

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 10, 2025
8:28 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 8:28 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: 3/5/2025

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 February 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the February 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Debra Schlake, 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. Closed Session to Prevent Needless Injury to the Reputation of Individuals and Negotiation Discussion as it relates to the Superintendent

Motion to enter into closed session at 8:30 p.m. to prevent needless injury to the reputation of individuals and negotiation discussion as it relates to the superintendent. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

IV.A. Reconvene Meeting from Closed Session

Motion to reconvene the meeting from closed session at 8:54 p.m. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

V. Approve the 2025-2026 Interim Superintendent

Motion to accept Dr. Virginia Moon as the interim superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VI. Approve the Board President to Negotiate a Contract for the Interim Superintendent

Motion to approve the board president to negotiate a contract for the interim superintendent. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII. Financial Statement: Items for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

VII.A. Approval of Bills

VII.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 Debra Schlake, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

VIII. Support Service

VIII.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhauer provided the school board with a written report over: remodeling the old offices, Noakes and JCI coming to the pre-bid meeting for the RTU/condensing units, Skyline Construction working on a bid for the roof on the Jr./Sr. High School gym, vehicle inspection, and getting items ready for track.

Dr. Prosocki said that 3 pieces of weight room equipment were not working, so the district went ahead and purchased 3 new pieces weight room equipment in the hope that they would arrive before summer weights start. Next, Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on the QCPUF bond project, and the plan as of now is to approve the HVAC and roof project at the April school board meeting. Dr. Prosocki said this has been a ton of work, but it will make it easier for Dr. Moon t

his summer.

VIII.B. Personnel Items

VIII.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki said that he recently completed the Future Ready District Technology Plan with Cody Sabey, which is a requirement through the Nebraska Department of Education. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki went over the preliminary technology budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The hardware budget will be \$35,000, the software budget will be \$35,000, and the infrastructure budget will be \$45,000, or \$115,000 total for the 2025-2026 school year.

IX. Administrative and Committee Reports

IX.A. Student Board Member Report

IX.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures, parent-teacher conferences (60% attendance rate), K-3 vocal music concert, Read America Week, 4th-6th grade vocal music concert, Elementary Quiz Bowl, WORDS PD training, Elementary Reading Rally, Wildlife Encounters presentation, and Elementary School tutoring.

IX.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures, JH Pioneer Conference quiz bowl at Southern, state wrestling results, 2 spots being filled at ESU 5 alternative school, ACT on March 26, college visits, FFA & FBLA week, parent-teacher conferences (27% turn out rate), and schedules for next school year.

IX.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the finalized Budget Authority and State Aid numbers for the 2025-2026 school year. The district's Budget Authority will go from \$6,461,422 to \$7,185,705. This represents an 11.21% increase or a \$724,283 increase. Since Southern is an equalized district, Budget Authority does not play a part in Southern's budget. The district's State Aid will go from \$1,982,298 to \$1,848,630. This represents a 6.745% decrease or a \$133,668 decrease. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over the EAP end of the year report, and he gave the school board an update on the transition plan for the 2025-2026 school year. Dr. Prosocki went over LB 303, the required multicultural education report, the opening days schedule, and his sick and vacation days for the first quarter. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki went over the Property Tax Request Authority, and it will increase by \$942,650.

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

X.A. Consider the Bid for the 8 RTU/Condensing Units

Motion to accept the bid for the 8 RTU/Condensing Units to Johnson Controls at the cost of \$168,990. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.
yes: 6, no: 0

X.B. Extended Leave Time for Ginger Riggs for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve the extended leave time for Ginger Riggs for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

X.C. Police Officer for Prom on April 5, 2025

Motion to approve a police officer for prom on April 5, 2025. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

X.D. Option Enrollment Applications

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 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 7:00 p.m., April 14, 2025, 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