850	\$ 100
Federal Sources	\$ 42,000	\$ 172,150	\$ 130,150
Transfers in	\$ 24,572	\$ -	\$ (24,572)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 176,818</b>	<b>\$ 189,850</b>	<b>\$ 13,032</b>

**APPROVE PHASE 2 AND 3 WITH CO-OP ARCHITECTURE:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve Phase 2 and 3 with Co-op Architecture. Discussion was held as to what the next phases will involve. There are no dollars amounts approved with these phases. These phases will include moving toward the design phase and building the budgets necessary to fund the projects. Phase 1 was for the wrestling and weight room renovations along with HVAC improvements. Phase 2 and 3 will be the renovation of the 1937 HS Gym and the LIW Elementary facilities. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met with Tom Oster and Jason Kann on Weds., May 5<sup>th</sup> and reviewed building designs and financing along with a timeline for the two phases. The designs presented have been redone several times in efforts to find the most practical, cost effective and long-term solutions for buildings that will best serve the needs of the students, staff and community. Expanding the MS/HS building to support the elementary program is one option that could offer financial savings with being able to utilize common areas such as the library, kitchen, music room, commons along with lower staffing. Public meetings will be held for input and suggestions along with an advisory committee to be appointed. At this point the plumbing and HVAC in the LIW Elementary Building are in very poor condition and there will be continued hardships in keeping the facilities in good condition for serving students and staff. The proposed timeline could possibly have the Phase 2 and 3 substantially completed by August of 2023.

**Approval of Waiver Application for Algebra I HS Credit before 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the waiver application for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to take

Algebra I versus 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math to offer more flexibility for electives during their High School career. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Public Hearing of Waiver Policy:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve the following waiver Policy for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to take Algebra I versus 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math: “Eighth Grade students at De Smet Middle School who qualify will have the opportunity to take Algebra I instead of 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. In order to qualify, students must be proficient in math on the State Tests, score above grade-level on STAR tests, and be recommended by the classroom teacher and also their parents. Any student who takes Algebra I as an 8<sup>th</sup>-grade student will still be required to take 3 credits of Mathematics during grades 9-12.” Princ. Armstead noted that students will need to be proficient in state and STAR testing and have approval of parents and teacher as the rigor of the course is much more difficult. It will not remove them from taking 3 math courses in HS. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**SDHSAA Amendments/Representative Voting:** Following review of SDHSAA ballots, on motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by D. Garry to cast the following ballots:

Amendment #1: “YES”

Division IV Rep-Athletic/Activity Director: John Meyer of Waverly/South Shore

Division III Rep-Supt: Derek Barrios, Elk Point-Jefferson

West River at Large Rep: Todd Palmer, Sturgis HS

All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Election Officials for June 15<sup>th</sup> Election:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the following individuals as election officials for the school board election on June 15<sup>th</sup> for a 2 year position between incumbent Evan Buckmiller and challenger April Rusche: Helen Gehm, Patrick Wheeler and Dianne Larson. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Negotiated Agreement:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve the 2021-2022 negotiated agreement. Pres. Roth thanked the DTO negotiation member Marlys Larsen for all the year’s she has served as the teacher’s representative. Lindsay Nolte also represented the DTO this year and did an excellent job presenting staff concerns. The agreement includes a 3.5% increase for certified staff, a 10% increase for extracurricular activities (the first increase in 5 years), a raise to the base of \$1000. The board also agreed to pay a stipend of \$15 for when a staff member covers for another staff member during their planning period. It will be the staff member’s responsibility to turn the voucher into the business office for reimbursement. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

**Executive Session:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to go into executive session at 6:31 PM on personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:58 PM.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to adjourn. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

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

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