

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 14, 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 administrators were present: Kane Hookstra & 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: 10/9/2024

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.

I.C. Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs from the October 14, 2024, school board meeting

Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs from the October 14, 2024, school board meeting. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

II. Approval of Minutes from the September 24, 2024, Special School Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from September 24, 2024, special school board meeting. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, 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.

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 installing 2 new circuit boards on the electric bus, moving an old 12-rated passenger van to use for the lunch program, looking to auction off the old brown van, and having issues with one of our diesel buses.

Dr. Proski said that we are still waiting on quotes for the chiller replacement at the Jr./Sr. High School and for the condensing units replacement at the Elementary School. An engineer was recently out and he noted that both the chiller and the condensing units were all placed in the wrong area before, hence why the units have not been very energy efficient over the years. All 3 units will need to move locations before they are installed, or no warranty can be issued, and this will increase the cost of the overall project that plans to now occur over the summer months.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Proski said that Kimberly Brown recently resigned as the head food service provider, and Naomi Pharr has just been hired to replace her. In addition, Bonnie Creek is going to serve as the assistant head food service provider. The district is in the process of hiring a full-time food service provider.

##### V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Proski went over the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology to improve student learning. Based on the district's strategic plan, the district will purchase 60 MacBook Airs and 7 iMacs.

#### 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, safety drills with Gage County Deputies, Amazing Author putting on a show, textbook visits, Pioneer Day field trip, FFA students visiting the elementary school, field trip to Wymore fire hall,

WORDS training, first grade field trip, Red Ribbon Week (Is an alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October), and FBLA students visiting the elementary school.

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

The secondary principal provided a written report on the following items: current enrollment figures, Homecoming King & Queen (Olive Sabey-Vogele & Cooper Warford), all spots being filled in the alternative school at ESU 5, college fairs and manufacturing day, all sophomores took the PreACT, junior will take the ASVAB test, Constitution Day, 8th & 12th grade students taking the civics portion of the naturalization assessment, Mrs. Clay preparing for the upcoming Puerto Rico trip in the summer of 2026, and having a 34% turn out rate for parent-teacher conferences.

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

Dr. Prosocki went over his contracted days for the third quarter and, he went over the DIBELS results for the beginning of the school year. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over a draft calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. He noted that Southern has to follow the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) calendar in terms of start dates and end dates, so the district does not have a junior high track meet on graduation. Dr. Prosocki said the district has 17 extra days built into the calendar and Southern will have one less instruction day because of a needed in-service day to complete all of the required state and federal trainings. From here, Dr. Prosocki went over a report on all of the grants that have been written and received during the first quarter, and he went over a recent Rule 10 violation because 2 teachers submitted their teacher certification to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) before the due date, but the state did not process it in time. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki reminded the school board about his upcoming evaluation that will need to be completed at the November school board meeting.

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

##### VII.A. Resolution on School District Standards for Acceptance or Rejection of Option Enrollment Applications

Motion to approve the resolution on school district standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

##### VII.B. Appoint Local Board NASB Delegate Assembly Representative

Motion to appoint Dana Dorn as the NASB delegate assembly representative. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Dana Dorn: Abstain (With Conflict), Jeff Argo: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

##### VII.C. Policy 1003: Mission Statement

Motion to approve the update version of Policy 1003: Mission Statement. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

#### VII.D. Declare the 1999 Ford Van as Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal

Motion to declare the 1999 Ford van as surplus for immediate sale or disposal. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Based on state law, the sale of school property has to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the board of education at a regular school board meeting.

#### VII.E. Option Enrollment Applications

#### VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., November 11, 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