

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 9, 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, Betsy Frerichs, Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Prosocki. The following student board member was present: Aryel Lane.

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. Motion to excuse Emily Shockley

Motion to excuse Emily Shockley due to illness. This motion, made by David Zimmerman and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

I.C. 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 August 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting & the September 4, 2019, Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the August 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting & the September 4, 2019, Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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: 1.82%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.84%

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 Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over a second lighting strike at the Jr./Sr. High School a week before school started that created a great deal of issues, the new activity bus, and trying to finalize the press box project.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Bonnie Creek just resigned as a bus driver and the district is in the process of hiring a new daily route bus driver.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki commended both Becky Weyer and Cody Sabey regarding all of their hard work during the first few weeks of school to ensure all of the technology items were up and running. He also thanked all of the staff for their flexibility and their patience when it came to the recent lighting strike a week before school started that pushed a lot of technology items back because the district technology safety items had to be addressed first.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The student board member reported on the following items: beginning of the year athletic events, a recent presentation by Bobby Truhe of KSB School Law over social media, and a recent BMX bike presentation at Beatrice Public Schools for all 9-12 grade students.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (3-Year-Old Preschool = 11, 4-Year-Old Preschool = 20, K = 26, 1st = 24, 2nd = 22, 3rd = 24, 4th = 22, 5th = 34, & 6th = 27), safety drills (Fire drills, bus evacuation drill, & tornado drill), DIBELS testing in grades K-6 and sending letters home to parents if students are not meeting benchmark in grades K-3 under the new Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, MAP testing in grades 2-6 which is required by the federal government, fall sports participation numbers (Football = 31 participants, Volleyball = 13 participants, and Softball = 19 participants), and Southern hosting the upcoming district softball on October 9 & 10.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th = 32, 8th = 27, 9th = 33, 10th = 26, 11th = 26, & 12 = 38), MAP testing in grades 7-11 which is

required by the federal government, alternative school update (3 of the 4 spots are filled), homecoming on September 20, parent teacher conferences on October 3, Aryel Lane will serve as the new student board member representative, and he reviewed the spring ACT scores which all juniors are required to take in Nebraska.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki reminded the board about an upcoming committee on American Civics meeting at 7:15 p.m. before the regular October board meeting and he said that the Nebraska Department of Education recently approved the district's new principal evaluation system. Next, Dr. Prosocki stated that the State Board of Education classified Southern's early childhood program as an accredited program for the upcoming school year, he mentioned that he will be serving on an Effective Principal and Ineffective Principal committee with the Nebraska Department of Education, and he said the district ESU 5 special education costs are down again for the third year in a row (2017 = \$294,247, 2018 = \$183,622, & 2019 = \$180,826). Dr. Prosocki talked to the board about the upcoming teacher negotiations and teachers are currently off the midpoint by 1.05%, he went over the October 14 in-service schedule, discussed the recent safety and security meeting, went over the district enrollment and special population figures, and gave the board an update on staff salaries for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

VII.A. The 2019-2020 Southern Public Schools Budget

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Southern Public Schools budget. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

Emily Shockley: Absent, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Carol Pralle: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.B. The 2019-2020 Property Tax Resolution

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 property tax resolution. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

Emily Shockley: Absent, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Carol Pralle: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The General Fund levy will be set at 1.04, the Special Building Fund levy will be set at 0.01, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund will be set at 0.03. The overall mill levy be set at 1.08. The General Fund tax request will generate \$3,989,074, the Special Building Fund tax request will generate \$38,356, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund tax request will generate \$115,069. The overall tax request will generate \$4,142,499 and the overall mill levy will stay the same from the previous year, but tax request will go down by \$182,242 from the previous year.

VII.C. Appoint Dave Zimmerman as a Delegate for the Nebraska Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly in Omaha, NE

Motion to appoint Dave Zimmerman as a delegate for the Nebraska Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly in Omaha, NE. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.D. Declare the Old 1992 International Bus and the Old 1995 GMC Bus as Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal

Motion to declare the old 1992 International bus and the old 1995 GMC bus as surplus for immediate sale or disposal. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.E. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., October 14, 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