

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 14, 2025
7:00 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrators were present: Kane Hookstra, Jeff Murphy, Virginia Moon, & 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:

- Fairbury Journal-News

Posted Date: 4/9/2025

Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgment 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 was posted on the back of the board of education meeting room.

II. Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting & Special School Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from March 10, 2025, regular school board meeting & special school board meeting. This motion, made by Debra Schlake 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 Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report over starting to mow, remodeling the old office space at the Jr./Sr. High School, installing a new glycol tank at the Elementary School, kitchen repairs, install a new faucet in the kindergarten room, and lining up drivers for spring field trips.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.B.1. Resignations

V.B.1.1. Beth Willet - 1.0 FTE - K-12 Physical Education Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Beth Willet at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board thanked her for her 45 years of service.

V.B.1.2. Taylor Morell - 1.0 FTE - Kindergarten Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Taylor Morell at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board thanks Taylor for her years of service.

V.B.2. Hiring Recommendations

V.B.2.1. Brenda Gronewold - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Science Teacher for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion to hire Brenda Gronewold as the 7-12 science teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

V.B.2.2. Jenilee Wright - 1.0 FTE - Kindergarten Teacher for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion to approve Jenilee Wright as the kindergarten teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

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, robotics teams finished tied for 3rd place at an ESU 5 competition, NSCAS testing, testing incentive activities, spring field trips, DIBELS & Star testing, and kindergarten step up day on April 28.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures, scholastic/honor night, new FBLA officers, having 5 students attend ESU 5 alternative school, spring testing, district music contest, senior interview day, and students who have completed the FAFSA.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki went over the extra duty assignments for the 2025-2026 school year, and he gave the school board an update regarding the disaster that the federal government is in right now when it comes to the U.S. Department of Education. He noted that Southern may lose \$300,000 in federal support, and the district free lunches may also go away in an effort to extend the 2017 tax cuts. He noted that he is sick and tired of politicians using children as political pawns. From here, Dr. Prososki went over the post-graduate survey results, and he noted that Jay Martin, the NDE School Safety & Security Director, will be out in the fall to do a presentation on Digital Wisdom. Next, Dr. Prososki said that the district just received a \$12,265 school emergency response mapping grant, and this spring Critical Response Group, Inc. will complete this endeavor. Lastly, Dr. Prososki went over the staff salaries for the 2025-2026 school year, and this amount will increase by 6.23% or by \$340,330.49.

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

VII.A. Approve the Interim Superintendent Contract with Dr. Virginia Moon for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion to approve the contract, as presented, for Dr. Virginia Moon as the Superintendent effective July 1, 2025. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Limited Tax Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,150,000, and Related Matters

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance limited tax obligation school bonds, series 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000, and related matters. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The Limited Tax Obligation School Bonds will be used to replace 3 condensing units, 8 RTU, and the roof above the Jr./Sr. High School gym.

VII.C. Special Education Services with ESU 5 for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion to approve the special education service with ESU 5 for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Consider the Approval of an Overnight Field Trip to Southeast Community College (SCC) Milford for June Jam 2025

Motion to approve an overnight field trip to Southeast Community College (SCC) Milford for June Jam 2025. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.E. Extended Leave Time for Loni Rabstejnek, Carla Wegner, & Marriah Proctor for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve extended leave time for Loni Rabstejnek, Carla Wegner, & Marriah Proctor for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.F. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

Jared McKeever: no, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes

yes: 5, no: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., May 12, 2025, 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District