

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 8, 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 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 March 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the March 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Harlan Rickers, 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: 1.72%

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 Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, 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 building play props for the school play, getting items ready for prom, working on the summer maintenance list, and working on plans for the press box and concession stands.

Dr. Prosocki noted that when he has a drawing on the updated press box and concession stands, that he will share it with the school board. He also noted that he is in the process of creating a long-range bus rotation plan and he hopes to present it to the school board at the May meeting.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Jan Carr, an Jr./Sr. High School paraprofessional, is going to resign at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. Due to the district's budget constraints, Dr. Prosocki will not be filling this position next school year at the Jr./Sr. High School.

V.B.1. Resignations

V.B.1.1. Caitlin Kalvelage - 1.0 FTE - K-12 Vocal Music Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Caitlin Kalvelage at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

V.B.1.2. Carolyn Van Boening - 0.6 FTE - K-6 Media Specialist at the Conclusion of the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Carolyn Van Boening at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

V.B.1.3. Tara Sasse - 1.0 FTE - Sixth Grade Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Tara Sasse at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

V.B.2. Hiring Recommendation

V.B.2.1. Preston Jurgens - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Mathematics Teacher for the 2019-2020 School Year
Motion to approve Preston Jurgens for the 7-12 mathematics teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

In addition to his teaching duties, Preston Jurgens will serve as the Head Junior High Wrestling coach and the Assistant Junior High Football coach next year.

V.B.2.2. Lorren Rahn - 1.0 FTE - K-12 Vocal Music Teacher for the 2019-2020 School Year
Motion to approve Lorren as the K-12 vocal music teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Emily Shockley, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

In addition to her teaching duties, Lorren Rahn will serve as the Play Production/One Act sponsor next year.

V.B.2.3. Dr. Nancy Bond - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 School Counselor for the 2019-2020 School Year
Motion to approve Dr. Nancy Bond as the 7-12 school counselor for the 2019-2020 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

In addition to her counseling duties, Dr. Nancy Bond will serve as the National Honor Society sponsor and the Senior Class sponsor next year.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Proski went over the preliminary technology budget for the 2019-2020 school year. Since state aid will not be certified until June, this will be another tough budget year for equalized school districts (School districts that receive state aid). If the funding is available, Southern will move forward with the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology to improve student learning. Once the technology purchases are made next year based on the strategic plan, we will have 205 devices at the Jr./Sr. High School (Currently, Southern has 176 Jr./Sr. High School students) and we will have 184 devices at the Elementary School (Currently, Southern has 182 Elementary School students). For the 2019-2020 school year, Southern will have one technology device for every student. Dr. Proski thanked the technology committee for crafting a viable and an attainable strategic plan to provide all students with the opportunity to use technology to enhance learning in our district.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The student board member provided a written report over the following items: quiz bowl and track results, raising donations for the recent flood damage in Nebraska, art trip to Peru, basketball honors, new cheerleaders, a recent presentation by the Omaha Street Percussion, activities during World Language Week, district music, and prom.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment numbers (182 students in grades K-6), state testing, national and local testing, Fun and Field day on Friday, May 3, Kindergarten Roundup on May 13 (One session) and May 14 (One session), and upcoming field trips.

Mr. Rempe also went over some of the preliminary conversations that he has been having with the athletic director at Diller-Odell regarding Diller-Odell covering some of the costs associated with both the softball and the golf co-ops. Ever since the co-ops started, Southern has been covering all of the costs of both programs.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: Scholastic Banquet, alternative school (Currently, four of five spots are filled), the school play, ACT testing for all juniors, Honors & Fine Arts Night on April 30, Senior Scholarship Interview Day on May 1, District Music contest on April 11 & 12, Honor Roll, and Jr./Sr. High School enrollment (176 students in grades 7-12).

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki reported on LB 399 (American Civics in Education bill), which requires Nebraska students to complete one of the following items in 8th grade and 12th grade: (1) take the U.S. naturalization test, (2) attend a meeting of a public body (e.g., School board meeting) and complete a project or a paper over the meeting and what they learned, or (3) complete both a project and a presentation over a person or an event commemorated by a U.S. holiday. Next, Dr. Prososki went over his desire to implement an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for all Southern staff members. This program would offer a variety of different services and it would also offer counseling services to both employees and their families (To help staff cope with family deaths, a family member getting cancer, divorces, etc). The school board agreed that this endeavor was worth moving forward with. He went over the district's recent external accreditation visit and he said it was a success. Dr. Prososki thanked everyone that was involved with the process and he told the board he will be leading Harvard Public Schools accreditation visit on April 16 & 17. Next, he went over the 2019-2020 extra duty assignments, Dr. Prososki's recent work to meet federal special education requirements (Maintenance of Effort), he went over the Post-Graduate survey results, and went over some items from the recent NRCSA conference. Lastly, Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on the standards-based report cards for next year in grades K-6 next and he gave the board an overview of a reVISION grant that he has been working with ESU 5 on. If Southern receives this grant, it will be a five-year process where the district will look to update the district's career education program. In addition to this grant, there is also a grant available through Union Pacific that will help with this area as well. If the two grants are received, Dr. Prososki's five-year vision would

be to start offering welding classes, mechanic classes, agriculture classes, FFA classes, and in addition, to other career education classes in the years ahead.

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

VII.A. Special Education Service Contract with ESU 5 for the 2019-2020 School Year
Motion to approve the special education service contract with ESU 5 for the 2019-2020 school year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki noted that the district's contracted special education costs were around \$185,000 for the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Prosocki noted that he has worked very hard to get these costs down this year. During the 2017-2018 school year, the district's contracted special education costs were around \$298,000. Next year, the contracted special education costs will be around \$200,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Prosocki said that there are state and federal mandates that requires schools to serve all special needs students and he noted that school districts have a moral obligation to help students with their unique special needs.

VII.B. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., May 13, 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District