

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 9, 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 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:

- Wymore Arbor State Newspaper

Posted Date: 10/29/2020

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 back of the board of education meeting room.

II. Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the October 12, 2020, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, 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. 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: 0.55%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.41%

Dr. Prosocki noted that we are 2 months into our fiscal year and we have expended 14% of the budget for the year and we have received 25% of our revenue for the year.

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 Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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 all of the extra work associated with the pandemic, moving from 4 bus routes to 3 bus routes because of the lack of bus drivers, Steve Whitwer going to cover a bus route in the coming days (The current route is being run by two maintenance staff members), advertising for a full time maintenance staff position and advertising for a part time (9 month) maintenance staff position, annual safety audit, and other fall work.

Dr. Prosocki said he was in the process of getting a quote for some concrete at the Elementary School (East side of the playground equipment that is in the front). By paving this, it will help alleviate the extra burden to our maintenance staff when it comes to cleaning the building because of the extra mud, dirt, and rocks that gets tracked in. This project might be completed during the summer of 2021, pending cost and possible grant opportunities.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Randy Roberts is going to retire on December 31, 2020, and we are starting to advertise for this position. In addition, we are still actively searching for a 9-month maintenance staff member and a full-time route driver. Dr. Prosocki noted the problem that we face in Nebraska is that we have the lowest unemployment rate in the United States at 3.5% and the workforce is not available.

V.C. Technology Update

There was not a technology update for the November board meeting.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

There was not student board member report for the November board meeting.

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (3-year-old preschool = 7, 4-year-old preschool = 10, K = 31, 1st = 25, 2nd = 22, 3rd = 23, 4th = 22, 5th = 20, 6th = 32), Red Ribbon Week activities, the staff exploring a new K-8 social studies curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year, and the conclusion of fall sports.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th = 26, 8th = 33, 9th = 27, 10th = 33, 11th = 23, 12th = 28), Veterans Day video because of the pandemic, the start of winter sports, training to finalize homecoming plans, ASVAB testing, FFA update, and fall choir concert.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the 2020 Certified School Adjustment Valuation report from the Nebraska Department of Revenue and he presented the school board with a draft of both the 2021-2022 district calendar and preschool calendar. He noted that Southern has to follow the Nebraska School Activity Association (NSAA) calendar so we do not have a track meet on graduation. Dr. Prosocki said that the calendars were sent to all staff members to give their input on. In addition, Southern will need to host a Pioneer Conference Quiz Bowl on March 16, 2022, so the Jr./Sr. High School will have an early out (11:00 a.m.) so we can use all of the classrooms for the competition. All of the Jr./Sr. High School staff will work the event and the Elementary School and Preschool will still be in session for the entire day. He noted that he will send a letter home in the fall to inform parents about the early out and he will send a reminder letter when it gets closer to this date. Next, Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on the medical and dental rates (They will increase by 2.96%) and he gave the school board an overview of alternative network options that staff may be able to pick from if both the Southern Education Association and the board of education approves them. Dr. Prosocki noted that the federal subsidy program that provides free breakfast and lunch has been extended until the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and he gave the school a draft of the winter sports protocols. Based on the new Directed Health Measure that came out on November 9, 2020, it will only allow 25% of rated occupancy for any indoor activity (Or 192 individuals) and these activities are limited to household members of participants only. Dr. Prosocki noted that Southern has one of the smaller gyms in the area, the 192 total has to include the following individual for basketball games: referees, players, gate workers, clock/book workers, concession stands workers, media, administration, student managers, coaches, and district custodians. The thought as of now would be to only allow 2 family members per each home participant (Basketball and cheerleaders). In addition, all home winter contests will be streamed over Hudl. Dr. Prosocki said the commissioner of education granted schools with flexibility when it comes to instructional hours, he went over the annual safety audit conducted by Bruce Lang, the Chief of Police in Beatrice, and he gave the board an update on the Southern Public Schools COVID-19 Dashboard. Next,

Dr. Proski went over the district official enrollment numbers (372 students for the 2020-2021 school year), poverty trends, option enrollment trends (The number of students that option out has decreased the past 2 years when compared to previous years), and special education trends. Lastly, Dr. Proski told the board that instead of just having a 7-12 yearbook, the yearbook staff is going to create a PK-12 yearbook and he told the board that they will need to complete a required Title IX online training by the February board meeting.

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

VII.A. Option Enrollment Applications

VII.B. Executive Session: Annual Superintendent Evaluation - As Needed to Protect the Interest of the District & to Prevent the Needless Injury to the Reputation of an Individual

Motion to enter into at 817 p.m. executive session to complete the annual superintendent evaluation as needed to protect the interest of the district & to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B.1. Convene in Executive Session: Annual Superintendent Evaluation

VII.B.2. Reconvene Meeting From Executive Session

Motion to reconvene the meeting from executive session at 9:03 p.m. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Emily Shockley, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B.3. Approval of Any Action Deemed Necessary as a Result of Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

ATTEST
Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District