

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 16, 2021
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: Aaron Whitwer, Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrator was present: 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:

- Wymore Arbor State Newspaper

Posted Date: 9/2/2021

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 August 9, 2021, Regular Board Meeting & the August 10, 2021, Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021, Regular Board Meeting & the August 10, 2021, Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, 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: 0.11%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.001%

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 Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

Aaron Whitwer: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over an update on the Jr./Sr. High School boiler project (It will be completed by the end of September), work on the football field, being short on custodial staff, and waiting on bus parts.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Shelby Smith was hired as a new food service provider and Casey Colgrove was hired as a part-time SPED driver.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki thanked Cody Sabey and the technology committee for all of their hard work during the first few weeks of school to ensure that all technology items were up and running properly considering we have 70 more devices this year because of the federal stimulus funds.

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: current enrollment figures (3-Year-Old Preschool - 10, 4-Year-Old Preschool - 14, K - 17, 1st - 30, 2nd - 23, 3rd - 24, 4th - 23, 5th - 24, 6th - 22), safety drills update (Active shooter drill, bus evacuation drill, fire drill, & tornado drill), DIBELS and MAP testing, fall sports participants (Football - 34, Softball, 13, & volleyball - 15), Constitution Day, and the MUDECAS volleyball tournament.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th - 32, 8th - 28, 9th - 31, 10th - 31, 11th - 35, 12th - 25), 7-10 grade MAP testing, 3 of our 4 alternative

school spots being filled at ESU 5, homecoming activities, parent teacher conferences on September 30, the addition of 2 new grow towers for agriculture classes as part of the farm to school program that Southern will be implementing this year (Agriculture students will be growing food for the students to eat through our lunch program), and FFA activities over the summer months.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki noted that he filed a claim on the district's behalf regarding the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association class-action settlement, and he said he is not 100% sure if the district will receive any compensation from this class-action settlement. Next, Dr. Prosocki went of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) annual report, he noted that the district currently offers one dual credit math course through Peru State College, and he would like the district to offer around 5-6 dual credit classes in the years ahead, pending teachers can secure certification (Courses in Agriculture, English, Spanish, and Social Studies). Dr. Prosocki said he recently submitted Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding application and the district will receive an additional \$18,707 dollars to cover special education salary and benefit costs. Dr. Prosocki gave the board an update on teacher negotiations for the 2022-2023 school year, he went over the October 11 in-service agenda, and he talked to the board about the required committee on American Civics meetings. Dr. Prosocki went over the minutes from the safety and security meeting, gave the board an update on the current special enrollment numbers, and he went over the current staffing costs for the 2021-2022 school year and this accounts for 85% of the budget at Southern. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki noted that a COVID-19 lawsuit that was brought against the district in October of 2020 alleging the district had no COVID safety procedures in place was finally settled (In September of 2021) and the district won the baseless lawsuit.

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

VII.A. Approve the Southern Education Association (SEA) as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for the District's Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff for the 2023-2024 Contract Year

Motion to approve the Southern Education Association (SEA) as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2023-2024 contract year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. The 2021-2022 Southern Public Schools Budget

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Southern Public Schools budget. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.C. The 2021-2022 Property Tax Resolution

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 property tax resolution. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The General Fund levy will be set at 1.04, the Special Building Fund will be set at 0.01, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund will be set at 0.03. The overall mill levy will be set at 1.08 (This same that it has been the past four years). The General Fund tax request will generate \$4,048,600, the Special Building Fund tax request will generate \$38,928, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund tax request will generate \$116,786. The overall tax request will generate \$4,204,314 and the tax request will be up by \$99,978 or by 2.43%.

VII.D. Review, Consider, and Award the Bid for the Elementary School & Jr./Sr. High School HVAC Building Automation System (BAS)

Motion to award the bid for the Elementary School & Jr./Sr. High School HVAC Building Automation System (BAS) to Johnson Controls for the amount of \$93,654. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The district will use the third round of stimulus finds from the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to pay for the HVAC Building Automation System (BAS) upgrade.

VII.E. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., October 11, 2021, 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