

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 10, 2024  
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: Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrator was present: 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:

- Fairbury Journal-News

Posted Date: 6/5/2024

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. Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs from the June 10, 2024, School Board Meeting

Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs from the June 10, 2024, school board meeting. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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.

II. Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the May 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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.

III.A.1. Angela Meyer - Track Project Fundraiser Update

Angela Meyer gave the school board an update on the track fundraising project.

#### 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 Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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

#### V. Support Service

##### V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report on completing some work in the kitchen, shampooing carpets, taking out the Jr./Sr. High School stair treads, working on the bus route and the need to move to a pod system the upcoming school year because Mr. Nielson was getting back from his route 15-20 minutes late to his first period class, and we had still not been able to find a full-time bus driver, and the gym floor being treated, and finishing the roof over the vestibule.

Dr. Prosocki noted that he would like the school board to consider remodeling the old Jr./Sr. High School offices where Jeff's and Karen's offices were. He noted that we could complete this project in house next spring or summer, and it would cost around \$50,000-\$75,000. He noted that the other old office space has already been designated for ESU 5 service providers and the new School Resource Officer. The school board was receptive to this idea and agreed to move forward with this project. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki noted that the district needed to purchase another suburban this summer because one of our vans is 12-passenger rated, and it is illegal to use them for student transportation. Dr. Prosocki said the only other option would be to have parents transport their son or daughter to all junior high activities this upcoming school year. The school board agreed to purchase another suburban.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Bonnie Creek got hired as the new Food Service Provider/Bus Driver, Kimberly Brown got hired as the new Head Food Service Provider, and Melisa Reed got hired as the new K-6 Paraprofessional.

##### V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki went over the required online trainings for the upcoming school year based on both state and federal laws.

#### 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. Prososki went over his accumulated days quarterly report, and he noted that he completed a \$7,500 Career & Technical Education grant for the upcoming school year. Next, Dr. Prososki gave the school board a preliminary budget overview, and he noted that 85% of a school's budget are in personnel costs and the other 15% are fixed costs. Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on teacher negotiations for the fall, and he noted that based on LB 397, the total compensation for teachers must fall between 98% to 102% on the array. In addition, Dr. Prososki noted that the school board does not negotiate management prerogatives. Dr. Prososki said he would be out of the district on June 20-24 and, and he gave the school board an update on the Real Property Value Percentage Change for 2023-2024. He noted that valuation protests take place during the month of June, and he will not have the official valuation numbers until August 20. Dr. Prososki said he completed a Flex Funding grant and the district will receive around \$16,000 from this grant. Next, Dr. Prososki went over a review of our ESU 5 mental health program for the 2023-2024 school year. Lastly, Dr. Prososki said he wrote a \$250,000 Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) Rural Community Recovery Program (RCRP) grant to purchase new, modern, ADA playground equipment at the elementary school. If the grant is awarded to Southern in October, the district will have to pledge 17% or \$50,000 towards this project.

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

### VII.A. Set Breakfast, Lunch, and Milk Prices for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to raise breakfast, lunch, and milk prices by \$0.15 for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Even though the district is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the next 4 years, which provides free breakfast and lunches for all students at Southern, Dr. Prososki 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 2024-2025 school year, the breakfast prices in grades PK 12 would have been \$2.40, lunch prices in grades PK-6 would have been at \$3.40, and lunch prices in grades 7-12 would have been \$3.50. All milk prices will be set at \$0.70.

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

Dr. Prosofski noted that school boards must annually review its bullying and attendance policy, but 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 is required to report to law enforcement as per LB 1081.

#### VII.C. 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 Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

#### VII.D. Approval of Policy 5045: Student Fees

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Prosofski noted that school districts in Nebraska are required to have a Student Fees policy. Dr. Prosofski said that very little 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. Prosofski 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.E. Annual School Board Policy Updates

Motion to approve updated forms and policies: 2006, 2008, 2009, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3001, 3017, 3032, 3038, 3053, 3057, 3059, 3060, 4011, 4053, 5001, 5004, 5005, 5008, 5026, 5035, 5049, 5052, 6025, 6031, 6036, 6039, 6040, 6041, 6042, & 6043. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

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

yes: 4, no: 1, Absent: 1

#### VII.F. Option Enrollment Applications

#### VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., July 8, 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