

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 11, 2022  
7:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:31 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:

- Fairbury Journal-News

Posted Date: 6/29/2022

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.

II. Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the June 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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: 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 Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

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

#### IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

#### V. Support Service

##### V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report over: installing carpet at the Elementary School, finishing the sprinklers at the practice football field, Lauby Plumbing starting work on the floor sinks in both buildings as required by the Department of Environment and Energy, mowing and preparing for the start of the school year, and having all of the buses inspected and serviced before the start of the school year.

Dr. Proski said that the EPA's new Clean School Bus program provides 5 billion dollars over the next 5 years to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission models. Dr. Proski said that he is working on a \$375,000 grant to cover the entire cost of a new electric bus. In addition, he is also working on a \$20,000 grant to cover the cost of setting up a charging station at the Jr./Sr. High School. Dr. Proski noted that an electric bus cost only \$17 to fully charge and an electric bus can drive up to 120 miles before it will need charged again (This will save the district money on fuel costs). Dr. Proski also said that there is a 10-year warranty on electric buses and the district would only use this bus on local bus routes, and it would not be used for any activity trips.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

##### V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Proski gave the school board an update on the printer and copier costs for the 2021-2022 school year. By switching to Capital Business Systems, it saved the district \$15,399 last school year. Dr. Proski commended the school board for optimizing organizational effectiveness and efficiency over the years by installing new windows at the Jr./Sr. High School, switching to LED lighting, updating our phone system, updating our copiers, and installing new boilers and rooftop units. All of these completed items have saved the district hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years. Lastly, the district is in the process of switching over to Power Lunch, which is a subsidiary product of Power School. By switching over to Power Lunch, it will make it easier for parents to just have to check Power School for grades and lunch balances in the future. There is no additional cost for this product and we will not have to spend money on the current program that we use when we switch over.

#### VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

##### VI.A. Student Board Member Report

## VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The Elementary School Principal did not have anything to report at the July board meeting.

## VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The Jr./Sr. High School Principal did not have anything to report at the July board meeting.

## VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki noted that the administration will be attending Administrators' Days in Kearney at the end of July, he gave the board an update on the annual safety and security meeting in August, he went over his 2021-2022 contracted days, and he presented the school board with a certificate of accreditation from the Nebraska Department of Education. Next, Dr. Prosocki said that the IRS is increasing the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.585 to \$0.625 starting on July 1 because of inflation. Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on the 2022-2023 budget, and he went over the LC-2. Dr. Prosocki went over the Opening Days Schedule for the start of the 2022-2023 school year, and he said he recently completed the SPED IDEA Consolidated grant (The district will receive around \$124,142 from this grant). Dr. Prosocki said the district has been struggling to find summer school teachers at the Elementary School the past couple of summers and the 2 current teachers do not plan to work summer school next school year. So as of now, Southern will not be offering summer school next summer at the Elementary School. On a side note, research has shown that summer school has a minimal impact on increasing student achievement (John Hattie's research has it as a 0.19 impact). Lastly, since the recent tragedy in York, Nebraska, the school board talked about possibility of completing a facility study to review the structural integrity of all of our facilities and to get objective ideas on how to make our facilities safer in the years ahead, in light of the recent shootings. The school board plans to review a facility study proposal at the August board meeting from Wilkins Architecture.

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

### VII.A. Approval of the District Handbooks for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion to approve of the district handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki noted that all of the newly adopted district policies were included in the new handbooks and all of the state and federal notices were also included as well. Dr. Prosocki said that eSports was added to the activity handbook. Lastly, there was a section added to the staff handbook over the duty to report and there was a section added to the student handbook over reasonable suspicion testing. The new handbooks meet all of the state and federal requirements that all schools have to follow yearly.

### VII.B. Option Enrollment Applications

## VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.  
yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., August 8, 2022, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Boardroom 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