

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 14, 2024
7:45 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. and the following members were present: Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrators were present: Kane Hookstra, Jeff Murphy, & 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: 8/7/2024

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 July 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the July 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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 Dana Dorn and seconded by

Jared McKeever, 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 shampooing the carpets, painting the football field, installing new concrete at the football field, Armor Glass installing the security film at both buildings, the 2 new suburbans arrived for fall activities, and wiring the shot clocks at the Jr./Sr. High School for the upcoming basketball season.

Dr. Prosocki noted that 2 Roof Top Units need to be replaced at the Elementary School and the chiller at the Jr./Sr. High School needs to be replaced as well. Dr. Prosocki noted he would like to complete this project in the spring before it gets too hot. In addition, Southern was awarded a Diamond Certification in School Safety, and less than 2% of school districts across Nebraska have achieved this certification to date.

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: estimated enrollment figures, data team meetings, WORDS training, Open House on August 21, the use of a DESSA serener, the installation of a new Gaga Ball pit, and the use of a portable stop sign outside of the elementary school.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: 7th grade orientation, all spots filled at the ESU 5 alternative school, end of the year training, fall sports participation numbers (Football - 13, Softball = 12, & Volleyball = 18), and estimated enrollment figures.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the budgeted expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year, and he noted that the expenditures will be up around 3.20% from the previous school year. Dr. Prosocki noted that the expenditures were up because of the increases in staffing costs, the purchase of new English Language Arts textbooks, and inflation increasing the cost of everyday items. Dr. Prosocki said that there are always unknowns that pop up in a school's budget, and he always

tries to find room in the budget for unexpected items. Next, Dr. Prososki said that the USDA is requiring adult breakfast and adult lunch prices to be set at \$2.80 and \$4.95 respectively. Next, Dr. Prososki informed the school board of some upcoming Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) area membership meetings. Dr. Prososki then went over the back-to-school letter, and he said that he recently completed a federal ESSA Consolidated grant, and the district will receive \$120,421 from this grant. Dr. Prososki went over the beginning of the year faculty presentation, he gave the school board an update on an unfunded mandate bill called LB644/727 or the pink postcard bill. Next, he went over how the pandemic is still having lingering effects on education and these effects are not being seen on a family farm or at a local business. Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on Piller's property tax cut plan, and he went over how the U.S. Supreme Court ended the Chevron deference. Dr. Prososki said that there was a recent injunction on the 2024 Title IX regulations in Nebraska. He noted that no administrator supports the poorly written 2020 Title IX regulations in the United States and, unfortunately, common sense was not applied to these regulations. Dr. Prososki said that he and Taylor Schmidt are diligently working on an intensive federal fiscal desk review that is due on August 30, 2024, over all federal funds and the last 2 ESSER stimulus funds. He noted this is not an ideal time for such a comprehensive audit with school starting and the budget being due. Lastly, Dr. Prososki said he was appointed over the summer months to the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE), which works with all higher education institutions in Nebraska regarding both teacher certification and administration certification. In addition, he was also appointed to the UNK Safety Center Advisory Council that helps oversee Rule 91 & 92 regarding driver qualifications and safety standards for pupil transportation in Nebraska.

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

VII.A. Approve \$12,000 to Gage County to Cover a Portion (17%) of the School Resource Deputy (SRD) Position for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve \$12,000 to Gage County to cover a portion (17%) of the School Resource Deputy (SRD) position for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prososki noted that Gage County will cover half of this position and the remainder will be covered by Diller-Odell, Freeman, & Southern for the 2024-2025 school year.

VII.B. Discuss, Consider, and Take all Necessary Action to Adopt a Resolution Increasing the School District's Base Growth Percentage used to Determine the School District Property Tax Request by up to 7%

Motion to approve a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district property tax request by up to 7%. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. Set the Budget Hearing for September 9, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. in the Boardroom in Wymore, NE

Motion to set the budget hearing for September 9, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. in the boardroom in Wymore, NE. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

VII.D. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 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 September 9, 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District