

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 9, 2018  
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: Branson Husa, Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, Emily Shockley, Harlan Rickers, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Prosocki. The following visitor was present: Jeff Argo.

Reasonable advance publicized notice of the meeting was given according to law by publishing, a designated method for giving notice of the school district. 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 11, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the June 11, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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: Item for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

C.D. Bids for the month were as follows:

Security First Bank, Blue Springs Special Funds: 0.97%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 1.05%

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 Branson Husa and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

#### V. Support Service

##### V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over carpet installation at both buildings, summer cleaning progress, ADA project at the Jr./Sr. High School, installing sleeves for the new football goal posts, and repairing piping at the Elementary School.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Kelsey Root, a K-6 Special Education Teacher, fiancée was recently relocated because of his job and Kelsey is also going to be leaving Nebraska this summer. Dr. Prosocki stated that he will start to look for a new K-6 Special Education Teacher for the upcoming school year and said the district may need to hire a long-term substitute until a suitable replacement is found.

##### V.C. Technology Update

There were no technology items to report at the July board meeting.

#### 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: summer workshops at ESU 5, summer school, and the upcoming NSAA Out-of-the-Blocks Conference.

##### VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: Southern will have two foreign exchange students in the fall, the upcoming Administrators' Days Conference, and ESU 5 summer workshops.

##### VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki reported on the upcoming Administrators' Days conference, grant writing, the annual safety and security meeting, and a back to school social event for both staff members and board members. Dr. Prosocki went over his primary goals for the year which are to complete the policy/handbook updates and to prepare for the upcoming external visitation in the spring for state accreditation. He also noted that his focus areas are the same as last year and they are academics, communication, community involvement, fiscal responsibility, and school improvement. Dr. Prosocki went over the preliminary budget numbers and noted that he will not be able to finalize the budget until August 20 when the assessed valuation is certified by the county. Dr. Prosocki noted that he has started to add all of the new district policies to Sparq online for students, staff, parents, and patrons to review.

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

### VII.A. Approval of the Alternative Education Interlocal Agreement with ESU 5 for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the alternative education interlocal agreement with ESU 5 for the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

### VII.B. Approval of Milk Bids for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the escalating and de-escalating milk bid from Dean Foods for the school lunch program. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

### VII.C. Approval of the Updated District Handbooks for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to approve the updated district handbooks for the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Branson Husa, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

One major change to the district handbook is that class rank will no longer be used at Southern Public Schools. Currently, colleges are not asking for class rank on college applications and this information is no longer shared with students at Southern. It has also become hard to calculate class rank when some students take advance classes and when other students take basic classes. This has led to many discrepancies over the years.

### VII.D. Set Substitute Compensation for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to set the substitute compensation at \$126 for the 2018-2019 School Year. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Harlan Rickers, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

### VII.E. Approve the Resolution to Adopt a More Current and Revised Set of 2000 Series Policies

Motion to approve the resolution to adopt a more current and revised set of 2000 series policies. This motion, made by Harlan Rickers and seconded by Branson Husa, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The board approved Policy 2008: Open Meetings and the district will post the agenda on the Thursday before the upcoming Monday school board meeting in three prominent locations: Southern Elementary School, Southern Jr./Sr. High Schools, and U.S. Post Office in Wymore. The district will also post a notice of all upcoming board meetings in the Arbor State Newspaper as well.

The board approved Policy 2016: Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members and currently Dave Zimmerman takes both family health insurance and family dental insurance and Harlan Rickers takes dental insurance through the district insurance program. All board members that participate in the district's insurance program must pay both the employee and the employer portion of the premiums. The district does not pay anything towards their insurance policies. Dave Zimmerman currently pays \$1,709.36 a month for family health

insurance and family dental insurance and Harlan Rickers currently pays \$28.67 a month for dental insurance.

VII.F. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. This motion, made by Branson Husa and seconded by Emily Shockley, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., August 13, 2018, 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

ATTEST

Secretary of the Board of Education  
of this School District