

MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 24, 2023  
6:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following members were present: Betsy Frerichs, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. 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:

- Fairbury Journal-News

Posted Date: 7/19/2023

Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgment 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 was posted on the back of the board of education meeting room.

I.C. Motion to Excuse Dana Dorn From the July 24, 2023, Special School Board Meeting

Motion to excuse Dana Dorn from the July 24, 2023, special school board meeting. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

Dana Dorn: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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

II.A. Consider the Bid for the Jr./Sr. High School Entrance Remodel Project

Motion to accept the bid for the Jr./Sr. High School entrance remodel project to Rogge at the cost of \$773,000. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

Dana Dorn: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The school board noted that the safety and security of the students and staff is of the upmost importance. Based on Rule 10 (Regulations & Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools), all schools in Nebraska must have a yearly safety visit. This review includes a visit to school buildings to analyze plans, policies, procedures, and practices, and provide recommendations. Over the last 20 years, Bruce Lang, the former Chief of Police at Beatrice, has recommended that we upgrade the Jr./Sr. High School entrance so it is more safe and secure. The district will be using its cash reserve and the special building fund to fund this project. The project completion date for this project is January 2, 2024. Southern is also one of the last districts in the area to complete this safety and security enhancement.

### III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

Dana Dorn: Absent, Jeff Argo: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Jared McKeever: yes, Debra Schlake: yes, David Zimmerman: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., August 14, 2023, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Boardroom 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