

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 14, 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 administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & 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. Posted Location:

- Wymore Arbor State Newspaper

Posted Date: 6/3/2021

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 auditorium.

II. Approval of Minutes from the May 10, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the May 10, 2021, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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: 0.18%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.10%

Dr. Prosocki noted that the district is 9 months into the fiscal year and the district has received 92% of its revenue and expended 69% of its budget. Dr. Prosocki noted that schools in Nebraska do not receive state aid in the months of July and August, so the districts overall revenue will be down during these months.

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 Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Aaron Whitwer: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 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 carpeting 4 rooms at the Elementary School and 3 rooms at the Jr./Sr. High School, Con Pro starting on the concrete and drainage project at the football field, installing new bleachers at the football field and getting rid of the old 5 portable bleachers that date back to 1960s, and Johnson Controls starting on the auditorium HVAC project and Jr./Sr. High School boiler project.

Dr. Prosocki noted that the auditorium HVAC project and Jr./Sr. High School boiler project will be funded with the second and third rounds of Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds from the federal government.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki has been working on receiving a new funding source from the federal government called Emergency Connectivity Fund (EFC). Based on the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology to support student learning, the district will be purchasing new teacher laptops this fall. Based on the EFC funding, the district will receive around \$16,000 to pay for half of the cost of the teacher laptops. Dr. Prosocki noted that there are a variety of steps the district will have to take to receive this federal funding (Keep track of staff names on each device, keep the devices for a number of years, survey teachers regarding devices at home, etc.). Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the Safe Schools trainings for the 2021-2022 school year.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: having around 20 students in kindergarten in the fall, 32 students attending summer school through the month of June, teachers attending ESU 5 trainings, printing calendars for the 2021-2022 school year, and summer weight room during the month of June and July.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: 3 of the 4 alternative education spots will be full in August, student council elections (Carley Saathoff will be president and Jentry Schell will be vice-president), Southern had 4 players make the Southeast Nebraska All-Star Basketball and Volleyball Teams (Carson Borzekofski, Preston Baehr, Kaylee Klover, & Tori Smith), and he gave the school board an update on honor roll percentages.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on the third round of stimulus funding from the American Rescue Plan and the district will receive \$689,666. As of now and based on the allowable areas where this funding can be spent towards, the district plans to use the third round of stimulus funding to address deferred maintenance projects in both buildings (Boilers and HVAC), purchase new textbooks (Science, Social Studies, Elementary School Reading intervention program, and social and emotional curriculum [PK-8]), and purchase new iPads/laptops to support the district's one-to-one initiative in grades PK-12 (The district will also solicit feedback from the public regarding this proposed plan, which is a requirement from the federal government). Next, Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on a draft of the public bond election presentation, and he noted that he does not foresee students being required to get the COVID-19 vaccine before they can return to school in the fall. Dr. Prosocki went over a preliminary budget presentation with the school board and noted the following items: (1) the district's valuation has dropped 3 out of the last 6 years, (2) the district's mill levy has dropped by 25 cents since the 2011-2012 school year, (3) the district's mill levy has not increased in 4 years (If the bond passes, the mill levy will go from \$1.08 to \$1.125), (4) the district's property tax request has dropped 4 out of the last 5 years, (5) during the 2019-2020 school year, Southern's cost per pupil (student) ranked the 3rd lowest in the Pioneer Conference, and it was lower than over half the schools in Nebraska, (6) Dr. Prosocki noted that he has only been able to grow Southern's budget by \$60,020 or by 1.12% each year over a 5-year period and the previous superintendent was able to grow his budget by \$167,803 or by 3.54% each year over a 5-year period. Dr. Prosocki then noted he will serve as both the MUDECAS and Pioneer Conference presidents during the 2021-2022 school year, he presented the school board with the final Nebraska legislative report (107th Legislative, 1st Session), he gave the school board an update on teacher negotiations, he predicted the district valuation will increase by \$2-3 million dollar this coming school year, and he gave an update on the districts strategic plan (Principle II: Whole Child Focus) to address social and emotional learning in an effort to provide a supportive

learning environment that forms a cohesive foundation for student success. Dr. Prosocki went over the finalized state aid numbers for 2021-2022 (The district's state aid will go up by a meager \$23,589 or by 1.56%), noted that he has submitted a SPED IDEA Consolidated grant and a Support Service Flex Funding School Age grant and the district should receive around \$126,000 from both grants. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki wrote 2 grants to the Thomas Foundation for new visitor bleachers and for new equipment for the industrial arts and science areas.

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

VII.A. DA Davidson — Special Bond Election Financial Information

Andy Forney from DA Davidson went over the financial aspects of the September 14, 2021, special bond election, and he went over sample ballot language that the school board will approve at the July board meeting.

VII.B. Design-Build Resolution

Review, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt a resolution (1) authorizing the publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the District of a request for proposals for a design-builder; (2) designating members of the Design-Build Selection Committee; (3) referring all design-build proposals to the Design-Build Selection Committee and (4) taking any other action deemed necessary regarding the selection of the design-build contract or required by the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Set Breakfast, Lunch, & Milk Prices for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to raise the breakfast & lunch prices by \$0.05 for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki noted that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced in May that all school breakfasts and lunches will be free during the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Prosocki noted that he wants school breakfast and school lunch prices to keep up with inflation and he wants to increase them gradually overtime to be in compliance with the required paid lunch equity tool.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the breakfast prices in grades PK-12 will be \$2.15, lunch prices in grades PK-6 will be \$3.05, lunch prices in grades 7-12 will be \$3.15, adult breakfast prices will be \$2.35, and adult lunches will be \$3.80.

VII.D. Approval of Policy 5045: Student Fees

Motion to approve Policy 5045: Student Fees. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.E. Approval of Policy 5018 & 5057: Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices & District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Motion to approve Policy 5018 & 5057: Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices & District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.F. 2021 Annual Board Policy Updates

Motion to approve the updated forms and policies: 2005, 3001, 3003, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3042, 3043, 3058, 5063, & 6036. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.G. Policy Review — Policy 5001: Compulsory Attendance and Excess Absenteeism & Policy 5054: Student Bullying

Dr. Prosofski noted that school board must annually review its bullying and attendance policy and no public hearings are required. In addition, each year the building principals are required to work with the county attorney to review this policy as well.

VII.H. Declare the Old Kick Wheel as Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal

Motion to declare the old kick wheel as surplus for immediate sale or disposal. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The district plans to advertise the kick wheel for \$600, as per the recommendation from Mrs. Morgan Nerve.

VII.I. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., July 12, 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