

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 January 11th, 2021 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson (by conference call), Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin, Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt/ Elem Princ. Abi Van Regenmorter, MS/HS Princ. Andy Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund of the Kingsbury Journal and DTO representative Lindsey Nolte .

Public participation: None

Agenda: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the proposed agenda with the addition to the Consent Agenda, item g accept resignation of Marlys Larsen as elementary music teacher and item h. declare 1970 kitchen mixer as surplus property. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

Delegations: There were no delegations present.

Conflicts of Interest: No Conflicts of interest were presented.

Consent Agenda: 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 Dec. 14th, School Board election date of June 15th, 2021, the financial report for the period of December 1st through December 31st, 2019, the bills presented for payment, the fuel escalation quotes listed after the financial report for the months of January, 2020 through June, 2020; approved signed employment agreement with Traci Schoenfelder, elementary secretary and concessions \$426.66; Madison Birkel, JH Girls Basketball 1489.00; Resignation of Marlys Larsen as elementary vocal instructor; 1970 kitchen mixer declared surplus

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 51,668.97, Pr. Yrs Tax 2739.32, Pen&Int 686.18, Interest 94.79, Admissions 15.00, Other local Rev 1177.75, Co.Apport 471.63, Rev in Lieu of Taxes 7779.83, State Aid 71,879.00

Disbursements – 30,677.27, December Payroll 241,798.80

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,132,723.40

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 58,994.85, Pr.Yrs. Taxes 3392.60, Pen&Int. 832.52, Unrestricted Fed. Grant CARES 17,300

Disbursements – 111,149.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,435,136.40

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 22,859.34, Pr.Yrs Tax 1699.92, Pen&Int 370.72, Medicaid Indirect 55.17

Disbursements – 6923.24, December Payroll 48,569.05

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 451,276.68

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – Sales to Pupil 130.00, Meals paid by District 1576.00, Fed Reimb 15,506.58

Disbursements –10,043.34

December Payroll – 9839.76

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -7777.80

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$4330.54

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue – 56,264.59

Disbursements – 55,288.13

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 139,788.42

Fuel Escalation Quotes: (*denotes low quote) January 1st through June 30th, 2021.

Diesel Fuel – The Main Stop – Cost plus 27 cents; Rich’s Gas ‘n Service – Cost plus 25 cents*

Ethanol Fuel – Rich’s Gas ‘n Service – Cost plus 26 cents; The Main Stop – Cost plus 25 cents*

No quotes received from The Cowboy Country Store.

All members present voting “aye”, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: A-OX Welding, Vo-Ag Supplies 559.38; ACT, Prof Fees 146.97; ATS, Comm.Repairs/Serv. 1004.00; Auto.Bldg.Contr., Service/Repairs 522.45; City of De Smet, Water Utilities Bus Gar. 36.44, Bldgs 355.00 Total \$391.44; Cook’s Wastepaper/Recyc, Utilities 1406.34; Culligan, Utilities 97.00; De Smet Flowers, Supplies 108.00; De Smet Food Serv, Adult meal reimb 1208.00; Dust-Tex, COVID Serv 238.24; Cleaning Serv/COVID 476.48 Total 714.72; Flinn Scientific, Science Supp 242.10; Fusion, Communications 508.58; Heiman Fire Equip, Fire Exting Supp 32.00; Hillyard Supp, Cust. Supp 847.60, COVID Supp 780.82 Total 1628.42; Horizon Health, Prof Serv 215.00; Indus Appr, Prof Fee 215.00; Innovative Solutions, Gym Floor Renov 3597.74, COVID Supp 3480.00 Total 7077.74; Intek Cleaning, Fire Restor. Bus Garage 2500.00; Johnson Sand and Grav, Bus Garage 90.00; Kings. Elec, Comm 54.44; Lifeline, AED Prog 100.00; Main Stop, Fuel 8177.05, Ath.Fd. 37.79 Total 8214.84; Maynards, Cons Sc Supp 94.04, Science Supp 38.94 Total 132.98; NAPA, Bus Supp 90.92; NESc, Gen Serv 10.29, Read.Rec. 303.32, Drug Testing 560.70 Total 560.70; NW Pub Gas – Bus Utilites 81.94, Bldg Utilties 1884,88 Total 1966.82; O’Keefe Implement, Trans Rep/Maint 1509.01; Office Peeps, Cust Supp 12.05, Office Supp 24.10, Copier Supp 491.53 Total 527.78; Dustin Olson, Snow Removal 1333.00; Otter-Tail Power, Bus Utilties 150.62, Ath Fd Utilities 96.75, Bldg Utilties 5547.53; Pitney Bowes, Post. Meter 146.10; Rich’s Gas, Fuel 211.54; Schoenfish and Co. Audit 8300.00; Scott’s Auto Body, Bus Repair(Fire) 5160.66; Sherwin-Williams Cust Supp 464.92; Smith’s Lumber, Shop Supp 211.00; Cust Supp 10.99 Total 221.99; Taylor Music, Inst Repair – 130.00; Trustworthy Hardware, Cust Supp 11.25; United Laboratories, Cust Supp 306.00, COVID supp 406.24 Total 712.24; Warne’s Appliance, Repair/Maint 117.50; Total General Fund Expenditures 54,742.34

