

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 8, 2021
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: Aaron Whitwer, Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: 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:

- Wymore Arbor State Newspaper

Posted Date: 2/25/2021

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 Jr./Sr. High School auditorium.

II. Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the February 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, 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: 0.40%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.25%

IV.A. Approval of Bills

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 Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Aaron Whitwer: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

IV.A.1. General Fund, Special Building Fund, Depreciation Fund, and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Claims

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the auditorium project that was recently finished.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Robert Dickinson recently resigned and Jamie McKinney was just hired as the new assistant head maintenance and he will be replacing Robert.

V.B.1. Hiring Recommendation

V.B.1.1. Hanah Baumgartner - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Social Studies Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to approve Hanah Baumgartner as social studies teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

V.B.2. Resignations

V.B.2.1. Kalynne Breunsbach - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Special Education Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Kalynne Breunsbach at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Kalynne Breunsbach at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year with regrets. The school board thanked Kalynne for her years of service to Southern Public Schools. Dr. Prosocki informed the school board that he plans to not fill this position for the upcoming school year because our state aid is only going to go up by around \$25,000 and this does not offset the staff salaries and benefits increases for the 2021-2022 school

year. The Jr./Sr. High School special education caseload will be around 19 students and we would still have lower special education caseloads than Beatrice and Diller-Odell.

V.B.2.2. Dr. Nancy Bond - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 School Counselor at the Conclusion of the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Dr. Nancy Bond at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Dr. Nancy Bond at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year with regrets. The school board thanked Nancy for her years of service to Southern Public Schools.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Proski said the district will receive around \$60,000 in E-Rate funding and the district just submitted an RFP to use these federal funds to update our access points, cabling, and UPS over the summer months. These upgrades will help with our Internet speed and help prevent the WiFi from dropping from time to time. Dr. Proski also went over the preliminary technology budget for the 2021-2022 school year and he said that he budgeted \$90,000 to be used for technology hardware, software, and infrastructure. All of the hardware purchases will be based on the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology to improve student learning (The technology committee crafted this strategic plan).

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

There was not a student board member report for the March board meeting.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (3-Year-Old Preschool - 10, 4-Year-Old Preschool - 12, K - 30, 1st - 25, 2nd - 22, 3rd - 22, 4th - 23, 5th - 21, 6th - 32), 46% attendance rate at the spring Parent Teacher Conferences, upcoming spring testing (DIBELS, MAP, & NSCAS), spring sports and Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) spring sports requirements, and how we are the only school in the Pioneer Conference that does not utilize a Down List in junior high (If a student-athlete is failing more than 2 classes during a week, then the student-athlete cannot participate in activities during the week). Dr. Proski noted that we will be implementing a Down List in junior high next year.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th - 27, 8th - 32, 9th - 29, 10th - 32, 11th - 24, 12th - 27), a recent Junior High quiz bowl at Southern, all of our alternative school spots are filled, Pioneer Conference Academic Team for 24-26 ACT score (Jayden Harding, Izak Span, Ron Gurganius, & Kylee Combs), upcoming state testing (NSCAS

grades 7-8 & 11), digital media received a \$7,500 grant from the Thomas Foundation, the addition of two stair masters and six bikes arrived this week and a grant from the Thomas Foundation helped pay for these items, the first FFA week at Southern, parent teacher conferences over Zoom, and finalizing the new 8 period day for the 2021-2022 school year.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the 2020-2021 teacher vacancy survey that was conducted in the fall of 2020 by the Nebraska Department of Education and he went over some possible changes when it comes to accreditation for schools in the state of Nebraska. Next, he went over a second bond election brochure that he is working on, he stated that all Southern employees got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on March 5 (Around 90% of the staff elected to receive the vaccine), and he gave the board a legislative update and he noted how both LB 408 & LR 22CA will be devastating to school districts budget if either of the two get passed. Dr. Prosocki said on March 25, all of the Performance Criteria Developer (PCD) solicitation notices will be due and he hopes to have a draft of the plans for the potential new Elementary School project by the April board meeting (New practice gym, 2 new preschool classrooms, and new playground equipment). Dr. Prosocki said that the district will not be making up any snow days this year because all schools in Nebraska are allowed flexibility with the Rule 10 required instructional hours during the pandemic, he went over the 2020-2021 Multicultural Education Report, he gave the board an update about the NRCSA spring conference, and he went over the Opening Days Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over his vacation and sick days for the third quarter, he went over the district's property tax request and state aid comparison for 2012-2021, and he stated that he just completed the Small, Rural School Achievement grant and the district should receive \$33,429 through this grant. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on staff salaries and benefits for the 2021-2022 school year and he noted that around 85% of the district's budget is made up of personnel costs (Staff salaries, benefits, and purchased services will cost the district around \$5.3 million dollars next year).

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

VII.A. Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) for the Second Semester

Motion to extend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) until May 24, 2021.

This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Police Officer for Prom on April 10, 2021

Motion to approve a police officer for prom on April 10, 2021. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 8, 2021, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School auditorium 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