

Regular Board Meeting

April 8, 2024, at 7:30 PM

Southern School District

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Education, Southern School District #1 on April 8, 2024, at 7:30 PM at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Board Room in Wymore. A current agenda is also available at the office of the Superintendent.

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted in three public places as follows:

Southern Elementary School

Southern Jr./Sr. High School

U.S. Post Office in Wymore

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - I.A. Roll Call
 - I.B. Notice of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted
- II. Approval of Minutes from the March 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- 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.
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 - IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

- V. Support Service
 - V.A. Facility Update
 - V.B. Personnel Items
 - V.B.1. Hiring Recommendation
 - V.B.1.1. Drake Adams - 1.0 FTE - 7-12 Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - V.C. Technology Update
- VI. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - VI.A. Student Board Member Report
 - VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report
 - VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report
 - VI.D. Superintendent's Report
- VII. Items for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action
 - VII.A. Special Education Service with ESU 5 for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - VII.B. Consider the Approval of an Overnight Field Trip to Southeast Community College (SCC) Milford for June Jam 2024
 - VII.C. Consider the Approval of the Addition of High School Girls Wrestling for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - VII.D. Approve the Track Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Wymore
 - VII.E. Option Enrollment Applications
- VIII. Adjournment

Nebraska Open Meetings Act

84-1407. Act, how cited. Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

84-1409. Terms, defined. For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, and (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Videoconferencing means conducting a meeting involving participants at two or more locations through the use of audio-video equipment which allows participants at each location to hear and see each meeting participant at each other location, including public input. Interaction between meeting participants shall be possible at all meeting locations.

84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as:

(a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body;

(b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;

(c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;

(d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting;

(e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or

(f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length.

Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1) (a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; videoconferencing or telephone conferencing authorized; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's web site. (ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by: (A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's web site; or (B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting. (iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee.

(d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.

(e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of

an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2) A meeting of a state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, of an advisory committee of any such state entity, of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, of the governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state, of the governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state, of a board of an educational service unit, of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, of the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, or of a community college board of governors may be held by means of videoconferencing or, in the case of the Judicial Resources Commission in those cases specified in section 24-1204, by telephone conference, if:

(a) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section;

(b) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including seating, recodation by audio or visual recording devices, and a reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided if videoconferencing or telephone conferencing was not used;

(c) At least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the videoconference or telephone conference;

(d) At least one member of the state entity, advisory committee, board, council, or governing body is present at each site of the videoconference or telephone conference, except that a member of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis, an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, or a governing body of a risk management pool or an advisory committee of such organization or pool may designate a nonvoting designee, who shall not be included as part of the quorum, to be present at any site; and

(e)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e)(ii) of this section, no more than one-half of the state entity's, advisory committee's, board's, council's, or governing body's meetings in a calendar year are held by videoconference or telephone conference; or (ii) In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by videoconferencing or telephone conferencing.

Videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, or conferencing by other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(3) A meeting of a board of an educational service unit, of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, of the governing body of an entity formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, of the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, of a community college board of governors, of the governing body of a public power district, of the governing body of a public power and irrigation district, or of the Nebraska Brand Committee may be held by telephone conference call if:

(a) The territory represented by the educational service unit, member educational service units, community college board of governors, public power district, public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or member public agencies of the entity or pool covers more than one county;

(b) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section which identifies each telephone conference location at which there will be present: (i) A member of the educational service unit board, council, community college board of governors, governing body of a public power district, governing body of a public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or entity's or pool's governing body; or (ii) A nonvoting designee designated under subdivision (3)(f) of this section;

(c) All telephone conference meeting sites identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the educational service unit board, council, community college board of governors, governing body of the public power district, governing body of the public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or entity or pool or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(d) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including seating, recodation by audio recording devices, and a reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided if a telephone conference call was not used;

(e) At least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the telephone conference call;

(f) At least one member of the educational service unit board, council, community college board of governors, governing body of the public power district, governing body of the public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or governing body of the entity or pool is present at each site of the telephone conference call identified in the public notice, except that a member of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis, an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, or a governing body of a risk management pool or an advisory committee of such organization or pool may designate a nonvoting designee, who shall not be included as part of the quorum, to be present at any site;

(g) The telephone conference call lasts no more than five hours; and

(h) No more than one-half of the board's, council's, governing body's, committee's, entity's, or pool's meetings in a calendar year are held by telephone conference call, except that: (i) The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by telephone conference call if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by telephone conference call or videoconferencing; and (ii) An organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act may hold more than one-half of its meetings by telephone conference call if the organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by videoconferencing or telephone conference call.

Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the participation of consultants, members of the press, and other nonmembers of the governing body at sites not identified in the public notice. Telephone conference calls, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by means of electronic or telecommunication equipment. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness other than a member of the public body to appear before the public body by means of video or telecommunications equipment.

84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right

to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body may require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

(a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

(b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making a telephone conference call available at an instate location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

(d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

(e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act;

(f) Reasonable arrangements are made to provide viewing at other instate locations for a videoconference meeting if requested fourteen days in advance and if economically and reasonably available in the area; and

(g) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) The public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at the meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the instate location for a telephone conference call or videoconference, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, and available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Minutes of the meetings of the board of a school district or educational service unit may be kept as an electronic record.

84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

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MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN CIVICS
March 11, 2024
7:15 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the Committee on American Civics meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and the following members were present: Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jared McKeever. 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: 3/6/2024

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. Committee on American Civics Statute 79-724

The committee on American civics reviewed statute 79-724.

I.B. District Policies Related to the Topic of American Civics

The committee on American Civics reviewed Policy 2002: Organization of Board, Board Officers, and Check Signing, Policy 6012: Flag Display and Patriotic Observances, and Policy 6032: Constitution Day Education.

I.C. Review the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum

Dr. Prososki gave an overview of the K-12 Social Studies curriculum, and he said the district purchased new K-12 Social Studies curriculum at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The district used the third round of stimulus funds or the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds to purchase the new K-12 Social Studies curriculum.

I.D. Patriotic Exercises

Dr. Prososki gave an overview of the patriotic exercises that occur throughout a given school year.

I.E. Requirements (8th Grade & 12th Grade) Related to the American Civics Statute

Dr. Prososki said that all 8th grade students and all 12th grade students will be taking the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to fulfill the requirements under state statute 79-724.

II. Adjournment

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 11, 2024, 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

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2024
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: Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Schlake, Jared McKeever, & Jeff Argo. The following administrators were present: Kane Hookstra, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Proski.

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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.

II. Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and the Special Board Meetings on February 27, 2024, & March 6, 2024

Motion to approve minutes from February 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and the Special Board Meetings on February 27, 2024, & March 6, 2024. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Debra Schlake, 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 Debra Schlake and seconded by Jeff Argo, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Eisenhower provided the school board with a written report on needing to ship the electric bus to Kearney to calibrate the bus to work with the Level 3 V2G technology (Southern is the first entity in the state to implement this advanced technology), fertilization contract, building maintenance, installing shot clocks, and getting ready for mowing season.

V.B. Personnel Items

V.B.1. Resignation

V.B.2. Cathy Hayden - 1.0 FTE - 7-9 Science Teacher at the Conclusion of the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Cathy Hayden at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. This motion, made by Jeff Argo and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The school board accepted the resignation of Cathy Hayden at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year with regrets, and the school board thanked Cathy for her years of service at Southern Public Schools.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki went over the preliminary technology budget for the 2024-2025 school year. He noted that all of the hardware purchases are based on the district's strategic plan for the acquisition of technology to improve student learning. This strategic plan was created by the technology committee a number of years ago. The hardware budget will be \$60,000, the software budget will be \$35,000, and the infrastructure will be \$45,000, or \$140,000 total for the 2024-2025 school year.

