

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 8, 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: Angela Meyer, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were present: Jerry Rempe, 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:

- Fairbury Journal-News

Posted Date: 7/27/2022

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.

I.C. Motion to Excuse Aaron Whitwer and Betsy Frerichs from the August School Board Meeting

Motion to excuse Aaron Whitwer and Betsy Frerichs from the August school board meeting.

This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Aaron Whitwer: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

II. Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the July 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

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 Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report over: cleaning and shampooing classrooms for the start of school, started working on the SPED transportation schedule, working on setting up Level 1 training for staff members, and waiting on Johnson Controls to finish the HVAC project at the Jr./Sr. High School by Wednesday, August 10.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) have given schools some conflicting information regarding the limits of a local substitute teaching permit. Before the pandemic, this permit was limited to 90 days of subbing at a given district, and NDE waived the 90-day sub limit during the pandemic. The district has gotten different answers from NDE regarding whether or not one of the staff members will be allowed to go beyond this threshold or not. The last communication from NDE sounds like they will grant schools a wavier again this school year for local subs to beyond the 90-day sub limit.

V.B.1. Resignation

Motion to approve the resignation of Cody Cahill. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

Dr. Prosocki noted that LA Adams will serve as a long-term 7-12 physical education substitute during the first semester and Angelo Stabler will serve as the head boys basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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: some projected enrollment numbers, a SPED training on August 4, a teacher/paraprofessional training on August 9, summer maintenance projects completed at the Elementary School, fall sports beginning on August 8, working on the schedule, the Elementary School Open House on August 17 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., and a draft of the 2022-2023 athletic budget.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: 7th grade orientation on August 16 at 6:30 p.m., 2 students attending alternative school, some end of summer trainings, schedule changes for 2022-2023, back to school outing on August 12, and some projected enrollment numbers.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki went over the budgeted expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year, and he noted that expenditures will be down by around 10% as compared to the previous school year. Dr. Prososki noted that expenditures are down because the district will not be spending as much of the federal ESSER funds, the district did not fill the superintendent's secretary position, and the district plans to not have to purchase a new handicap accessible van. Dr. Prososki also said that there are always unknowns that pop up in a school's budget, and he always tries to find room in the budget for the unexpected. Next, Dr. Prososki said he was informed last week from NDE and the USDA that the adult breakfast and adult lunch prices will have to increase by 15 cents to meet their new guidelines (\$2.60 for an adult breakfast and \$4.25 for an adult lunch). Dr. Prososki then gave the board an update on the Community Eligibility Provision (Free breakfast and free lunch program) and he originally thought the reimbursement rate for the free lunches would go up by 10-15 cents this school year, but it actually went up by 95 cents (This means the district will receive more revenue for each breakfast and lunch than originally planned). Dr. Prososki went over the 2022-2023 special education costs, and he noted that they will increase by 4.70% or by \$10,737 from the previous school year. From here, Dr. Prososki said that he recently completed a federal ESSA Consolidated grant and the district will receive around \$120,000 for it, and he also recently completed a High Ability Learner grant and the district will receive around \$5,000 this grant. Next, Dr. Prososki went over the beginning of the year faculty presentation, he gave the school board an updated on a recently unfunded mandate bill called LB 644 or the post card bill, and he noted that the Biden administration was looking to change the Trump imposed Title IX regulations in the future. Lastly, Dr. Prososki noted that the district did not receive the federal \$100,000 reVISION grant to start a welding program at Southern, but the district did receive an \$18,406 grant from the Thomas Foundation to purchase new Dell desktops for the 7-12 business classes in an effort to bring them up to industry standards.

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

VII.A. Proposed Facility Study from Wilkins ADP

Motion to approve a facility study from Wilkins ADP. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

With the recent structural tragedy in York, Nebraska, and the recent shooting tragedy in Uvalde, Texas, the school board wanted an objective outsider to complete a facility study for all the district buildings. The scope of this project would include checking for any structural deficiencies, checking for any code violations, and provide future safety recommendations. The school board noted that the safety of the students, staff, and community members that utilize the district facilities are of the utmost importance to them.

Dr. Prosocki noted that many of the safety improvements the district has made over the last 4 years have gone unnoticed because they were completed during the middle of the pandemic. Some of the items that were completed over the past few years included the following items: wireless panic buttons in both buildings, new intercom system in both buildings, updated classroom paging systems, a notification system that alerts the district if doors are left open, an anonymous reporting system, an updated elementary school playground paging system, and active shooter kits and first aid kits for every classroom.

VII.B. Set the Budget Hearing for September 12, 2022, at 7:15 p.m. in the Boardroom in Wymore, NE

Motion to set the budget hearing for September 12, 2022, at 7:15 p.m. in the boardroom in Wymore, NE. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

VII.C. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., September 12, 2022, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Board Room 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District