

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 10, 2022
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, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were present: Jerry Rempe & Christopher Proski.

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: 10/5/2022

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 was posted on the back of the board of education meeting room.

I.C. Motion to excuse Angela Meyer from the October 10, 2022, school board meeting

Motion to excuse Angela Meyer from the October 10, 2022, school board meeting. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Angela Meyer: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Aaron Whitwer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

II. Approval of Minutes from the September 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes from the September 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

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

Betsy Frerichs arrived at the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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 Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

Angela Meyer: Absent, Aaron Whitwer: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhauer provided the school board with a written report over the following items: Johnson Controls having issues with the elementary school boilers communicating with Metasys, over 27 of the new thermostats in both buildings not working properly, and the purchase of a new football scoreboard.

Dr. Prosocki noted that since the district used their ESSER (Stimulus funds) to purchase more efficient and effective HVAC and boiler equipment, the Johnson Controls service agreement will increase by around \$5,000. Dr. Prosocki said that the district locksets are starting to fail and the district will need to update almost all of the locksets in both buildings because based on modern safety practices, the district cannot have doors that do not have the ability to lock. This will cost the district anywhere from \$20,000-\$25,000. Dr. Prosocki noted that he always talked about the need to budget for the unexpected and this is a primary example of this. Lastly, the board plans to hold a special board meeting on October 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to review the results from a recent facility study. The major components of the facility study were how to make our facilities safer for all occupants and to address any structural deficiencies that might currently exist in our facilities.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Greg Iverson will be the new 7-12 Physical Education/Health teacher during the 2023-2024 school year. The district will advertise for a new 6th grade teacher and basketball coach in the spring for the upcoming school year. The district is currently advertising for a new K-12 vocal music teacher to begin at semester.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki and Cody Saby recently completed the new cyber security coverage application because all ALICAP schools were dropped from their cyber security program. Also, based on the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology to improve student learning, the district will be purchasing 95 laptops for the 2022-2023 school year. The remaining ESSER funds will be used to cover the cost of this purchase. Based on ESSER III, 20% of these allocated funds have to cover learning loss and the purchase of new laptops is an allowable use for this federal requirement.

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 (3-Year-Old Preschool - 10, 4-Year-Old Preschool - 18, K - 25, 1st - 17, 2nd - 33, 3rd - 24, 4th - 28, 5th - 21, & 6th - 27), parent teacher conferences (80% of elementary school parents attended), Red Ribbon Week activities, and October events.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal provided a written report on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th - 21, 8th - 28, 9th - 28, 10th - 33, 11th - 28, & 12th - 31), homecoming royalty (Austen Forney and Callie Cooper), alternative school update (2 spots are filled and Diller-Odell is paying to use one of our spots), students attending SCC college fair and manufacturing day, Pre-Act and ASVAB testing taking place in October, student participating in Apply to College day, having all 8th and 12th grade students taking the civics portion of the naturalization test as required by state law, Mrs. Baumgartner wanting to take student to Washington DC as part of her curriculum in 2024 and the board supported this new endeavor, and a 40% turn out rate for parent teacher conferences in the fall.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki noted that based on federal regulations, any school that spends over \$750,000 worth of federal funds must have an additional audit and Southern must have another audit (e.g., ESSER Funds, Lunch Funds, & Title Funds) and this must occur before November 1, 2022. Next, Dr. Prosocki said the district received a \$3,750 grant from the Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation for a new AED machine and a new hearing machine. Then he went over his contracted days for the third quarter, he gave the school board an update on the upcoming NASB State Education Conference in Omaha, and he covered his recent nomination to the Nebraska Schoolmasters Club. Dr. Prosocki noted that the district recently received just under \$7,000 of free robotics kits for K-12 students to use for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Prosocki reminded the school board that they would need to complete his yearly evaluation at the November board meeting and he went over a NRCSA update from a recent membership meeting in Lincoln. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki went over the district's textbook rotation for the coming school year and he noted that no new textbooks would be purchased for the coming school year because all of the district textbooks are finally updated. Dr. Prosocki thanked all of the staff members that served on the committees that selected the new textbooks over the past 5 years.

Dr. Proski gave the school board an update on some NSAA athletic items that might be in the works. First, he noted that the NSAA is considering either adding another D class for 8-man football because of the large amount of the teams that opted to be ineligible for the playoffs in class D because they did not want to move up to 8-man (D1, D2, & D3) or add a new 9-man football class that could play South Dakota schools. South Dakota schools currently play 9-man and this would allow Nebraska schools in close proximity to play them. Next, Dr. Proski said that Exter-Miligan and Friend will co-op in all athletic activities during the 2023-2024 school year and they plan to also consolidate their districts in the years ahead. Dr. Proski said that Exter-Miligan and Friend wanted to start a new sports conference and they reached out to Southern to be part of their possible new conference. Dr. Proski said the district does not plan to switch, but is always open to providing our students with new opportunities if they arise. Lastly, Dr. Proski said that due to extremely low participation numbers in volleyball and in track, the district may need to look at co-opping in the years ahead in these respected sports so the district can still field teams in these areas

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

VII.A. 2022 Nebraska's College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics

Motion to approve the 2022 Nebraska's College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

School districts must, within a year, adopt the mandated state standards or create their own standards of equal or greater rigor. Only the standards mandated by Nebraska law must be adopted by school districts. The mandatory standards in Nebraska are in the content areas of reading and writing (English Language Arts), mathematics, science, and social studies.

VII.B. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., November 14, 2022, 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District