

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2019
7:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the following members were present: Angela Meyer, Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, Emily Shockley, Harlan Rickers, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Prosocki. The following student board member was present: Cheyenne Leach. 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 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 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the February 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, 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.

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: 1.60%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.66%

IV.A. Approval of Bills

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

Motion to approve the general fund, special building fund, depreciation fund, and qualified capitol purpose undertaking 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, summer projects, and replacing the auditorium projector screen.

Dr. Prosocki went over the bid opening process that took place on February 19 and he went over some preliminary drawings of the new press box for the fall. Once the board awards the grandstand bid and approves the contract, the bleacher project can officially start on March 12 and it should commence on August 15. This will allow a two-week window to install the new press box before the first football game on August 30. Dr. Prosocki went over preliminary numbers for the press box and he noted they were a lot higher than expected. Dr. Prosocki said that if we cannot get the cost of the press box lower, the district will not be able to build a new concession stands with restrooms. Angela Meyer also noted that CTS will be out during the week of March 25 to survey the area and all of the initial plans for a new track, including overall costs, should be available by April 19.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.B.1. Resignations

V.B.1.1. Sandy Pospisil - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Math Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Sandy Pospisil at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Sandy Pospisil at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year with regrets. The school board wanted to thank Sandy for her years of service to Southern Public Schools.

V.B.1.2. Patty Goes - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 School Counselor at the Conclusion of the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Patty Goes at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by David Zimmerman, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Patty Goes at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year with regrets. The school board wanted to thank Patty for her years of service to Southern Public Schools.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki provided the school board with a breakdown of technology costs through ESU 5 and also E-rate funding the district receives through the federal government (Around \$20,483).

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The student board member reported on the following items: recent basketball records that were broken by Mariah Murphy and Drake Adams, she gave an update on student activities, a recent blood drive, upcoming speech contests, and an update on the upcoming alumni tournaments.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures, parent teacher conferences (81% turnout rate), upcoming NSCAS & MAP testing, the start of spring sports, and the sixth grade attending Worlds of Fun on May 16.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: Pioneer Quiz Bowl, alternative school, Pioneer Conference Academic Team (Silver [27-29 ACT], Ava Weiner & Shelby Decker; Bronze [24-26 ACT], Josh Lundstedt; Certificates of merit [9th, 10th, or 11th grader scoring 24 or above on ACT]; Dalton Heard & Lauren Trauernicht), NSCAS testing, parent teacher conferences (49% turnout rate), a presentation on March 19 at Beatrice High School for all 9-12 students, current enrollment figures, and a therapy dog update.

VI.D. Superintendent Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the 2018 Nebraska teacher shortage report, gave an update on the 2019 legislative session, and a letter that he wrote to Senator Myron Dorn highlighting how school spending in Nebraska is not the issue and the lack of school funding from the state is the issue. Since the 2013-2014 school year, Southern has lowered the district's mill levy by 10 cents. In addition, the district has decreased their property tax request the past two years by over \$150,801 and Southern currently has two less certificated staff members and five less classified staff members when compared to the previous school year. Next, Dr. Prosocki noted that he is serving on an Effective Educator committee at the Nebraska Department of Education, he presented the school board with the required yearly multicultural education report, and he talked about the upcoming NRCSA spring conference on March 21 & 22 in Kearney (Three board members and Dr. Prosocki will attend this conference). Dr. Prosocki presented the school board with the beginning of the school year activities, gave the board a list of his vacation days and sick days for the quarter, and stated that the school attorney, Bobby Truhe, will be out again in August to present to all 3-12 grade students and staff over digital citizenship and hot topics in education. Dr. Prosocki also noted he just completed a Small, Rural School Achievement grant through the U.S. Department of Education, he went over a recent special education file review that the ILCD committee completed, and he went over the projected staff salary costs for 2019-2020 school year. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on the standards-based report cards for next year, LB 430 that moved back state aid certification from March 1 until June 10 (Which makes budgeting extremely hard for districts that receive state aid), and he presented the board with a proposal from the Nebraska School Boards Association where they would help complete the district's first comprehensive strategic plan for the district over the course of the 2019-2020 school year.

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

VII.A. Review the 2019-2020 Handbooks

Dr. Prosocki went over drafts of the new district handbooks that will be utilized in the fall of 2019.

VII.B. Review, Consider, and Award the Bid for the Grandstand Replacement Project

Motion to approve the bid for the grandstand replacement project to Goossen Construction in the amount of \$240,000.00. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki noted that both QCPUF bond money and grant money will be used to fund this project.

VII.C. Review, Consider, and Take Action on a Construction Contract for the Grandstand Replacement Project

Motion to approve the AIA A101, A101 Exhibit A, A201 contracts and all attachments with Goossen Construction and authorize and direct the superintendent and/or board president to execute those documents and all other documents contemplated thereby on behalf of the school district. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association (BSBDA) Contract

The school board reviewed the BSBDA contract and discussed the current cooperative agreement with Diller-Odell. Currently, Southern covers all of the costs associated with the softball and golf co-ops. When the cooperative agreements need to be renewed, Dr. Prosocki noted he would like to have a dialogue with Diller-Odell about them covering some of the costs associated with the two cooperative agreements.

VII.E. Police Officer for Prom on April 6, 2019

Motion to approve a police officer for prom on April 6, 2019. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.F. Approve the Resolution to Adopt the Second Half of a More Current and Revised Set of the 6000 Series Policies

Motion to approve the resolution to adopt the second half of a more current and revised set of the 6000 series policies. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Based on Policy 6028: The Extracurricular Activities Programs, all volunteer coaches will have to be approved by the Athletic Director and the Superintendent. As per this policy, a volunteer coach includes a person taking stats on the sideline at an athletic contest. In addition, no person shall be approved as a volunteer coach if the volunteer coach has children playing on the respective sports team that the coach would be volunteering for. This policy change would not prohibit someone with children on a team from being offered a paid position as a coach, should the school feel it is in the teams' best interest to employ that person. This is also the same policy Diller-Odell is looking to adopt.

VII.G. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 8, 2019, 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

ATTEST

Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District