

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 9, 2025  
7:00 PM

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following members in attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Prososki.

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: 06/04/2025

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.

I.C. Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs from the June 9, 2025 school board meeting.

Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs from the June 9, 2025 school board meeting. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

II. Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

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

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
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 blower motor installation in oven and lights/sprinklers at the high school, flooring and carpet, summer cleaning, gym floor and air handler project.

#### V.B. Personnel Items

#### V.C. Technology Update

### VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

#### VI.A. Student Board Member Report

The student board member reported on the following items: \_\_\_\_\_.

#### VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

The secondary principal reported on the following items: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

The superintendent reported on the following items: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

### VII.A. Set Breakfast, Lunch, and Milk Prices for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion to raise breakfast, lunch, and milk prices by \$0.15 for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Even though the district is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the next 3 years, which provides free breakfast and lunches for all students at Southern, Dr. Prososki noted that he wants the school breakfast, school lunch, and school milk prices to keep up with inflation, and he wants to increase them gradually overtime to be in compliance with the required Paid Lunch Equity tool once the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program is up.

If the school board did not approve the CEP program for the 2025-2026 school year, the breakfast prices in grades PK-12 would have been \$2.55, lunch prices in grades PK-6 would have been at \$3.55, and lunch prices in grades 7-12 would have been \$3.65. All milk prices will be set at \$0.85.

### VII.B. Policy Review - Policy 5001: Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism & Policy 5054: Student Bullying

Dr. Prososki noted that school boards must annually review its bullying and attendance policy, but no public hearings are required. In addition, each year, the building principals are required to send the attendance and excessive absenteeism policy and student discipline policy to the county attorney. The excessive absenteeism policy must be developed in collaboration with the county attorney, and they must establish what student conduct is required to report to law enforcement as per LB 1081.

### VII.C. Approval of Policy 5018: Parent Involvement in Education Practices & Policy 5057: District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Motion to approve Policy 5018: Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices & Policy 5057: District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

### VII.D. Approval of Policy 5045: Student Fees

Motion to approve Policy 5045: Student Fees. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

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

yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Prososki noted that school districts in Nebraska are required to have a Student Fees policy. Dr. Prososki said that very little changes have been made to Policy 5045: Student Fees over the past couple of years. These are also the same fees that local ESU 5 schools utilize in our area. Dr. Prososki said that Policy 5045: Student Fees serves as a placeholder for sponsors or coaches that may want to complete some extra activities during the school year. The majority of the fees in Policy 5045: Student Fees are not imposed on students, and in many cases, they can elect if they want to pay, for example, a \$30 technology fee to take their laptop home with them during the school year or not.

#### VII.E. Annual School Board Policy Updates

Motion to approve the following policy updates: 1002, 2006, 2008, 3003, 3004.1, 3023, 3026, 3036, 3043, 3047, 3057, 4051, 4057, 4059, 5001, 5015, 5016, 5018, 5031, 6031, 6034, 6044, 6045. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.  
Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

#### VII.F. Option Enrollment Applications

#### VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Debra Schlake, passed.  
Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., July 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