

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 15, 2024  
7:30 PM

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following members in attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the following members were present: Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrators were present: Kane Hookstra & Christopher Prosofski. The following visitors were present: Tim Hanson, & Mike Hager.

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: 1/10/2023

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

Motion to excuse Debra Schlake and Betsy Frerichs from the January 15, 2024, school board meeting. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Debra Schlake: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

I.C. 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.D. Reorganization of the Southern School Board

I.D.1. Election of Officers

I.D.1.1. President

Motion to retain current school board officers' positions on the school board. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

I.D.1.2. Vice-President

I.D.1.3. Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, 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

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 Jared McKeever and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report on winter building repairs, finalizing the new CTE equipment, new windows in the shop area, updates on bus radios, and troubleshooting the new Level 3 charger.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.C. Technology Update

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: recognizing 37 fourth through sixth grade students who passed the NSCAS (state assessment), working on implementing an online walk-through observation form, and the WORDS training for K-3 teachers.

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

The secondary principal provided a written report on the following items: current enrollment figures, all spots being filled at the ESU 5 alternative school, student registration, academic all-state (Football: Carson Goes, Softball: Jaidyn Allington & Savannah Mason, & Volleyball: Rylee Swearingen), starting some welding classes during the second semester, and 6 students that are taking 7 college classes.

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

Dr. Prosocki went over the 2021-2022 Civil Rights Data Collection that must be completed every 2 years based on the U.S. Department of Education guidelines. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over the 2023-2024 Teacher Shortage Report, and he also noted that the district just received an \$83,838 Energy Wise Grant through the Nebraska Public Power Department. Dr. Prosocki went over the 108th Legislature, Second Session bills, and he talked about the upcoming NRCSA spring conference. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki said the district received a \$7,500 Career & Technical Education grant and the district received a \$12,313 Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) grant.

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

##### VII.A. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Gage County Sheriff's Office & Southern Public Schools

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Gage County Sheriff's Office & Southern Public Schools. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

##### VII.A.1. Millard Gustafson, Tim Hanson, & Mike Hager

##### VII.B. Appointments

##### VII.B.1. Authorized Representative for State & Federal Programs

Motion to appoint Christopher Prosocki as the authorized representative for state & federal programs. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

##### VII.B.2. Bus Mechanic for Bus Inspections

Motion to appoint James Ullman as the bus mechanic for bus inspections. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.B.3. District's Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator

Motion to appoint Christopher Prosocki as the district's non-discrimination compliance coordinator. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.B.4. Title IX Coordinator

Motion to appoint Jeff Murphy as the Title IX coordinator. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.B.5. Treasurer

Motion to appoint Taylor Schmidt as the treasurer. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.C. Designate the Fund Depository for Southern Public Schools

Motion to designate Security First Bank of Blue Springs and Western National Bank of Wymore as the depository for Southern Public Schools. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.D. Designate the Legal Counsel for Southern Public Schools

Motion to designate KSB School Law as the district's legal counsel. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.E. Designate the Legal Newspaper for Southern Public Schools

Motion to designate Fairbury Journal-News as the legal newspaper for Southern Public Schools. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

### VII.F. Designate the Method for Publicizing Meetings for the Southern Board of Education

Motion to publicize meetings of the Southern Board of Education in accordance with Policy 2008: Meetings. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.  
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

Based on Policy 2008 Based on Policy 2008: Meetings, the board will give reasonable advance-publicized notice of the time and the place of each of its meetings, which generally will be 48 hours or more in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the board and the public. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, if available, on the newspaper's website. Newspapers of

general circulation in the district include, but are not necessarily limited to, the Fairbury-Journal News, Lincoln Journal Star, or the Omaha World-Herald.

#### VII.G. Appoint School Board Standing Committees

Motion to approve the standing committees as appointed by the school board president. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

##### VII.G.1. American Civics

Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, & Jared McKeever will serve on the American Civics committee.

##### VII.G.2. Building & Grounds

Betsy Frerichs, Dave Zimmerman, & Jared McKeever will serve on the Buildings & Grounds committee.

##### VII.G.3. Finance

Betsy Frerichs, Dave Zimmerman, & Jeff Argo will serve on the Finance committee.

##### VII.G.4. Negotiations

Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, & Debra Schlake will serve on the Negotiations committee.

##### VII.G.5. Policy

Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, & Jared McKeever will serve on the Policy committee.

##### VII.G.6. Transportation

Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, & Jeff Argo will serve on the Transportation committee.

VII.H. Policy Review - Policy 2005: Conflict of Interest, Policy 2006: Complaint Procedures, & Policy 2012: Code of Ethics

#### VII.I. Option Enrollment Applications

#### VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., February 12, 2024, 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