

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 11, 2025
7:00 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrators were present: Kane Hookstra, Jeff Murphy, & Virginia Moon.

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: 08/06/2025

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

Motion to excuse Debra Schlake. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

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

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 14th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the August 6th, 2025, Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the July 14th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting & the August 6th, 2025, Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

Debra Schlake: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: 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 capital purpose undertaking fund claims. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

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

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

IV.A.2.1. Transfer of Funds from General Funds to Lunch Funds.

Motion to approve transfer of \$200,000 from general funds to lunch funds. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

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

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report on the air conditioning project at the elementary. Sprinkler inspections, asbestos report and bus inspections have been completed. He also reported that a second gaga ball pit has been added at the elementary and the bus routes have been completed and included in the back to school newsletter.

V.B. Personnel Items

The school board welcomes Briana Stearman and Ashli Pierce to the Southern Public School's staff.

V.C. Technology Update

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

Mr. Hookstra reported the current enrollment at the elementary and preschool for the 2025-2026 is down 20 students from last year. He said this is due to a large class leaving the elementary and a small class entering kindergarten. Both PK3 & PK4 are full with waitlists. Mr. Hookstra

informed the board of the upcoming training for elementary staff and the training that was completed over the summer. Elementary Open House will be on Wednesday, August 20th.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

Mr. Murphy reported that we currently have 3 alternative school spots filled and we will have 7th grade orientation on Tuesday, August 19th. Fall sports started today and Landoll's will be donating Raider shirts to all 7th-12th grade students again this year.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moon updated the school board on the air conditioning project at the elementary. She reported the system was being pressurized and Johnson Controls would be back tomorrow to begin starting the units. Dr. Moon also discussed the importance of the Strategic Plan for the upcoming school year. She would like to find a way to better our communication with parents, patrons and the community and the district will be focusing on literacy this year.

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

VII.A. Superintendent Search Planning

Dr. Derrick Joel with McPherson & Jacobson came and presented the school board with a tentative timeline and search options for the Superintendent Search. The school board will meet with McPherson & Jacobson again at the regular school board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 8th, 2025.

VII.B. Participation in NASB Training Sessions.

Board members agreed to sign up for the area meeting on September 10th in Nebraska City for those that can attend.

VII.C. Declare the Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal

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

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Based on Policy 3019: Sale or Disposal of School Property, it sets forth the statutory requirement that the sale of school property be approved by a two-thirds vote of the board of education at a regular board meeting. The district has always sold items of monetary value to the general public and the district has never sold items that were not working or that were broken to the general public.

VII.D. Set Special Meeting on September 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in Wymore to Approve Tax Request.

Motion to approve Special Meeting on September 23, 2025 to Approve Tax Request. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

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

VII.E. Set the Budget Hearing for September 8, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. in the Boardroom in Wymore, NE

Motion to set the Budget Hearing for September 8, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. in the Boardroom in Wymore, NE. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

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

VII.F. Option Enrollment Applications

Motion to approve of option enrollment applications. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

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

<u>Option Out</u>	<u>Option In</u>
1 - High School	1- High School

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

Debra Schlake: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, David Zimmerman: yes
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The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., September 8th, 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