

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 23, 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: Jeff Murphy & Virginia Moon.

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: 9/18/2025

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 September 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the September 8, 2025, Budget Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the September 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the September 8, 2025, Budget Hearing. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: 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.

The school board received public comment from Jill Jones and Ron Wittmus.

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

IV.A. The 2025-2026 Southern Public Schools Budget

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Southern Public Schools Budget. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

#### IV.B. The 2025-2026 Property Tax Resolution

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Property Tax Resolution. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

#### IV.C. Presentation on Possible Facilities Projects

Jacob Sertich with Wilkins ADP came and presented drawings for future building projects along with estimated bids.

#### IV.D. Overview of the sale of QCPUF Bonds

Paul Grieger with D.A. Davidson discussed the sale of bonds.

#### V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 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

ATTEST

Secretary of the Board of Education

of this School District