

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 10, 2022
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 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: 12/30/21

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 December 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the December 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Aaron Whitwer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
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: Items 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 Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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 the recent Big Iron Sale (The district made over \$13,000 from the sale), Johnson Controls update, and bus issues.

V.B. Personnel Items

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: current enrollment figures (3-Year-Old Preschool - 10, 4-Year-Old Preschool - 19, K - 19, 1st - 31, 2nd - 24, 3rd - 27, 4th - 24, 5th - 25, 6th - 23), report cards being sent home, Elementary School Spelling Bee on February 9, preschool registration, and an upcoming NSAA meeting.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th - 32, 8th - 29, 9th - 34, 10th - 29, 11th - 33, & 12th - 24), 3 of the 4 alternative spots are filled at ESU 5, working on the master schedule for 2022-2023, Academic All State Winners (Football - Kale Maguire, Play Production - Shelby March & Kale Maguire, Volleyball - Carley Saathoff & Madison Wagner, and Softball - Taylor Trauernicht), and implementing work-based learning for seniors in good academic standing and are on track for graduation for the spring.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on the Teacher Vacancy Survey that illustrates the number of unfilled teacher positions in the state of Nebraska and by each endorsement area. Dr. Prososki noted that Special Education has been at the top of the list for as long as he can remember. Next, he went over the winter DIBELS assessment results in grades K-6 and the district is going to start to implement monthly grade level data meetings through the MTSS process in an effort to improve our K-6 DIBELS scores in the spring like the surrounding districts are currently doing. Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on the 107th Legislature, 2nd Session and went over some proposed bills related to education. Dr. Prososki is

hopeful the new school funding proposal will pass, and the state legislature will finally fulfill their duty and properly fund education in Nebraska without lowering the current budget growth limit in Nebraska that is set at 2.5%. From here, Dr. Prososki talked about the upcoming NRCSA spring conference, Dr. Prososki provided the school board with an elementary class size comparison based on the array that is used for negotiations. Based on the comparison, Southern currently has the smallest student to teacher ratio (14:1) and the second-smallest student to Para ratio (22:1) in the array. The school board discussed getting rid of Policy 5002.2: Elementary Class Sizes since the district is currently not following it and the district is no longer borrowing \$500,000 over multiple months to make payroll like it has done in the past. If the school board decides to do this, they talked about hiring an additional 4th grade teacher and not replacing 2 paras through attrition to offset the increase costs of hiring a new teacher. A formal decision will be made at the February board meeting. Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update the district's strategic plan, he noted that he would like to set the principals and classified salaries for the 2022-2023 school year at the February board meeting, and he presented the school board with his work days and sick days. Dr. Prososki went over a proposal from Johnson Controls to replace the old thermostats in both buildings, and he noted he is going to try and write a grant to help cover the cost of the project. Lastly, Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on the current Title IX federal law that all district in the United States have to follow that were promulgated under the Trump administration in August of 2020. The Biden administration is currently looking to make changes to this federal law by April of 2022.

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

VII.A. Reorganization of the Southern School Board

Motion to retain the respective school board officer position for 2022 school year. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dave Zimmerman will serve as President, Jim Zvolanek will serve as Vice-President, & Dana Dorn will serve as Secretary.

VII.A.1. Election of Officers

VII.A.1.1. President

VII.A.1.2. Vice-President

VII.A.1.3. Secretary

VII.B. Appointments

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

Motion to appoint Christopher Prososki 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 Taylor Schmidt as the treasurer. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs 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 Angela Meyer, 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 the Wymore Arbor State as the legal newspaper for Southern Public Schools. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Dana Dorn, 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 Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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 Angela Meyer and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Based on Policy 2008: Meetings, the board will give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and the 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, 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

Motion to retain the respective school board standing committees for the 2022 school year. This motion, made by David Zimmerman and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

Dave Zimmerman appointed the standing school board committees for 2022.

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, and 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 Whitwe, 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

The school board reviewed 2005, 2006, & 2012, and based on state law, Aaron Whitwer filled out the NADC Form C-2A Potential Conflict of Interest Statement and Dr. Proski will file this document in the office of the superintendent.

VII.I. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.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., February 14, 2022, 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