

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 13, 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. The following administrators were present: Kane Hookstra, 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: 10/08/2025

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

Motion to excuse Jeff Argo from the October 13, 2025 regular board meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Jeff Argo: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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 23, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from the September 23, 2025 Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

Jeff Argo: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

III. Curriculum Report

Mr. Hookstra presented the board with the last three years' trends in NSCAS test scores and the current curriculum the District uses. He also spoke about all the interventions they have implemented at the Elementary.

IV. Communications, Audiences, and Recognitions

Dana Dorn went over the information from the Superintendent search input meetings and the rough draft of the interview schedule.

Dr. Moon presented on the most frequently asked questions she has received regarding the budget and future facility projects.

IV.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.

Public comment was received from Preston Jurgens, Jason Allington, Fred Stevens, Jonna Arnold, Terry Acton, John Shalla, Rob Cresse and Steven Whitwer.

V. Facility Projects

Motion to approve Wilkins Architecture Design LLC to proceed with the development of drawings and bid documents for the potential gymnasium building, renovations to the Elementary school and practice track. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VI. Financial Statement: Items for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

VI.A. Approval of Bills

VI.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 Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VI.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

VII. Support Service

VII.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report over the electric bus recall and the robot turn painter. He also reported on kitchen repairs and updated the board on the HVAC project at the High School.

VII.B. Personnel Items

The school board welcomes Marriah Proctor to the Southern Public School's staff.

VII.B.1. Policy 4040

Motion to delete Policy 4040 and publish employment guidelines in another format. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

Jeff Argo: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.C. Technology Update

VIII. Administrative and Committee Reports

VIII.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items:

PK-6th enrollment

Parent Teacher conferences had a 76% attendance

Interest in starting a PTO

Teacher Inservice, lockdown drill and staff conferences.

Red Ribbon Week is the week of Oct 27

VIII.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items:

Homecoming

Career Opportunities, Pre-ACT, ASVAB testing & American Civics

Parent Teacher Conferences had a 31% attendance

Fall Softball and Winter Basketball

7th-12th Enrollment

VIII.D. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent provided an update on the New Hope Facility, noting that the District and New Hope continue to maintain open communication regarding New Hope's progress in securing zoning approval from the city.

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

IX.A. Approve Contract with Apptegy

Motion to approve contract with Apptegy. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Jeff Argo: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

IX.B. Option Enrollment Applications

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Jeff Argo: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 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