

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 8, 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 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: 10/28/2021

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 back of the board of the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

II. Approval of Minutes from the October 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the October 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer 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: 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 Betsy Frerichs 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: aerating the football field, putting together a list of surplus items for the board to approve getting rid of, and waiting on the return of a bus.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.C. Technology Update

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 - 19, K - 19, 1st - 31, 2nd - 23, 3rd - 26, 4th - 22, 5th - 25, 6th - 22), Red Ribbon Week activities, end of fall sports and the start of winter sports on November 15, Play Production, hosting Pioneer Conference Vocal Music on November 8, K-3 concert on November 9, and NSCAS & DIBELS testing.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: enrollment figures (7th - 31, 8th - 28, 9th - 33, 10th - 30, 11th - 33, 12th - 24), Veterans Day program on November 11, alternative school update (2 of our 4 spots are filled at ESU 5), Mrs. Trauernicht taking students on college visits, an agriculture class update, and Conference and District Play Production competitions.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Proski distributed the 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report/Audit, he went over the 2020-2021 prior year correction for State Aid, and he noted the district will receive an additional \$4,388. Next, Dr. Proski went over the 2021 Certified School Adjustment Valuation report from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, and he presented the school board with a draft of both the 2022-2023 district calendar and the 2022-2023 preschool calendar. He noted that Southern has to follow the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) calendar, so the district does not have a track meet on graduation. Next, Dr. Proski brought up that East Central Nebraska Conference (ECNC) approached Southern about possibly joining their conference in

the years ahead. Dr. Prosocki said there are positives and negatives when it comes to switching conferences and if the board wants to pursue this option, he would want to make sure everyone had an opportunity to give their input before a decision is made at a board meeting (If it was pursued by the school board, it would not be until the 2023-2024 school year). Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an overview of an alternative funding option for major building projects that Beatrice Public Schools and ESU 5 are considering using and with this option, if utilized by Southern, it would not raise property taxes. It just allows schools to extend the current 7-year lease purchase agreement to a 30-year lease purchase agreement if an Interlocal Agreement is formed between ESU 5 and a public school. The analogy that Dr. Prosocki has used to explain this process is that it is like going from a 15-year home loan to a 30-year home loan. It is just more palatable from a budget standpoint to complete it over 30-years and not 15-years (The cost is still the same and the tax rate also stays the same). Dr. Prosocki noted that the board would need to determine if they would want to consider an option like this in the future or not, and he just wanted the handout to be informational in nature. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over the medical and dental rates for the 2022-2023 school year (They will increase by 5.84%) and he noted that Diller-Odell approached Southern about the possibility of forming a junior high football cooperative for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Prosocki said it would not be for high school football and based on preliminary numbers, both Diller-Odell and Southern will have around 10 student-athletes out next year for junior high football, and this low participation rate makes it hard for both teams to be successful in either practice or in games with only 10 student-athletes (Also, considering some students may get hurt, and some students may be ineligible to participate as well). Next, he went over an upcoming school board dinner, he went over the official enrollment numbers (384 students for the 2021-2022 school year [Up 12 students from the previous school year]), poverty trends, option enrollment trends, and special education trends. Dr. Prosocki went over the newly purchased first aid kits and lockdown (Active shooter) classroom room kits that are recommended from the Nebraska Department of Education (The lockdown kits include food, water, blankets, lighting and communication items, sanitation supplies, so students can use the bathroom without leaving the class during an active shooter situation [A tarp is also provided for privacy]). Then, Dr. Prosocki went over the annual safety audit conducted by Bruce Lang, the Chief of Police in Beatrice, and the safety and security committee will review the recommendations (Items such as adding on building space for the 3-year-olds to be in the same building as the rest of the Elementary School students will be a hard obstacle to overcome without additional funding). Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the school board an update on teacher negotiations, and he went over some positives and negatives of adding an athletic director position to the negotiated agreement (He noted that both the school board and SEA would have to approve this). The prevalent practice in the array is that there is only additional compensation if a teacher completes the athletic director duty and the athletic director duties are part of the other principal duties in the array (Not additional compensation on top of it).

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

VII.A. Approval of the Softball Cooperative Agreement with Diller-Odell Public Schools

Motion to approve the softball cooperative agreement with Diller-Odell Public Schools. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Option Enrollment Applications

VII.C. 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 executive session at 8:48 p.m. 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 Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

VII.C.2. Reconvene Meeting from Executive Session

Motion to reconvene the meeting from executive session at 9:23 p.m. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

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

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., December 13, 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

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Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District