

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 11, 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: 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. 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 October 14, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the October 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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: 1.80%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.88%

IV.A. Approval of Bills

Dr. Prosocki noted that we are two months into the fiscal year and the district has received 25% of its revenue and the district has spent 15% of its overall budget. Dr. Prosocki commended the board for increasing the cash reserve (Depreciation fund) by around \$450,000 over the past two years. He noted that the Special Building Fund and Qualified Capitol Purpose Undertaking Fund (QCPUF) have increased over the past two years, but the influx of money has come through bond proceeds (QCPUF) and through grants that already have projects earmarked in the months

ahead. Last year the district received \$210,500 in grant funds and we are two months into the fiscal the year, the district has received \$107,500 in grant funds.

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 Carol Pralle and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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 winterizing the sprinkler system, plans to aerate the fields and lawns, and having the Fire Marshall out to inspect the new fire alarm system that was damaged by lightning over the summer months.

Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the QCPUF bond proceeds and he said the district recently received a donation to pay for a remote system to move the main basketball hoops up and down for PE classes, contests, and graduation at the Jr./Sr. High School. Last spring the district had to replace the side basketball hoop gears that were over 40 years old.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Monica Ullman recently resigned and the district is looking to fill a part time maintenance staff member. Jeff Murphy also gave the board an update on the open Industrial Technology position.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki noted that he completed the Future Ready District Technology Plan with Cody Sabey. This is a yearly requirement from the Nebraska Department of Education. Next, he compared Southern's technology budget to a larger school in the area and Southern's technology budget is almost double when it comes to both yearly hardware and software purchases.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The student board member reported on the following items: football playoffs, the Veterans Day program, Pioneer Conference Vocal Music, and winter sports starting on Monday, November 18.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment numbers, Red Ribbon Week activities (It is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October), the science committee looking at new science textbooks for next year, he gave a report on the State Athletic Director's convention, and congratulated all of the fall sports teams on their seasons.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment numbers, Southern's Veterans Day program, an alternative school update, the start of winter sports, college visits that Dr. Bond has organized, Pioneer Conference Vocal Music on November 11, Mrs. Nerverve and her students working with Heartland Center for Leadership Development to come up with ways to improve the community, first quarter Honor Roll, and he showed a video over the projects that have occurred in the Industrial Arts class.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the 2019 Certified School Adjustment Valuation Report from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, he went over the 2018-2019 state aid recalculation (Southern's state aid will go up by \$3,834 or from \$1,311,562 to \$1,315,396), he went over the 2019 ACT results, and he went over the 2019 Annual Audit and the Annual Financial Report. He said that the reVISION grant community engagement meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13. He presented the school board with a draft of both the 2020-2021 district calendar and preschool calendar. Dr. Prosocki noted that Southern has to follow the Nebraska School Activity Association (NSAA) calendar so we do not have a track meet on graduation. He stated that the calendar was sent out to all staff members to give their input on it. In addition, Southern will need to host Pioneer Conference Quiz bowl on March 22, 2021, so the Jr./Sr. High School will have an early out (11:00 a.m.) so we can use all of the classrooms. All of the Jr./Sr. High School staff will need to work this event. Dr. Prosocki noted that both the Preschool and the Elementary School will both be in session on this day and he will send a letter home in the fall to inform parents and he will also send a reminder letter when it gets closer to this date. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over the annual safety audit conducted by Bruce Lang, the Chief of Police in Beatrice, he talked about an upcoming school board dinner, he gave the board an update on the strategic planning work, and he went over the official enrollment numbers (390 students for the 2019-2020 school year), poverty trends, option enrollment trends, and special education trends. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki talked about how the district is implementing Dr. Robert Marzano's research-based instructional model (Best teaching practices) this school year in an effort to improve student achievement in the district.

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

VII.A. Press Box Bids

Motion to reject both press box bids. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki noted that the two press box bids came in too high and did not fall within the school's budget. Dr. Prosocki told the board that his plan is to work with a local contractor to come up with different ideas about how to lower the costs before he meets with the architect again. Based on state law, school districts have to put building projects out to bid if they are over \$100,000. He also wants to have three options available when he puts the project out to bid again: (1) just the press box option, (2) the press box and the restrooms option, (3) the press box, the restrooms, and the concession stands option. Dr. Prosocki hopes to get the three options out to bid by January or February and have the commencement date for the project be March 1 or March 15.

VII.B. Option Enrollment Applications

VII.C. Executive Session: Annual Superintendent Evaluation - As Needed to Protect the Interest of the District & to Prevent the Needless Injury to the Reputation of an Individual

Motion to enter executive session at 8:37 p.m. to complete the annual superintendent evaluation as needed to protect the interest of the district & to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C.1. Convene in Executive Session: Annual Superintendent Evaluation

VII.C.2. Reconvene Meeting From Executive Session

Motion to reconvene the meeting from executive session at 9:10 p.m. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C.3. Approval of Any Action Deemed Necessary as a Result of Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., December 9, 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