

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 12, 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: Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were present: Jeff Murphy, & 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: 7/1/2021

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.

I.C. Motion to excuse Aaron Whitwer from the July board meeting

Motion to excuse Aaron Whitwer from the July board meeting. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Aaron Whitwer: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

II. Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the June 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, 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.

Roland Hardin talked to school board about concerns associated with the proposed bond project because he feels enrollment is declining and the Southern Public Schools will eventually dissolve and there will no longer be a school in Wymore and Blue Springs. He noted he would be in favor of the project if the price would be cut in half.

Don Schuller talked to the board about a number of questions he has about the project regarding enrollment, the district's long-range facility plans, Beatrice 6 case and taxes, and wanting to know more about the project.

#### 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: 0.15%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.10%

#### 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 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 new HVAC system in the old gym is 95% complete, Johnson Controls have started the demolition of the Jr./Sr. High School boilers, the concrete and drainage work is complete at the park, new visitors' bleachers being installed, wiring the press box to accommodate concessions, looking into leasing a new skid steer, and pricing new mowers to replace the older mowers we currently have.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Jane Mallam is going to retire on December 31, 2021, and his goal is to get someone hired in mid-August, so they can start to job shadow Jane. Also, down the road when Becky Sullivan retires, Dr. Prosocki said the district might consolidate the superintendent secretary and the bookkeeper positions into one position. The school board also thanked Jane for her forty plus years of service to Southern Public Schools.

##### V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki said the district will be replacing the intercom paging system at the Elementary School this summer because it is no longer working, and the district cannot find parts to fix it. In addition, we will also be installing a panic button at the Elementary School that is identical to the Jr./Sr. High School panic button. Lastly, we will be installing classroom speakers in both buildings to increase the volume of our current paging system. The board also talked about implementing a vape detector system in the Jr./Sr. High School in the years ahead.

## VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

### VI.A. Student Board Member Report

### VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal provided a written report on the following items: ESU 5 workshops, PBIS trainings, Administrators' Days, Coaches Clinic, and finalizing the school calendar.

### VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

### VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the required A Safe Return Plan and the ARP ESSER III Funds Plan, he noted that the administration will be attending Administrators' Days at the end of July, he gave the board an update on the annual safety and security meeting in August, he presented the board with certificate of accreditation from the Nebraska Department of Education, and he presented the board with his contracted days for the 2020-2021 school year. Next, Dr. Prosocki said that if the bond passes on September 14, 2021, he would look to write a preschool expansion grant from the Nebraska Department of Education to help offset some of the costs associated with expanding our 3-year-old preschool program (Grant would be around \$50,000). Dr. Prosocki went over his goals for the upcoming school year and his primary goal is to work on the special bond election. Then Dr. Prosocki said the district received 4 letters of interest for the Elementary School addition, and he said ESU 5 teachers and administrators are coming together to draft a more conservative set of health standards as opposed to the current draft of health standards from the Nebraska Department of Education. Dr. Prosocki went over the special bond election brochures, he said the district did not receive the \$100,000 reVISION grant, and he went over the opening days schedule for staff. Lastly, he noted the district received \$16,500 grant from the Thomas Foundation for new industrial arts and science room equipment, and he also thanked the Thomas Foundation for the \$46,711 grant that helped pay for the paving of the area northwest side of the current home football bleachers and to fix the drainage around the current press box.

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

### VII.A. Set Substitute Compensation for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to set the substitute compensation at \$133 for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The substitute pay rate for the 2021-2022 school year will be \$133 and this will be the same substitute pay rate as Diller-Odell.

#### VII.B. Approval of the District Handbooks for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to approve the district handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

#### VII.C. Board to Consider a Resolution Calling for a Special Election to be Held in the District Regarding a Proposition to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,895,000 and Related Matters

Motion to approve Resolution Calling for a Special Election to be Held in the District Regarding a Proposition to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,895,000 and Related Matters. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Prosocki commended the board for taking this proposed project to a vote of the people, and he said the district could have completed this project by bypassing the public and using the lease purchase building method. He also noted that he wants people to contact him by phone, email, or stop by in person if they have any questions about the proposed project. Lastly, the district will hold two public informational meetings at the Elementary School on August 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. and on September 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Once it gets closer to these meeting dates, Dr. Prosocki will get this information out to the public.

#### VII.D. Declare the old Football Bleachers as Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal

Motion to declare the old football bleachers as surplus for immediate sale or disposal pending KSB School Law legal advice on selling them. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Prosocki noted that the district's insurance provided, ALICAP, instructed the district to get rid of the 1960s bleachers because of the safety risk they posed and the potential lawsuit the district could face if someone were to get injured on these old bleachers. The school board decided to check with their legal counsel before they sold or gave the bleachers away.

#### VII.E. Option Enrollment Applications

#### VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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

Two Special Board Meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m., August 3, 2021, and on August 10, 2021, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium in Wymore to select a sort list for the proposed Elementary School building addition and to interview design-build construction companies.

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