

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 8, 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: Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrator was present: 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: 7/3/2024

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. 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 June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing. This motion, made by Jared McKeever 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: 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 Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, 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 installing new stair treads at the Jr./Sr. High School as per our insurance company requirements, painting the stair hand banisters, painting the van garage and football storage shed, replacing floor tiles at the 3-year-old preschool, needing to replace a compressor on the north AC unit at the elementary school, and working on AC at the Jr./Sr. High School.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prososki noted that Zachary Schuerman was just hired as the new assistant wrestling coach.

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. Prososki went over the adjusted taxable valuation, and he noted that the free market is a huge driving force in terms of valuations going up. He noted that residential real property has gone up the most during the past five years and agricultural land has gone down over the past five years in our district. Next, Dr. Prososki said that the administration will be attending Administrators' Days at the end of July. He then went over the upcoming annual safety and security meeting, he gave the school board an update on the budget, and he said that the district has been classified as accredited for the upcoming school year by the Nebraska State Board of Education. Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on the federal Fair Labor Standard Act overtime rules. Next, Dr. Prososki said that the House of Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, Education released their Fiscal Year 25 proposal, which represents a 14% cut to the Department of Education or a 4.7 billion dollar cut to Title I funding. Dr. Prososki said that every year the feds require schools to do more and more, but with less and less funding each year (e.g., New Title IX Regulations, Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, Uniform Grant Requirements, USDA Regulations, & Fair Labor Standards Act Requirements). Next, Dr. Prososki went over an option enrollment presentation from KSB School Law. He said that he recently completed a SPED

grant, and the district will receive around \$127,027 for this grant. Dr. Prososki noted that the summer months are one of the busiest times of the year for superintendents, and he shared his superintendent checklist, which outlined all of the federal and state reports or data collections that have to be completed, in addition to everything else like the budget, handbooks, and policies updates. Lastly, Diller-Odell, Freeman, and Southern met with the Gage County Sheriff's Office, and they were wondering if each school district could pay \$12,000 towards the new school resource deputy program for the upcoming school year that started in January. Dr. Prososki thought this was a reasonable amount, and he noted that the safety and security of all of the students and staff members is his number one priority and responsibility of the superintendent.

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

VII.A. Set Substitute Compensation for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to set Substitute Compensation at \$160 for the 2024-2025 School Year. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Approval of the District Handbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve the district handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Approve the Track Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Wymore

Motion to amend the agreement under Section 2 Terms, and the term shall be for one year starting on April 1, 2024, and ending on March 31, 2025. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion to approve the Track Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Wymore with the amended changes. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

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