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Ekern’s Home Equipment, Ventilation Project 12,,350.00; Total Capital Outlay Fund Expenditures 12,350.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: CPI, Prof Fees 150.00; McCrossan Boys Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1366.74; NESc: Early Childhood 401.93, Trans/Tech 29.62, Psychologist 700.14, Speech Path 1211.93, Phys Therapy 342.24, Occupational Therapy 516.71, ADOS-2 450.00, Docusign 104.27 TOTAL 3756.84; Total Special Education Fund 5273.58

FOOD SERVICE FUND: CASH-WA, Supplies 344.46, Food 1862.07 Mixer (Grant Purchase) 5170.53 Total 7377.06; CANS, Food 130.44; Maynards, Food 121.26; Prairie Farms Dairy, Food 776.03; US Foods, Supplies 32.72, Food 3129.16 Total 3161.88; Total Food Service Expenditures 83,932.59

NESC Report: Mrs. Asleson reported that a special meeting of a select few board members was held on January 7th to narrow the candidate selection for the Director position. There have been four individuals selected to continue on through the process from over 20 plus applicants. At the regular NESC board meeting in December the board approved the Rutland District to join the Coop as of July 1st. An extention of the Family First COVID benefits was approved through May 31st, 2021. They board also learned that the cooperatives would be eligible for additional funding for COVID. Supt. Abi noted that she was selected as an alternate for the interview process on Weds., January 13th.

Education Foundation: No Report

Legislative Report: No Report. Legislative session begins January 12th, 2021.

Buildings and Facilities Report: The committee will be meeting in the near future. Supt. Abi did report that the bus appraisal amount came in but that we are still waiting for the bus garage damage estimates.

Principal's Report: Principal Armstead noted that the end of the first semester was on Friday, January 8th. Students have this week to make changes to their curriculum schedule. The 7th and 8th grade students led by Mrs. Lindsey Nolte, had a reading contest with the incentive of a movie and popcorn in their classroom. The 7th grade won with having read over 30,000 pages. The total pages read by both grades was over 55,000.

The FCCLA will be competing in Region V meetings in Brookings on January 25th. The competition will be limiting contestants and coaches in attendance as well as keeping schools in zones to help keep students safe according to CDC guidelines.

The FFA is working on their arrangements for their state event.

Principal Armstead also announced that DESCO will be sponsoring one if not possibly 2 "Build Dakota" Scholarships this year.

The elementary students were able to have a unique experience of skyping with a local children's author, Heidi Herman, who is from Iceland. Ms. Herman has a residence near Lake Preston. The students were also thrilled to be able to skype with elementary teacher Tacy Boldt, who is currently serving an overseas deployment.

This Friday, January 15th will be the middle of the second trimester for the elementary students.

The youth wrestling tournament, which generally brings elementary wrestlers from all over the state, has been downsized to a triangular with Howard and Willow Lake and is being held January 15th.

BUS PURCHASE: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to purchase a 2022 Saf-T-Liner C2 251TS Bus through the Sourcewell program (member ID - 154242). The purchase is contingent on approval of the SD DENR Diesel Emission Reduction Act Rebate Program. The final results of the grant reward will be announced on January 13th. All voting "aye", motion carried.

EXTEND EMERGENCY COVID LEAVE THROUGH FY21: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by E. Buckmiller to extend the COVID Emergency Leave through FY21. All voting "aye", motion carried.

