

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 13, 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, Harlan Rickers, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Prosocki.

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

Motion to excuse Emily Shockley because of an illness. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

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

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 April 8, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2019, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, 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: 1.75%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.67%

Dr. Prosocki noted that the district is through eight months of the fiscal year and it has spent 60%

of the budget. The district is roughly 6.6% below the anticipated spending projection of 66.6%

#### 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 Jim Zvolanek, 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 proposed summer maintenance projects, preparing for graduation, summer mowing, meeting with the architect and Dr. Prososki to work on the new concession stands, the new bathrooms, and the new press box plans for the football field, replacing carpet, and contracting out the following projects over the summer months: roof project at both the Elementary School and the Jr./Sr. High School, new windows at the Jr./Sr. High School, new inside doors at the Jr./Sr. High School, and updating the gym floor at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Dr. Prososki presented the school board with a long-range bus and vehicle acquisition plan for the next seven years. This long-range plan will allow Dr. Prososki an ample amount of time to explore possible grant funding in the area. He noted that he is currently writing a \$42,000 grant through the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund. Dr. Prososki noted that one of his main reasons for creating a long-range bus and vehicle acquisition plan is to not put future boards and future superintendents in a tough financial spot. When Dr. Prososki first started, he was in a \$500,000 hole because of the loss of state aid, the loss in property tax revenue, the increases to salaries, and having to pay off \$200,000 worth of bus leases. Next year the district will look at trading in a bus and selling an old work truck. The district will look at purchasing a new activity bus with the grant money proceeds and moving the current activity bus to a daily route bus. The district will use the hail storm proceeds to purchase a new work truck next year as well.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

The following paraprofessionals were just hired for the 2019-2020 school year: Angela Spencer (4-Year-Old Preschool Para), Lavone Rabstějnek (K-6 Para), and Lori Moniz-Trisler (K-6 Para). Dr. Prososki noted that he was waiting on one background check to be completed for another K-6 para for next school year. Next school year, the district will have 12 paraprofessionals. A full-time maintenance staff member recently retired and the district is looking at moving from 5.68 FTE maintenance staff members to 5.00 FTE maintenance staff members next school year. This is also the same amount of maintenance staff that Tri County Public Schools has and Southern will have more maintenance staff than both Diller-Odell and Freeman.

##### V.B.1. Hiring Recommendation

V.B.1.1. Chaysen Bednar - 1.0 FTE - Sixth Grade Teacher for the 2019-2020 School Year  
Motion to approve Chaysen Bednar as the 1.0 FTE sixth grade teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

In addition to his teaching duties, he will also serve as the assistant high school girls basketball coach in the fall.

#### V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Proski went over a recent objective printer walkthrough that was completed by Capital Business Systems regarding the needed printers in our district. Capital Business Systems also gave Southern a quote for when the district lease is up with Eakes Office Solutions next summer. Dr. Proski noted he will look at getting quotes from both companies next spring. Dr. Proski recently completed E-Rate funding for next school year with ESU 5 and Southern will receive around \$21,000 in E- Rate funding.

#### VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

##### VI.A. Student Board Member Report

There was not student board member report.

##### VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (K - 26, 1st - 23, 2nd - 23, 3rd - 21, 4th - 34, 5th - 29, & 6th - 27), the completion of required state and federal assessments, fun and field day, Kindergarten Roundup, and summer school for all students going into grades 1st through 6th. He also talked about the Diller-Odell co-op and new requirements for activity sponsors next school year.

##### VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: the last day of school for Jr./Sr. High School students, having two students graduate from the alternative school, the upcoming Jr./Sr. High School elections, the seniors receiving over \$300,000 in scholarships, current enrollment figures (7th - 27, 8th - 33, 9th - 25, 10th - 27, 11th - 37, 12th - 27).

##### VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Proski went over his plan to have an active shooter training with just staff members next school year, he went over the minutes from the annual preschool advisory meeting, and he went over how he is going to require background checks for all new employees, coaches, and volunteers through One Source. Next, Dr. Proski went over the official cost of the new Employee Assistance Program for next school year (\$1,880), he went over the DIBELS data (The Elementary School had 59% of K-6 students at grade level in reading in the fall and had 70% of K-6 students at grade level in reading in the spring), and having the drug dog out to conduct a sniff on both the student lockers and the student vehicles at the Jr./Sr. High School. Dr. Proski went over the plan to have the ESU 5 mental health counselor at not just the Jr./Sr. High School next year, but also at the Elementary School as well. Dr. Proski thanked everyone on the school improvement team for making the recent external accreditation visit a success, and he went over his plan to align the kindergarten schedule with the rest of the district calendar (Kindergarten students will not get out a week early next year). Next, he gave the school board an update of LB 289 and how he talked to State Senator Myron Dorn over the phone on April 13

regarding the shortfall of this bill when it came to school funding. Dr. Prosocki suggested the new revenue sources should go directly into the Property Tax Credit Fund and the state legislature should have the experts in the field provide feedback about how to make changes to school funding in Nebraska. Dr. Prosocki then went over the 2-10 grade MAP results (The administration of a norm-referenced assessment is required by the federal government), and he talked about the tremendous amount of growth that occurred this spring on the math MAP assessments because of the implementation of a new K-8 math program this year and the staffs hard work in implementing the program with fidelity. Dr. Prosocki went over the presentations for next year: Bobby Truhe of KSB School Law (Grades 3-12), Jeff Quinn a magician (Grades PK-6), and BMX presentation at Beatrice High School (Grades 9-12). Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on the reVISION grant and how he is working with area manufacturing businesses about the possibility of them sending a certified welder to Southern to teach welding on site. Dr. Prosocki has also been talking to manufacturing businesses about the possibility of them donating scrap metal for the students to use to make a new welding program fiscally possible and sustainable in the years ahead. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki went over preliminary budget figures for next year, he went over how the new K-6 standards-based report cards will now allow teachers to use data to inform instruction in a very simplistic manner, and he went over a draft of the state's biennial budget.

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

### VII.A. Set Activity Prices for the 2019-2020 School Year

Motion to keep activity prices the same as last year. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The admission prices for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. The passes prices for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$50 for adults, \$30 for students, and \$90 for families.

### VII.B. Authorize a line of Credit with Security First Bank

Motion to authorize a line of credit with Security First Bank. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

### VII.C. Set the Annual Student Fees Policy Hearing for June 10, 2019, at 7:10 p.m. in the Board Room in Wymore, Nebraska

Motion to set the annual student fees policy hearing for June 10, 2019, at 7:10 p.m. in the board room in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Based on Nebraska statute, the school board must hold a public hearing on this policy annually to seek input from local stakeholders.

VII.D. Set the Annual Parental Involvement Policy Review Hearing and Set the Annual Title I Parental Involvement Policy Review Hearing for June 10, 2019, at 7:20 p.m. in the Board Room in Wymore, Nebraska

Motion to set the annual parental involvement policy review hearing and set the annual title I parental involvement policy review hearing for June 10, 2019, at 7:20 p.m. in the board room in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Based on Nebraska statute, the school board must hold a public hearing on these polices annually to seek input from local stakeholders.

VII.E. Notice of Settlement of Claim

Sammie Jo Anderson, Sara Anderson, and Jerry Anderson brought a claim for injury that occurred while Sammie Jo Anderson was on School property on February 11, 2015 and a settlement was reached. Release of liability has been executed in exchange for a lump sum settlement of \$405,000 (including payments to lien holders) which will be paid by ALICAP, Southern School District No. 1's risk liability pool.

Dr. Prosocki noted that under Nebraska statute, any settlement over \$50,000 has to be reported publicly. Dr. Prosocki also noted that since Southern currently has nudge protection through ALICAP and Southern also pools their insurance money with schools across the state of Nebraska through ALICAP, Southern's insurance rates will go up very little next year (Between 1 to 5 percent).

VII.F. Declare the Old High School Football Jerseys as Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal  
Motion to declare the old high school football jerseys as surplus for immediate sale or disposal. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.G. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 10, 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