

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 9, 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 administrators were present: Kane Hookstra, Jeff Murphy, & 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:

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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 August 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the August 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Debra Schlake 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 Jeff Argo 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 about having bus issues with 2 buses, installing security film on the Jr./Sr. High School vestibule, the speaker system going out at the football field, needing to upgrade some HVAC equipment, and the need to replace the Jr./Sr. High School fire panel.

Dr. Prosocki noted that we need to replace the chiller at the Jr./Sr. High School and 2 air-cooled condensing units at the Elementary School. He noted that the 3 units are 20–30 years old, and it will cost the district around \$350,000 to replace all 3 units. In addition, Dr. Prosocki went over the second-floor remodel renderings that will take place this spring, and the district will look at completing this project internally. With all of the service providers and outside staff that comes in, we are in dire need of more classroom space. Dr. Prosocki said with any remodel project, he did not want to cut corners and he wanted to do the project right the first time so there are not construction issues down the road that future staff will have to deal with.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki thanked Cody Sabey and the technology committee for all of their hard work during the first few weeks of school to ensure all of the technology items were up and running.

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: current enrollment figures (PK-6 = 191 students), a 79% attendance rate at Open House, upcoming state and federal testing requirements (e.g., DIBELS, STAR, & NSCAS), data team meetings, PBIS meetings on student expectations and behaviors, and 2 foster grandparents at the elementary school.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (Grades 7-12 = 162 students), upcoming NSCAS testing, all alternative education spots being full at ESU 5, upcoming homecoming, upcoming parent-teacher conferences, ten students enrolled in twelve college classes, Apply to College Day on September 30, 2024.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki noted that he transferred \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund to help cover the cost of the new K-12 ELA curriculum, 2 air-cooled condensing units, and a chiller. Next, Dr. Prososki went over the ESU 5 Special Education costs, and he noted they will be up by 17% or by \$41,350. Dr. Prososki then went over the final legislative report for the 108th legislature, 1st Special Session. Dr. Prososki said he just completed a High Ability Learner (HAL) Grant and the district will receive \$4,951 from this grant. Dr. Prososki gave the school board an overview of the upcoming Joint Public Hearing or pink postcard meeting that will take place on September 19 at 6:15 p.m. at the Gage County Courthouse. Next, Dr. Prososki gave the school board an update on negotiations for the 2025-2026 school year. From here, Dr. Prososki went over the October 14, 2024, in-service agenda and, he reminded the school board about the upcoming American Civics Education committee meeting at 7:15 p.m. on October 14, 2024. Lastly, Dr. Prososki went over the annual safety and security Rule 10 meeting, and he went over the special enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

VII.A. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District