POLICY APPROVALS: Motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the following policies. GBG – STAFF PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The Board recognizes that employees of the district have the same fundamental civic responsibilities and privileges as other citizens. Among these are: campaigning for elective public office and holding an elective or appointive public office. Any employee who intends to campaign for an elective public office will notify the Superintendent, in writing at the earliest possible moment, of the office which he or she intends to seek, together with the decision as to whether he wishes to continue employment and under what terms and conditions. The Superintendent will meet with and discuss these matters with the employee involved and will present a proposed solution to the Board for consideration. The essential element to be determined by the Board is whether the activities proposed by the employee are

compatible with the time requirements for fulfilling the employee's responsibilities to the district. In connection with his or her campaigning, no employee will use school system facilities, equipment, or supplies; nor will the employee discuss his or her campaign with students or with school personnel during the working day; nor will the employee use any time during the working day for campaigning purposes. A teacher seeking an extended leave of absence for campaigning, office-holding, or other time-consuming activities connected with government service will apply for such leave in writing. The Board will provide the teacher with a written answer to a request for political leave including salary arrangements. If not elected, the employee may return to the position previously held.

GBGA - DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The Board believes in the importance of democracy in American society and advocates political participation as an act of self-governance. In this spirit, the Board recognizes the rights of district employees, as private citizens, to be involved in local, state and federal political activities, and encourages politically related material, discussions and projects in the classroom with the intent to teach students about democracy. For the purpose of educating voters and lawmakers, the Board will also provide information on ballot questions. The Board authorizes the superintendent or superintendent's designee to communicate such information to citizens, media sources, public officials or candidates running for office as the superintendent or designee deems appropriate. However, the board prohibits the following actions:

1. Use of an official school title to endorse or oppose candidates running for elected office, a political party or a proposition, referendum or issue being voted upon by the electorate;
2. Use of district funds to support or oppose a candidate running for elected office, a political action committee, a political party or a proposition, referendum or other ballot issue;
3. Distribution or posting of material which supports or opposes any candidate, political party or action committee, or proposition, referendum or other ballot issue on school property during school hours; and
4. Use of school facilities by candidates, their representatives, political parties, or political action committees.

SCHOOL AS POLLING PLACE - In the case that a public school building is used as a public polling place, candidates, their representatives, members of a political party or political action committee or citizens acting in support or opposition to a ballot question may hand out literature or speak with prospective voters as long as this is done outside a 100-foot radius of the entrance to the polling place.

All voting "aye", motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to go into executive session at 5:42 PM pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), Personnel Matters and SDCL 1-25-2(2). All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:09 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS: On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to offer contract to Susan Purintun for the Fiscal year of 2020-2021. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to offer contracts for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 to Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter. All voting “aye”, motion carried. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting “aye”, motion carried. (6:13 PM) All voting “aye”, motion carried.

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

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The following classified wages were missed in the publication of the December 2020 Kingsbury Journal:

	CLASSIFIED STAFF	Per Hour
Madison Birkel	Paraprofessional - 7.5 hrs/ Day	\$ 13.50
Ralene Coughlin	Cook - 6-7 Hrs/Day	\$ 13.31
Linda Foley	Paraprofessional - 7.5 Hrs/Day SPED	\$ 14.13
Jason Hauck	HS Night Maint- 8 Hrs/Day - 12 months	\$ 15.05
Lindsey Jeffrey	Paraprofessional - 7.5 Hrs/Day	\$ 14.13
Dennis Kruse	Bus Driver - 3-4 Hrs/Day	\$ 20.91
	Bus Driver - Wait Time	\$ 12.91
Marie Larson	Elementary Night Custodian - 3-4 Hrs/Day	\$ 13.26
Ryan Larson	Elementary Custodian - 12 months	\$ 16.83
Mike Martens	Bus Driver - 2 Hrs/Day	\$ 20.91
	Bus Driver - Wait Time	\$ 12.91
Kaylee Mehlum	Paraprofessional - 7.5 Hrs./Day SPED	\$ 13.77
Nita Muser	Food Service Manager - 8 Hrs/Day	\$ 15.92
Micheala Novak	Paraprofessional - 7.5 Hrs/Day SPED	\$ 13.77
David Ough	Mini-bus Driver - 2 Hours per day	\$ 16.12
Teresa Palmlund	Cook - 7 Hrs/Day	\$ 13.31
Melody Perry	HS Secretary - 8 Hrs/Day	\$ 15.91
Debra Pommer	Paraprofessional - 7.5 Hrs./Day SPED	\$ 14.13
Traci Schoenfelder	Elementary Secretary - 8 Hrs/Day	\$ 15.10
Diane Schultz	Paraprofessional - 4 hrs/Day SPED	\$ 13.77
Andy Todd	Paraprofessional SPED/Transp. Mgr/Bus Driver	\$ 17.34
Cheryl Wilkinson	Paraprofessional - 7.5 Hrs./Day SPED	\$ 14.13