

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 12, 2018
7:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and the following members were present: Branson Husa, Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, Emily Shockley, Harlan Rickers, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Prososki. The following visitors were present: Patty Goes, Jeff Argo, & Angela Meyer. 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 acknowledgement 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.

I.A. Roll Call

I.B. Notice of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted

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

II. Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2018, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the February 12, 2018, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Emily Shockley, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

III. Communications, Audiences, and Recognitions

III.A. Public comments will not be received after this period of time. Public comment period is limited to 5 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes overall.

Angela Meyer inquired about putting a trophy case in the Jr./Sr. High School commons to showcase the different awards won throughout the years by both choir and band. Angela said there was some money available that she could receive to help pay for this endeavor. Mr. Murphy noted that Southern is in the process of cleaning out some old trophies and the plan is to add a spot for both activities and athletics in the near future.

IV. Financial Statement: Item for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

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

Security First Bank, Blue Springs Special Funds: .85%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: .77%

IV.A. Approval of Bills

IV.A.1. General Fund, Special Building Fund, Depreciation Fund, and Qualified Capitol Purpose Fund Claims

Motion to approve the general fund, special building fund, depreciation fund, and qualified capitol purpose fund claims. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over snow removal during the past few months, setting up items for track, building a set for the school play, and a grant from the Thomas Foundation to address an ADA issue on the east side of the Jr./Sr. High School building.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.B.1. Resignations

V.B.1.1. Kylie Bent - 1.0 FTE - K-6 Special Education Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2017-2018 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Kylie Bent at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Kylie Bent at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year with regrets. The school board thanked Kylie for her year of service to Southern Public Schools. Due to the budget constraints the district faces this year, Southern is not going to fill this position for 2018-2019 school year.

V.B.1.2. Lisa Thiry - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Special Education Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2017-2018 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Lisa Thiry at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Branson Husa, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Lisa Thiry at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year with regrets. The school board thanked Lisa for her years of service to Southern Public Schools.

V.B.2. Hiring Recommendations

V.B.2.1. Amanda Antholz - 1.0 FTE - 3-Year-Old Preschool Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve Amanda Antholz as the 3-year-old Preschool Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

V.B.2.2. Shelby Barnard - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Special Education Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve Shelby Barnard as the 7-12 Special Education Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

V.B.2.3. Taylor Landenberger - 1.0 FTE - Kindergarten Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve Taylor Landenberger as the Kindergarten Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Emily Shockley, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Kalynne Breunsbach is going to move to the Jr./Sr. High School next year to fill Lisa Thiry 7-12 Special Education position.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki reported on the creation of a Get Connected handout that lists all the ways that students, parents, patrons, and staff members can stay up-to-date with everything at Southern Public Schools. Dr. Prosocki also wrote a letter of support to Wymore library regarding a grant to incentivize rural public libraries to collaborate with public school districts to achieve faster Internet. If Wymore library is awarded the grant, there will be no additional cost to Southern Public Schools and it would establish another Internet hotspot with faster speeds for the community to use. This will also allow students to use the faster Internet speed afterschool hours and it will tie into the district's possible plans to implement a one-to-one laptop initiative where every student can take their school issued laptops home with them during the school year.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

There was not a student board member report.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment numbers, attendance rate at parent teacher conferences (85% turn out), upcoming state testing dates in the spring, and the start of spring sports on February 26.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: FBLA blood drive, alternative school update, spring MAP testing, spring state testing, parent teacher conference (58% turnout as compared to 54% last spring), upcoming speaker Brooks Gibbs, upcoming social media presentation by Jen McNally, and enrollment information.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki reported on the district's recent AQuESTT classification, his recommendation to not make up any snow days as of the March 12 board meeting, and a KSB School Law Policy Service and Update for this summer. Dr. Prosocki noted that the district has not revamped their policies since the early 2000s and the current policies are in disarray. Southern is missing a

number of required state and federal policies and we currently have policies that conflict with other policies. By updating the policies, it will condense the current policy book and the district would be able to post them online for the public to view. After all of the policies are updated, the next step would be to update all of the district handbooks. This will be a huge undertaking, but Dr. Proski noted it would be time and money well spent. Based on the district's long-range facility plan, the district plans to rectify an ADA issue on the east side of the Jr./Sr. High School building this summer. A grant from the Thomas Foundation will fully fund this project. The board also discussed the following year summer projects (2018-2019) such as resurfacing and painting the Jr./Sr. High School gym floor, replacing a section of roof at the elementary school, and upgrading the phone system through the technology bond. The Margaret & Martha Thomas Foundation also inquired about placing their logo/signature on the gym floor. The school board decided to solicit for sponsors on the gym floor. Each sponsor would have to pay \$15,000 and the board would limit it to four total sponsors on the gym floor. Dr. Proski noted that next fall the district's school attorney will be out to complete a presentation over digital citizenship for all students in grades 3-12. Dr. Proski also noted that next year Southern Public Schools state aid will increase by \$367,462, but Dr. Proski foresees the district valuation dropping as well, which will offset any gains from increased state aid from the previous year.

VII. Items for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

VII.A. 2018-2019 Preschool Calendar

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 preschool calendar. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Branson Husa, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Police Officer for Prom on April 14, 2018

Motion to approve a police officer for prom on April 14, 2018. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Special Education Service Contract with ESU 5 for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the special education service contract with ESU 5 for 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Branson Husa, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Branson Husa, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018, at Southern Jr./Sr. high School Board Room in Wymore. The Board of Education will usually adhere to the sequence of the

published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to amend the agenda as deemed necessary.

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