MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nov. 13, 2017

7:30 p.m.

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Carol Pralle, Harlan Rickers, Emily Shockley, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were present: Christopher Prososki and Jerry Rempe.

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.

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

Security First Bank:

Blue Springs

Special Fund .65%

Wymore State Bank

Special Fund .71%

Moved by Shockley seconded by Zvolanek to excuse the absence of Branson Husa.

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

Moved by Rickers seconded by Zvolanek to approve the minutes from the October 9 Special Session and Regular Board meeting.

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

Moved by Shockley, seconded by Rickers to approve bills from the general fund, depreciation fund, qualified capitol purpose fund and special building fund.

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

Principals’ Reports:

The elementary principal reported on Red Ribbon week activities, curriculum work, evacuation and lockdown drills, upcoming activities, enrollment numbers, and a declaration to play 8-man football for the next two-year football cycle.

The secondary principal provided a written report on alternative school, Veterans Day program, Motivational Media presentation, winters sports seasons, Pioneer Conference vocal music, honor roll, and enrollment numbers.

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Prososki noted that the new district website is up and running and next semester the technology committee will look at creating a district Facebook page and a Twitter account in an effort to improve communication in the district. He also went over the 2017 certified school adjusted valuation report that showed how much our district valuation went down as compared to districts in Nebraska. The total percent that Southern valuation went down was more than 212 school districts. Southern Public Schools is going to partner with Beatrice Public Schools and have Brooks Gibbs out on March 28 to speak to all grade 3-12 students about bullying. Dr. Prososki stated that there will be no increase in premium rates next year for the health insurance plan used by nearly every Nebraska school district. The January 3 in-service schedule was distributed to the school board and Dr. Prososki informed the school board that a school improvement social committee was established in an effort to help bridge the disconnect that can occur with having different buildings in different towns. Dr. Prososki was approached by AdvancED to serve on a school improvement visit in Yuma, Arizona in March of 2018 (Yuma Union High School District). There would be no costs associated with the visit, but Dr. Prososki felt there was too much going on this year to make the visit work. The school board did give approval for Dr. Prososki to serve on out of state school improvement visits in the years ahead if they do not conflict with any of his current job duties. Lastly, Dr. Prososki said the district official PK-12 enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year (Last Friday in September) was 414 students, which is up from 413 students in 2016-2017 and up from 395 students in 2015-2016.

A draft of the 2018-19 school calendar was presented for review. It included 3 more in-service days for district wide initiatives related to school improvement and state requirements put forth by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Moved by Pralle seconded by Rickers to approve the renewal of the softball cooperative agreement with Diller-Odell for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school year.

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

The 2016-17 school audit was presented for review.

Moved by Shockley, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the policy statement for enrollment into preschool as presented.

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

Moved by Rickers, seconded by Pralle to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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

The next regular meeting of the Southern Board of Education will be December 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Special Work Session on December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to have a Sparq data solutions training (Paperless board meetings).

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