

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 9, 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, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Proski.

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: 7/29/2021

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 Angela Meyer from the Regular August Board Meeting

Motion to excuse Angela Meyer from the regular August board meeting. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

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

II. Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2021, the Regular Board Meeting & August 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the July 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and the August 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, 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

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.

Angela Meyer: Absent, Aaron Whitwer: Abstain, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: 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 Johnson Controls installing the new boilers at the Jr./Sr. High School and getting the press box ready to serve as the concession stands this fall.

Dr. Prosocki noted that he just put the new HVAC controls in each building out to bid and this project will be completed during the school year with very minor disruptions. He noted that this project will be funded with the third round of the Elementary Secondary School Emergency (ESSER) Funds from the federal government.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Naomi Pharr was recently hired as the new Food Service Provider, Taylor Schmidt was recently hired as the new Business Manager, and Sheridan Langdale was recently hired as the new K-6 Paraprofessional. The district is also looking to fill Pam Dorn's spot as the assistant head food service provider.

V.C. Technology Update

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: Special Education training on August 5 at ESU 5, new carpet in the two 5th grade classrooms and the Special Education classrooms, fall sports beginning on August 9, fall sports participation numbers (32 - football, 15 - volleyball, & 15 - softball), working on schedules, the Elementary School Open House on August 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and a new athletic budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: seventh grade orientation taking place on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m., three of our four alternative education spots are filled at ESU 5, end of summer trainings, moving to semester grades and having an 8-period day at Jr./Sr. High School, and anticipated enrollment figures at the Jr./Sr. High School.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the estimated expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year, and he noted that the estimated expenditures will be up by 6.04% from the previous school because of the influx of federal ESSER funds. Dr. Prosocki said he will not be able to finalize the budget until the assessed valuations are certified on August 20. Next, he said that his ESSER 3 grant is complete after over 3 months of work on it and all the boiler and HVAC projects have been approved (Controls in both buildings, boiler replacement at the Elementary School, and rooftop unit replacement in the Jr./Sr. High School commons) by the Federal Programs division at the Nebraska Department of Education. Dr. Prosocki went over the ESU 5 special education costs for the 2021-2022 school year, and he said they will be up by 18% or by \$43,000. Next, Dr. Prosocki presented the school board with his first day faculty presentation, he went over the finalized special bond election public presentation, and he mentioned that he just completed a \$5,000 High Ability Learner grant through the Nebraska Department of Education. Next, Dr. Prosocki said that he was approached by Diller-Odell about forming a high school track cooperative for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Prosocki said that Diller-Odell was struggling to fill their track team and if the board approved this cooperative, Southern would use the track in Odell. In addition, Southern would also not need to move up a class in NSAA (Southern would still be in class C). The board discussed this offer, and they will decide on possible forming a track cooperative with Diller-Odell at either the November or December board meetings. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on all the upcoming school board meetings over the next month.

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

VII.A. Set the Budget Hearing for September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska and Set the Tax Request Hearing for September 16, to Follow the Budget Hearing in the Auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska

Motion to set the Budget Hearing for September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska and set the Tax Request Hearing for September 16, to follow the Budget Hearing in the auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.B. Change Adult Breakfast & Lunch Prices for the 2021-2022 School Year Based on New USDA Requirements

Motion to set adult breakfast prices at \$2.40 and adult lunch prices at \$4.00 based on USDA requirements. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The district had planned to charge \$2.35 for adult breakfasts and \$3.80 for adult lunches, but based on new USDA requirements, the district had to move adult breakfasts to \$2.40 and adult lunches to \$4.00. This current motion will supersede any language that is current in our handbooks or board policies.

VII.C. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., September 16, 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.

A Special Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., August 10, 2021, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium to interview the design-build 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