

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 11, 2021
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: Aaron Whitwer, Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrator was present: 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. Posted Location:

- Wymore Arbor State Newspaper

Posted Date: 12/24/2021

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.

I.C. Oath of Office

The three newly elected board members signed the oath of office: Aaron Whitwer, Betsy Frerichs, & Dana Dorn.

II. Approval of Minutes from the December 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the December 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Angela Meyer, 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: 1.50%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.41%

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 Angela Meyer 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 ceiling issues in the auditorium and looking for a new maintenance staff member to replace Tom Regan.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Tom Regan, a maintenance staff member, just resigned and the district will be looking for someone to fill his position.

V.B.1. Resignation

V.B.1.1. Janie Winter - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Social Studies Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Janie Winter at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Janie Winter at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year with regrets. The school board thanked Janie for her years of service to Southern Public Schools.

V.C. Technology Update

There were not any technology items to report at the January board meeting.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The was not a January student board report.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal provided a written report over the following items: current enrollment figures (3-year-old preschool - 8, 4-year-old preschool - 11, K - 30, 1st - 25, 2nd - 22, 3rd - 22, 4th - 22, 5th - 19, 6th - 33), report cards going home, Elementary School Spelling Bee on February 10, and not having a kindergarten parent orientation meeting (The district plans to have an open house in August).

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal provided a written report on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th - 26, 8th - 34, 9th - 28, 10th - 34, 11th - 23, 12th - 26), all alternative education spots at ESU 5 are filled, working on registration for next year, academic all-state (Football - Connor Bradley & Izak Spann; Play Production - Shelby March & Sadee Ullman; Volleyball - Kaylee Klover & Madison Wegner), getting ready for the 8 period 7-12 schedule next year, and an update on the digital media project.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the DIBELS assessment in grades K-6 and he gave the board an update on the 107th Nebraska State Legislature, 1st Session. Next, he went over the Blueprint Nebraska initiative and how it aims to place more caps on school spending and Dr. Prosocki foresees legislation this upcoming session associated with this (The governor has already gone on record and said he wants to go after public schools in Nebraska again this year). Dr. Prosocki talked to the school board about the possibility of a bond election for a new elementary school gym, some new playground equipment at the elementary school, and two new preschool classrooms at the elementary school. He noted that over the past 4 years staff, parents, and patrons have approached him about the need for another gym and their desire to have all elementary school students under one roof for safety purposes, to help with the transition between grade levels, and to allow for more collaboration between preschool teachers. In addition, this will allow our art teacher to have an art room at the elementary school and not have to use a cart to go from classroom to classroom to complete art classes. Dr. Prosocki said he has no plans of building a state-of-the-art gym, but only having one gym is a scheduling nightmare for PE classes, for practices, and for the youth and community that want to use our gym throughout the school year. He envisions building a gym similar to Meridian's new practice gym and since the district is at the legal levy limit, this project will have to be voted on by the public (Diller-Odell and Meridian could just go ahead and build new gyms). Dr. Prosocki said there has never been a better time to try and pass a bond with the interest rates being at an all-time low and how the pandemic has not had a profound impact on Nebraska's economy like it has in other states. The building and grounds committee plans to visit Meridian's facility and the school board asked Dr. Prosocki to provide more information about this potential project at the next board meeting. Next Dr. Prosocki talked about the upcoming NRCSA spring conference, he gave the board an update on the new Response and Relief Act 2020 (The district will use this stimulus money to address air quality in our facilities), he gave the board an update on the work towards the district's strategic plan, he reminded the board about a Title IX training they will need to complete, and he presented his workdays for the second quarter.

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

VII.A. Reorganization of the Southern School Board

VII.A.1. Election of Officers

VII.A.1.1. President

Motion to appoint Dave Zimmerman as the President of Southern Board of Education. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

David Zimmerman: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Aaron Whitwer: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.A.1.2. Vice-President

Motion to appoint Jim Zvolanek as the Vice-President of Southern Board of Education. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Jim Zvolanek: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Aaron Whitwer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.A.1.3. Secretary

Motion to appoint Dana Dorn as the Secretary of Southern Board of Education. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

Dana Dorn: Abstain (With Conflict), Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Aaron Whitwer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.B. Appointments

VII.B.1. Appoint the District's Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator

Motion to appoint Christopher Prosocki as the district's non-discrimination compliance coordinator. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B.2. Appoint the Treasurer

Motion to appoint Jane Mallam as the treasurer. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B.3. Authorized Representative for State & Federal Programs

Motion to appoint Christopher Prosocki as the authorized representative for state & federal programs. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Designate the Fund Depository for Southern Public Schools

Motion to designate Security First Bank of Blue Springs and Main Street Bank of Wymore as the depository for Southern Public Schools. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Designate the Legal Newspaper for Southern Public Schools

Motion to designate Wymore Arbor State as the legal newspaper for Southern Public Schools. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.E. Designate the Legal Counsel for Southern Public Schools

Motion to designate KSB School Law as the district's legal counsel. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.F. Designate the Method for Publicizing Meetings of the Southern Board of Education

Motion to publicize meetings of the Southern board of education in accordance with Policy 2008: Meetings. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Based on Policy 2008: Meetings, the board shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each of its meetings, which generally will be 48 hours or more in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the board and the public. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and, if available, on the newspaper's website. Newspapers of general circulation in the district include, but are not necessarily limited to, the Wymore Arbor State, Lincoln Journal Star, or the Omaha World-Herald.

VII.G. Appoint School Board Standing Committees

Dave Zimmerman appointed the standing school board committees for 2021.

VII.G.1. American Civics

Aaron Whitwer, Dana Dorn, & Dave Zimmerman will serve on the American Civics committee.

VII.G.2. Building & Grounds

Betsy Frerichs, Dave Zimmerman, & Jim Zvolanek will serve on the Building & Grounds committee.

VII.G.3. Finance

Betsy Frerichs, Dave Zimmerman, & Jim Zvolanek will serve on the Finance committee.

VII.G.4. Negotiations

Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, & Jim Zvolanek will serve on the negotiations committee.

VII.G.5. Policy

Aaron Whitwer, Angela Meyer, & Dave Zimmerman will serve on the policy committee.

VII.G.6. Transportation

Angela Meyer, Dana Dorn, & Dave Zimmerman will serve on the transportation committee.

VII.H. Policy Review - Policy 2005: Conflict of Interest, Policy 2006: Complaint Procedures, & Policy 2012: Code of Ethics

Based on state law, Aaron Whitwer filled out the NADC Form C-2A Potential Conflict of Interest Statement and Dr. Prosocki filed this document in the office of the superintendent.

VII.I. Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) for the Second Semester

Motion to extend the FFCRA Act until March 31, 2021. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.J. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., February 8, 2021, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium 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