

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 9, 2022
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, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Proski.

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: 4/28/22

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. Motion to Excuse Aaron Whitwer and Betsy Frerichs from the May 9, 2022, Board Meeting

Motion to excuse Aaron Whitwer and Betsy Frerichs from the May 9, 2022, board meeting. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

Betsy Frerichs: Absent, Aaron Whitwer: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

I.C. 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 April 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting & Budget Amendment Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the April 11, 2022, regular board meeting and the budget amendment hearing. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

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.

The school board took public comment from both the Wymore Arbor State Newspaper and the Fairbury Journal-News regarding their future endeavors together.

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 Dana Dorn and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over: summer projects, Johnson Controls projects this summer (new Elementary School boilers and new Jr./Sr. High School HVAC in the commons paid for with the ESSER funds), and a transportation update.

Dr. Prosocki noted that the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy was out this spring to complete a Food Establishment Evaluation on our food service program. Based on their evaluation, there is about \$10,000-\$15,000 worth of facility projects that this district will need to upgrade over the next 3 years. Dr. Prosocki said the district is starting to get quotes for this project. Dr. Prosocki noted that this is a primary example of an unfunded mandate that the state puts on school districts and Nebraska is one of only five states where the state legislature does not provide funds for yearly building projects.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dave Kaster was recently hired as the assistant head of maintenance position.

V.B.1. Hiring Recommendations

Motion to approve Chelesy Fralin and Greg Iverson as teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

V.B.1.1. Chelesy Fralin - 1.0 FTE - K-12 Media Specialist for the 2022-2023 School Year

Chelesy will also serve the senior slide show sponsor.

V.B.1.2. Greg Iverson - 1.0 FTE - 6th Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year

Greg Iverson will also serve as the head track coach along with Kane Hookstra.

V.B.2. Resignation

V.B.2.1. Tim Blecha - 1.0FTE - K-6 Special Education Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to accept the resignation of Tim Blecha at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

The school board accepted the resignation of Tim Blecha at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year with regrets. The school board thanked Tim for his years of service at Southern Public Schools.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki said that he completed the E-Rate funding application for the 2022 fiscal year. The district will receive around \$20,500 from this grant. E-Rate funding can only be used for infrastructure projects (e.g., Internet, access points, and basic maintenance of internal controls) and not to purchase technology devices.

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 - 25, 3rd - 28, 4th - 22, 5th - 28, 6th - 22), summer school, working on the activity schedule, testing, and upcoming activity events.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures (7th - 32, 8th - 29, 9th - 33, 10th - 29, 11th - 31, & 12th - 25), the last day of school on Friday, May 20, alternative school update, student elections, seniors receiving \$277,000 in scholarships, Honors night on May 3, graduation on May 14, and MAP testing incentives.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki informed the school board about how the district has been working with Reinke Manufacturing on a \$75,000 grant to start a welding program at Southern. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over the minutes from the annual preschool advisory meeting, and he shared the assessment calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. He noted that there are required state and federal assessment that school districts must administer on a yearly basis. Next, Dr. Prosocki went over the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment results, and he said that this norm-

referenced assessment is a federal requirement. Then Dr. Prosocki went over a final legislative report from the 107th Legislature, Second Session and one of the major items from this session is schools will now be required computer science classes in grades K-12 during the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Prosocki informed the board that he was elected as President-Elect-Elect of Region I, Nebraska Association of School Administrators (NASA) for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Prosocki went over the preliminary staff salaries for the 2022-2023 school year, and he said the district still needs to hire a K-6 special education teacher for the upcoming school year. In addition, Nicole Stevens will be serving as the interim vocal music teacher for 2022-2023. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki noted that staff salaries account for roughly 85% of all school budgets in Nebraska and the other 15% of school budgets are fixed costs (e.g., Utilities, fuel, Internet costs, etc.).

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

VII.A. Set Activity Prices for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion to keep the activity prices the same as the previous school year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

The admission prices for the 2022-2023 school year will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. The prices for passes for the 2022-2023 school year will be \$50 for adults, \$30 for students, and \$90 for families. These are also the same prices that the other Pioneer Conference schools charge.

VII.B. Approval of Milk Bids for the Southeastern Nebraska Milk Cooperative for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion to approve the escalating and de-escalating milk bid from Hiland Dairy for the 2022-2023 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

Southern Public Schools is a member of the Southeastern Nebraska Milk Cooperative and the purpose of the cooperative is to achieve lower milk prices in an effort to save the district money. The Southeastern Nebraska Milk Cooperative consists of the following districts: Diller-Odell, Fairbury, Meridian, Southern, Tri County, & Wilber-Clatonia. The milk bid for this year was \$0.10 cents higher than the previous year and the district will need to raise our milk prices for the 2022-2023 school year to keep up with inflation. The district is still working on trying to get free breakfast and lunch over the next 4 years (2022-2023 to 2025-2026).

VII.C. Board of Education 403(b)/457(b) Resolution

Motion to approve the Board of Education 403(b)/457(b) Resolution. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

By passing the Board of Education 403(b)/457(b) Resolution, Southern staff members can participate in an employee tax-sheltered annuity for the 2022-2023 school year. There will also be no added cost to the district by starting this program.

VII.D. Set the Annual Student Fees Hearing for June 13, 2022, at 7:10 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Board Room in Wymore, Nebraska

Motion to set the annual student fees hearing for June 13, 2022, at 7:10 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School board room in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

Based on Nebraska statute, the school board must hold a public hearing on this policy annually to seek input from local stakeholders

VII.E. Set the Annual Parental Involvement Hearing and the Annual Title I Parental Involvement Hearing for June 13, 2022, at 7:20 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Board Room in Wymore, Nebraska

Motion to set the annual parental involvement hearing and the annual title I parental involvement hearing for June 13, 2022, at 7:20 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School board room in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

Based on Nebraska statute, the school board must hold a public hearing on these two policies annually to seek input from local stakeholders.

VII.F. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 13, 2022, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Board Room 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