MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 10, 2018

7:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Motion to excuse Branson Husa and Jim Zvolanek due to work related conflicts. This motion, made by David Zimmerman and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, Emily Shockley, and Harlan Rickers. The following administrator was present: Christopher Prososki. The following visitor was present: Jeff Argo.

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.

* 1. Roll Call
  2. 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.

* 1. Hear Support, Opposition, Criticism, Suggestions, or Observations Related to the Proposed Southern Public Schools 2018-2019 Budget

Dr. Prososki gave an overview of the 2018-2019 budget. The 2018-2019 budget is in better shape than the 2017-2018 budget because the district saw an increase in state aid (It is up by

$367,462 as compared to last year’s state aid amount of $765,374), the elimination of 2 certified and 3 classified staff through attrition, and the stabilization of the district valuation (0.003% increase). Dr. Prososki did note that with the passage of LB 1000, which formally ended the technology bond in the state of Nebraska, the district lost $100,000 in revenue. Dr.

Prososki hopes to recoup this lost revenue through attrition during the 2018-2019 school year.

He noted the valuation in Gage County was $399,062,663 and the valuation in Pawnee County was $1,376,365. The overall valuation total for Southern Public Schools was $400,439,028. Southern saw an increase of 0.003% or $1,345,781 between Gage and Pawnee Counties. Dr. Prososki noted that estimated expenditures will be up by 1.79% from the previous year and the estimated revenue will be up by 2.6% from the previous year. Dr. Prososki mentioned through his meeting with the Nebraska Department of Education the need for the district to have 3 months of operating expense in their cash reserve or $1.5 million dollars. The district currently has just under 2 months of operating expense in its cash reserve. Lastly, Dr. Prososki presented

the school board with a Pioneer Conference cost per pupil spending graph for the 2017-2018 school year.

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| **District** | **Rank (244 Districts Total)** | **Per Pupil Spending** |
| Johnson-Brock | 64 | $10,738 |
| Southern | 117 | $12,659 |
| Pawnee City | 125 | $13,193 |
| Sterling | 168 | $14,764 |
| Friend | 172 | $14,888 |
| Tri County | 174 | $14,972 |
| Diller-Odell | 192 | $15,537 |
| Lewiston | 201 | $16,200 |
| HTRS | 222 | $19,022 |
| FCSH | N/A | N/A |
| NCL | N/A | N/A |

* 1. Motion to Close the Budget Hearing

Motion to close the budget hearing at 7:15 p.m. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

1. Adjournment

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

ATTEST

Secretary of the Board of Education of this School District