MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 11, 2017

7:30 p.m.

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the following members present: Branson Husa, Carol Pralle, Harlan Rickers, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were present: Christopher Prososki and Jerry Rempe. The following student representative was present: Megan Moore. The following visitor was present: Patty Goes.

Reasonable advance publicized notice of the meeting was given according to law by publishing, a designated method for giving notice of the school district. Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

President Dave Zimmerman announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the back of the board of education meeting room.

Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Rickers to excuse the absence of Emily Shockley due to a work commitment.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

C.D. Bids for the month were as follows:

Security First Bank:

Blue Springs

Special Fund .72%

Wymore State Bank

Special Fund .71%

Moved by Rickers seconded by Husa to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 regular board meeting.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Husa, seconded by Zvolanek to approve bills from the general fund, depreciation fund, qualified capitol purpose undertaking fund, and special building fund.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Principals’ Reports:

The elementary principal reported on DIBELS testing, Christmas activities, numbers for winter teams, 2018 football districts, Motivational Media presentation, and enrollment numbers.

The secondary principal provided a written report over activities planned for last day before winter break, alternative school, community involvement from students, college wall of acceptance, Motivational Media presentation, recognition of students in District One Act competition and enrollment numbers.

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Prososki’s reported on mandatory school trainings for staff and he gave an update on his progress utilizing the new Sparq paperless board meetings software. He also stated that the 2016-2017 Annual Report is now on the district website and he is going to present the report at community coffee on Friday, December 15. Dr. Prososki gave an update of new federal requirements (Every Student Succeeds Act) and he went over the recent student achievement scores on both the state assessment for students in grades 3rd-8th (The NeSA assessment) and the state assessment for students in 11th grade (The ACT assessment). All of the student achievement scores are available on the 2016-2017 Annual Report. The district recently purchased a new K-8 math program for next year (enVision 2.0) and the board gave their input on the new updated belief statements. He also reminded the school board that they will need to complete the annual superintendent evaluation at the January board meeting. Dr. Prososki also proposed changing the language of the principal contracts to days (220) instead of a ten and one-half month timeframe (August 1 until June 15). The change will allow both principals to use their time more efficiently and effectively and all of the area schools’ contracts are also based on days. He also mentioned that the board needs to consider updating some of the language and the benefits that are in both principals’ contracts to be in line with the areas schools.

Moved by Rickers seconded by Husa to approve the negotiations proposal from SEA for a base salary of $34,557for the 2018-19 school year ($400 increase to the base). Insurance coverage will remain the same at $900 deductible. Horizontal movement will be limited to one step per year.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Rickers to approve the 2017-2018 safety audit as presented.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Pralle, seconded by Husa to approve a local substitute certificate for Brady Meyer.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Rickers, seconded by Zvolanek to recognize the Southern Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district’s non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2019-2020 contract year.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Husa to approve updated board policy 5014: Homeless Students.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Rickers, seconded by Pralle to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. The new calendar allows for three more in-service days for teachers. The Nebraska Department of Education recommended that the district should add more in-service days for school improvement items, data analysis, curriculum alignment, grade level planning, and for technology integration.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

Moved by Husa, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Carried 5-0Voting Yes: Husa, Pralle, Rickers, Zimmerman, Zvolanek

The next regular meeting of the Southern Board of Education will be January 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

BY

President of the Board of Education

Of this School District

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Secretary of the Board of Education

of this School District