

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 14, 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, Emily Shockley, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: 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. 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 September 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, Budget Hearing, & Tax Request Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the September 9, 2019 regular board meeting, budget hearing, & tax request hearing. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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: 1.85%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.86%

IV.A. Approval of Bills

Dr. Prosocki noted that the ESU 5 bill was higher this month (Around \$95,000) because we had to pay for our four alternative education spots, our elementary science program through ESU 5, our Power School consortium fees, and our web hosting fees.

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 capital purpose undertaking fund claims. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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 mowing, putting items out at Walt Lange's auction, new bus driver (Diane Wallace), and putting the new press box project out to bid.

Dr. Proski said that the press box project went out to bid on September 24 and the bid opening will take place on October 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School board room. Based on board policy, the school board has to award the bid to the lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder whose bid meets the bid specification. Next, Dr. Proski went over the preliminary budget for the new press box and he said that the \$150,000 grant from the Thomas Foundation, the QCPUF bond proceeds, and the cash reserve in the Special Buildings fund would be used to pay for the project. Lastly, he went over the new parking lot projects that will occur in the spring (South and to the east of the Jr./Sr. High School) and Con Pro, LLC will be completing this project. The \$57,5000 grant from the Thomas Foundation will help cover the cost of this project as well.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Proski stated that Mr. Murphy has been working with the Nebraska Department of Education to come up with different options for the open Industrial Technology teacher position for the current school year. Mr. Murphy stated that the district should know more information by the November board meeting.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Proski said that he has been appointed to serve on the Southeast Nebraska Distance Learning Consortium (SNDLC) board and SNDLC currently supports districts in ESU 3 and ESU 5, and two districts within ESU 6. Next, Dr. Proski went over the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology for the current school year (30 new laptops and a new laptop cart for the Elementary School, 10 new laptops for the Jr./Sr. High School, and 5 new iMacs for the office staff and Elementary School).

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The student board member reported on the following items: homecoming activities, softball season, football and volleyball records.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal provided the school board with a written report over the following items: current enrollment figures, attendance at parent teacher conferences (84% attendance rate), Red Ribbon Week will take place during the week of October 28, went over the two-year enrollment figures for 8-man football (The district will play 8 man football the next two years), MAP results, and he reported on some upcoming activities in the district.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures, report cards being sent home, alternative school update (3 of the 4 spots are filled), attending career fairs and manufacturing days and meeting the Governor Ricketts, all sophomores taking the Pre-ACT, apply to college day will take place on October 17, ASVAB testing for juniors on October 24, he gave an update on the American Civics bill in Nebraska, he made a recommendation for three students to graduate at mid-term (Which is allowed under current board policy), and attendance at parent teacher conferences (41% attendance rate).

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the district's AQuESTT classifications (District - 2 [Good], Elementary School - 2 [Good], Middle School - 1 [Needs Improvement], High School - 4 [Excellent]) and he said the four AQuESTT classifications are 4 (Excellent), 3 (Great), 2 (Good), and 1 (Needs Improvement). Dr. Prosocki noted that this is one of many data points the district uses to improve student achievement within the district. Next, he went over different subpopulations that were underperforming on the state assessment, he distributed his work days for the third quarter, he went over the results of the recent DIBELS assessment, and he gave the board an update on the recent community engagement meeting that was part of the strategic planning process. Dr. Prosocki went over two interim studies being conducted by the Nebraska State Legislature: (1) is to possibly get rid of Educational Service Units (ESUs) across Nebraska and (2) is to possibly have shared/county superintendents (Beatrice, Diller-Odell, Freeman, Tri County would all share a superintendent). Next, Dr. Prosocki went over some of the MAP results, he informed the school board that he will be serving on a committee with the Nebraska Department of Education to revise and update the Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Framework (The state teacher and principal evaluation systems), and he provided the board with a Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (State assessment) comparison in grades 3-8. Dr. Prosocki then gave the school board an update on the first reVISION grant meeting (The grant is working to revise current career and technology education classes in the district) and he said they will be an upcoming community meeting as part of the grant, he went over the first quarter Southern spotlight, and he has been working with the ILCD committee to prepare for an upcoming special education file review from the Nebraska Department of Education. Lastly, he reminded the school board of his upcoming yearly November evaluation and he gave an update on the science committee's plans to review new science textbooks and implement new science textbooks in grades K-8 next year.

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

VII.A. Approve the Southern Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for the District's Non-Supervisory Certified Staff for the 2021-2022 Contract Year
Motion Approve the Southern Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for the District's Non-Supervisory Certified Staff for the 2021-2022 Contract Year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by David Zimmerman, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Adopt the World Language Content Area Standards

Motion to adopt the world language content area standards. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Job Descriptions for School District Employees

Motion to approve the job descriptions for school district employees. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., November 11, 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