

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 11, 2020
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, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrator was present: Christopher Prososki.

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 from the May board meeting. This motion, made by David Zimmerman and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

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 Jr./Sr. High School gym.

II. Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the April 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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: 1.30%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.31%

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 Betsy Frerichs 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 the start of the windows on the west and south side of the Jr./Sr. High School building, work on the new press box, starting on new LED lighting at the Elementary School, upgrading to LED lighting in the Jr./Sr. High School parking lot, and Diode working on security upgrades.

Dr. Prososki went over the press box schedule with the school board and he said the project should be complete by the middle of June.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prososki said that Emma Riesen is going to resign at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. As of now, the district will need to hire an Elementary School para and a daily route bus driver.

V.C. Technology Update

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

There was not a student board member report at the May board meeting.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: summer school packets, working on fall schedules as it relates to reading and math, and daily tasks the elementary principal is completing.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal had a written report on the following items: a draft of an 8-period day schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Prososki noted that through students' surveys, parent surveys, and post-graduate surveys, they all indicated the desire for more class offerings for students. The switch to an 8-period day schedule will allow students to take more elective classes and Southern is the only ESU 5 school that is currently not on an 8-period day schedule.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki went over a number of different steps that he will need to take to fulfill the requirements from the Nebraska Department of Education related to the COVID-19 closure by June 30, 2020 (Complete an Affidavit, Continuity of Learning Plan recap, and Rule 10 checklist), he went over the assessment calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, and he gave the

board an update on which items the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act can be used on. He did note that the CARES Act funding cannot be taken away by the state legislature like many rural senators noted they wanted to do, but all of the funds have to be expended or the state would forfeit the stimulus money under the CARES Act. Next, Dr. Prososki said the administration is working on contingency plans for the fall and they know firsthand that preschool and elementary school students cannot be left at home alone on different days during a given week. He gave the board an update on the switch to a new 8-period schedule for the 2021-2022 school year in an effort to expand class offerings to students, he talked about extending reading and math blocks in the fall for primary Elementary School students, and he gave the board an update regarding graduation on August 1. Next, he went over the new school improvement poster, the completion of federal requirements under Perkins V, implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at the Elementary School in the years ahead through a grant through ESU 5, and the school improvement committee reading *All Learning is Social and Emotional* next school year in an effort for all staff to help address social and emotional issues in the district. Dr. Prososki went over the 2020-2021 state aid figures. For the 2020-2021 school year, the district's state aid will go from \$1,311,562 to \$1,488,527. This will represent a 13.49% increase or a \$176,965. Dr. Prososki noted that overall raises will cost the district around \$136,000 next year and the increase in state aid will help offset the staffing increases. He also noted that last year the district's state aid went up by \$189,496, but the district lost \$182,242 because our valuation went down (The district's budget only grew by \$7,254 from the previous year). He also stated he does not know the extent that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the district's budget this upcoming school year or in the years ahead. Dr. Prososki went over the meals served during the school closure, he went over the summer school plans that have to occur based on the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, a recent teacher recruitment and retention taskforce he served on with the Nebraska Department of Education, gave an update about the state legislature looking to reconvene in the middle of June, and a \$28,000 grant the district just received from the Thomas Foundation to purchase 3 new treadmills and 4 new ellipticals for the Jr./Sr. High School weight room. Lastly, Dr. Prososki went over the \$316,500 grant proceeds the district have received from the Thomas foundation over the past three years and thanked them for their continued support (2017-2018 = \$12,500, 2018-2019 = \$168,500, & 2019-2020 = \$135,500).

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

VII.A. Set Activity Prices for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to keep the activity prices the same as the previous year. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The admission prices for the 2020-2021 school year will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. The prices for passes for the 2020-2021 school year will be \$50 for adults, \$30 for students, and \$90 for families.

VII.B. Set the Annual Student Fees Policy Hearing for June 8, 2020, at 7:10 p.m. in the Gym in Wymore, Nebraska

Set the annual student fees policy hearing for June 8, 2020, at 7:10 p.m. in the gym in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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.C. Set the Annual Parental Involvement Policy Review Hearing and Set the Annual Title I Parental Involvement Policy Review Hearing for June 8, 2020, at 7:20 p.m. in the Gym in Wymore, NE

Motion to set the annual parental involvement policy review hearing and set the annual Title I parental involvement policy review hearing for June 8, 2020, at 7:20 p.m. in the gym in Wymore, NE. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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VII.D. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 8, 2020, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Gym 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District