

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 10, 2020  
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: Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, Emily Shockley, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, 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. Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgement 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 is posted in the auditorium.

II. Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the July 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, Carol Pralle: yes, Emily Shockley: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes  
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: Item for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

C.D. Bids for the month were as follows:

Security First Bank, Blue Springs Special Funds: 0.40%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.95%

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 Emily Shockley and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

#### IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

#### V. Support Service

##### V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over the press box project being behind schedule, which the district anticipated, stocking up on face coverings, hand sanitizer, extra supplies of disinfectant, extra HVAC filters, and other cleaning supplies. The district also purchased two electrostatic sprayers that will be used to disinfect buses, the weight room, and classrooms. Lastly, the district has been working on the addition of an extra bus route to keep students social distanced on all morning and afternoon bus routes.

##### V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosofski noted that Tammy Meints will now be full time during the school year to help out with the extra cleaning duties related to COVID-19. In addition, the district will be looking for a full time 9-month custodian to replace TJ Saathoff.

##### V.B.1. Hiring Recommendation

##### V.B.1.1. Gavin Nielson - 1.0 FTE - 5-12 Instrumental Music Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Gavin Nielson as the 5-12 Instrumental Music Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Carol Pralle, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

##### V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosofski noted the technology committee has been working diligently to create a laptop handbook for the district so the rules and procedures are consistent throughout the district. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Rempe gave the board an update on the new technology handbook. The technology committee will also be providing regular trainings to staff over remote learning, using iPads/laptops in the classroom, and how to deliver high quality instruction online to students.

#### 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: ESU 5 trainings, new carpet in the third and sixth grade classrooms, preparing for the fall, fall sports practices beginning on August 10, 2020, and working with other conference Athletic Directors to finalize COVID-19 procedures related to fall activities.

## VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: seventh grade orientation, alternative school update (2 students are attending), ESU 5 trainings, 2020 graduation ceremony, and anticipated enrollment numbers.

## VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the estimated expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year. He noted that the estimated expenditures will be up by around 1.96% for the previous year and noted that he will not be able to finalize the budget until assessed valuations are certified on August 20. Next, Dr. Prosocki gave the school board a detailed explanation of the subjective and objective factors that determine what level the Public Health Solutions COVID-19 risk dial could be in (Green, yellow, orange, or red). Dr. Prosocki presented the board with his faculty presentation, he told the board that he has submitted all of the required FEMA paperwork in an effort to get some possible funding in the near future related to the pandemic, and he completed a \$5,000 High Ability Learner grant through the Nebraska Department of Education. Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the requirements by law under the Directed Health Measure (DHM) that only allows 75% rated occupancy at outdoor events and 50% rated occupancy at indoor events. He noted for the majority of fall sports, everyone should be able to attend, but during home contests that are typically well attended, the district will limit these events to just family members. He also noted that the administration will not spend the fall being social distance police and if spectators at certain events do not abide the current DHM, the district will then be forced to limit each participant to just 2 family members for fall activities. The administration hopes that everyone will be responsible when it comes to the DHM and the district will not have to impose these restrictions during the fall sports season. Dr. Prosocki said that during the winter sports, each participant will have a limited amount of family members that will be able to attend events and no outside fans will be allowed to attend winter events because of the requirements under the DHM. Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the reopening plan and a recent Q&A document that we shared with the public and he went over how a new federal change in Perkins V allowed Brady Meyer, Jamie Schluter, and Dr. Prosocki to write a \$100,000 grant to possibly be used for the new agriculture program and the new computer science program if the grant is received. Dr. Prosocki said he has been working to finalize the district's first strategic plan and hopes to have it complete by the September board meeting. Dr. Prosocki said the district received a \$35,000 grant from the Thomas Foundation to pave the parking lot directly north of the Jr./Sr. High School and to fix some broken sidewalk sections to make in compliance with the ADA standards. He said that a \$50,000 bus grant that he submitted to the Thomas Foundation was turned down, but he is waiting to hear back to see if the district will receive a \$42,000 Volkswagen grant that he also wrote. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki told the board that he will have 9 month and 10 month pay during a possible short-term closure (1-5 days) or a long-term closure (6 days or more) as an action item

during the September board meeting. The board decided to have an attorney from KSB School Law at the September meeting in some capacity to go over possible options the board can consider if the school is forced to shut down either short-term or long-term due to COVID-19.

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

### VII.A. 2020 Annual Board Policy Updates (Round 2)

Motion to approve policy 2006 & 3057. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Dr. Prosocki said that the US Department of Education has made changes in the regulations addressing how educational institutions must respond to sexual harassment under Title IX. By law schools must adopt a new Title IX policy no later than August 14, 2020. In addition, all staff members and community coaches will be required to complete a rather extensive training over the new regulations. Dr. Prosocki that all staff will be trained during the October 12 in-service.

VII.B. Set the Budget Hearing for September 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska and Set the Tax Request Hearing for September 14, to Follow the Budget Hearing in the Auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska.

Motion to set the budget hearing for September 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska and set the tax request hearing for September 14, to follow the budget hearing in the auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Carol Pralle and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Based on LB 148, the district cannot put a limit on how long the budget hearing can take place and any member of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget shall be allowed to address the governing body and given a reasonable amount of time to do so. LB 148 does not apply to the tax request hearing. In addition, auditor of public accounts school budget form will need to be shared with the public. Dr. Prosocki noted that this form is very confusing and all of the numbers on the document are highly inflated so the district does not need to amend the budget and they are highly inflated to spend down unused budget authority that the district cannot access due to Southern being at the legal mill levy lid.

### VII.C. Option Enrollment Applications

## VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Emily Shockley, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., September 14, 2020, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium 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