

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 12, 2023
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: Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, & Jeff Argo. The following administrator was present: Christopher Prososki.

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: 6/7/2023

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 May 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the May 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 5, 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: Items for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

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 Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report on moving classrooms around, summer cleaning, the Level 2 charger was installed at the Elementary School, installing carpet, the new football scoreboard, leak in the hot water heater at the Elementary School, & working on the backflow regulator for water irrigation at the Elementary School.

Dr. Prosocki noted that work on both the Elementary School entrance and the new required ADA ramp at the Jr./Sr. High School has not commenced yet. The demolition will start on Wednesday, June 14 for both projects. The district is also still getting the Jr./Sr. High School entrance project finalized and out to bid as per state law. There will be an upcoming Zoom meeting on June 21 for some board members to attend regarding this project. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on the weight room upgrade and said the new electric bus that was purchased with federal grant funds should arrive during the second or third week in July.

V.B. Personnel Items

Anthony Shepardson was just hired as the new 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. custodian at the Jr./Sr. High School. The district is still in the process of hiring a 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. nighttime custodian for the Jr./Sr. High School.

V.C. Technology Update

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the DIBELS testing results for students in grades K-6 and Dr. Prosocki went over a preliminary budget overview. He noted that on May 30, 2023, school districts received the Models of State Aid for 2023/2024, including LB 583, LB 243 Property Tax Authority, and Updated Budget Authority. Dr. Prosocki said that on June 9, 2023, all of the information was finalized. Based on LB583 and LB 243 Property Tax Authority, Southern will lose \$148,545 in state aid revenue from the previous school year or Southern will lose \$663,048

in state aid revenue from what was originally certified on March 1, 2023, under the old funding formula. Dr. Prososki noted that so many changes have recently occurred to public school funding in Nebraska and no one has a clue about the budget outlook for the 2023-2024 school year until the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) releases their new APA budget document at the end of June. Dr. Prososki went over teacher negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year and he noted that Southern Education Association (SEA) is \$157 off of the midpoint of the array. Based on LB 397, the total compensation for teachers must fall between 98% to 102% on the array. Over the past 3 years, SEA has moved up on the array every year (e.g., 98.53%, 99.40%, & 99.69%). Next, Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update from the NRCSA executive committee and he noted that he would be out of the district for 2 days because of a NRCSA executive committee meeting out west. Dr. Prososki went over the Real Property Value Percentage Change for 2022-2023, and he noted the district just received a \$100,000 federal action grant (reVISION) to start a welding program at Southern. From here, Dr. Prososki noted that he completed a Support Service Flex Funding School Age grant and the district will receive \$14,763 through this grant. In addition, Dr. Prososki completed a SPED IDEA Consolidated grant and the district will receive \$127,034 through this grant. Dr. Prososki went over a legislative update and he covered some interim studies that will take place over the summer months. Lastly, Dr. Prososki said that he was approached by the University of Nebraska at Kearney to serve as an adjunct graduate lecturer teaching aspiring principals and superintendents online at night time and on the weekends.

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

VII.A. School Board Member Appointment

Motion to appoint Chavonn Mailahn to the vacant board position for a term ending on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, 2025. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jeff Argo, Failed.

Dana Dorn: no, Debra Schlake: no, David Zimmerman: no, Jeff Argo: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes
yes: 2, no: 3

Motion to appoint Jared McKeever to the vacant board position for a term ending on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, 2025. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: no, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
yes: 4, no: 1

VII.B. Southern and Diller-Odell Golf Co-op (2023-2024 & 2024-2025)

Motion to approve the Southern and Diller-Odell Golf Co-op for the next two school years. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

VII.C. Set Breakfast, Lunch, and Milk Prices for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion to raise the breakfast, lunch, and milk prices by \$0.10 for the 2023-2024 school year. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

Even though the district is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the next 3 years, which provides free breakfast and lunches for all students at Southern, Dr. Prosocki noted that he wants the school breakfast, school lunch, and school milk prices to keep up with inflation, and he wants to increase them gradually overtime to be in compliance with the required Paid Lunch Equity tool once the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program is up.

If the school board did not approve the CEP program for the 2023-2024 school year, the breakfast prices in grades PK 12 would have been \$2.35, lunch prices in grades PK-6 would have been at \$3.25, and lunch prices in grades 7-12 would have been \$3.35. Adult breakfast prices will be set at \$2.70 and adult lunch prices will be set at \$4.35. All milk prices will be set at \$0.55.

VII.D. New Strategic Plan Proposal - Dr. Matt Dominy

Motion to approve the new strategic plan proposal in the amount of \$5,000 from Dr. Matt Dominy. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

VII.E. Approval of Policy 5045: Student Fees

Motion to approve Policy 5045: Student Fees. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki noted that school districts in Nebraska are required to have a Student Fees policy. Dr. Prosocki said that no changes have been made to Policy 5045: Student Fees over the past couple of years. These are also the same fees that local ESU 5 schools utilize in our area. Dr. Prosocki said that Policy 5045: Student Fees serves as a placeholder for sponsors or coaches that may want to complete some extra activities during the school year. The majority of the fees in Policy 5045: Student Fees are not imposed on students, and in many cases, they can elect if they want to pay, for example, a \$30 technology fee to take their laptop home with them during the school year or not.

VII.F. Approval of Policy 5018: Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices & Policy 5057: District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Motion to approve Policy 5018: Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices & Policy 5057: District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

VII.G. Annual School Board Policy Updates

Motion to approve the updated forms and policies: 3001, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3033, 3036, 3059, 4003, 4045, 4059, 5003, 5004, 5035, 5045, 5049, 5052, 5062, 5064, 6003, 6005, & 6038. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

VII.H. Policy Review - Policy 5001: Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism & Policy 5054: Student Bullying

Dr. Prosocki noted that school boards must annually review its bullying and attendance policy and no public hearings are required. In addition, each year the building principals are required to send the attendance and excessive absenteeism policy and student discipline policy to the county attorney. The excessive absenteeism policy must be developed in collaboration with the county attorney and they must establish what student conduct are required to report to law enforcement as per LB 1081.

VII.I. A Safe Return Plan Review as Required by the United States Department of Education (USDOE)

Based on the American Rescue Plan (ARP), each school district in the United States has to implement (1) A Safe Return Plan, (2) solicit feedback from the public regarding this plan, and (3) review this plan every 6 months through September 30, 2023. The steering committee reviewed this plan in January and no changes were made to the plan (The steering committee consists of teachers, principals, the superintendent, ESU 5 staff, parents, and community members). The board elected to make no changes to this document.

VII.J. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., July 10, 2023, 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