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, a spring parent teacher conference attendance rate of 67%, ESU 5 principal meeting, WORDS literacy

grant update, 6th and 7th grade robotics competition at ESU 5, and Reading Rally completion for grades 3-6 at ESU 5.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

The secondary principal reported on the following items: current enrollment figures, the alternative school at ESSU 5 being full, all juniors taking the ACT on March 26, upcoming college field trips for students, FFA & FBLA weeks, having a 37% turn out rate for parent-teacher conferences, and scheduling classes for next school year.

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prososki went over the finalized Budget Authority and State Aid numbers for the 2024-2025 school year. He noted that the numbers did not change from January. Next, he went over the district's 86-page Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) federal improvement plan that is required by the United States Department of Education. Dr. Prososki informed the school board that the federal ESSER CARES, CRRSA, and ARP programmatic monitoring self-review will take place this spring. Dr. Prososki said that Diller-Odell, Freeman, and Southern will be piloting an ESU 5 transition program at SCC for students with disabilities, aged 18-21, which is required by federal law. Dr. Prososki said that he would be leading David City's accreditation visit in the fall and Friend's accreditation visit in the winter, and he went over the exit PowerPoint presentation that Southern recently had. Dr. Prososki then went over the Governor's plan to reduce property taxes, and he noted that if a hard cap is imposed on school districts, it will force school districts to make drastic cuts to staff members in the future because of lost revenue. Next, Dr. Prososki went over the Multicultural Education Report that is required under Rule 10, he went over the opening days schedule, and he went over his vacation and sick days for the first quarter. Dr. Prososki went over the Property Tax Authority under LB 243, and the district will lose \$225,014 in taxable revenue next school year. Dr. Prososki noted that the new revenue cap will make school's budgets extremely tight in the future. Dr. Prososki said he submitted a \$500,000 safety and security competitive grant, and if approved, these funds will help offset the costs of the safe and secure building entrances at both buildings. Lastly, Dr. Prososki went over the staff costs for the upcoming school year, and they will increase by 5.14% or by \$266,890. In the fall, staff salaries will be around \$5.5 million dollars.

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

VII.A. Police Officer for Prom on April 6, 2024

Motion to approve a police officer for prom on April 6, 2024. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

VII.B. Consider the Approval of an Out-of-State Travel Request (6th Grade Field Trip)

Motion to approve the 6th grade field trip to Worlds of Fun on May 10, 2024. This motion, made by Jared McKeever and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

Based on Policy 6027: Field Trips, all out-of-state and overnight field trips require pre-approval of the school board. The 6th grade is planning to take their yearly trip to Worlds of Fun on May 10, 2024.

VII.C. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. This motion, made by Debra Schlake and seconded by Jared McKeever, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 8, 2024, 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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please identify yourself, including an address and the name of any organization you represent. The board may waive the address requirement to protect the security of the individual.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.
- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

**Southern Welcomes a Jr./Sr. High School Science Teacher
for the 2024-2025 School Year!**

My name is Drake Adams. I was born and raised in Wymore, attended Southern Schools, and graduated in 2019. I attended Peru State College where I played basketball and pursued a degree in K-12 Physical Education. I then transferred to Nebraska Wesleyan University to finish my degree. I am excited to be back in the area and working at Southern.



Property Tax Authority Calculation Information

****Revised 3.25.24** Calculation update eliminating future years access to the unused board approved amount.**

SECTION A – TOTAL PROPERTY TAX & NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

From the General and Special Building Funds only – Data collected and added together from the following sources:

- The property tax requests from the current budget year (2023-24)
 - **Less the additional 2023/24 board approved amount used (NEW)**
- Non-property tax revenue reported in the previous year's Annual Financial Report (2021-22 AFR)
- SPED reimbursement totals reported in the current AFR data year (2022-23 AFR)
- TEEOSA reimbursement total from the current fiscal year (Actual Paid Amt for 2023-24)

SECTION B – TOTAL BASE GROWTH %

The sum of the following percentages:

- 3%
- The annual percentage increase in the student enrollment of the school district multiplied by:
 - One if the school district's student enrollment has grown by an average of 3% over the preceding 3 years and 150 students each year; Seven-tenths if the school district's student enrollment has grown by an average of 3% over the preceding 3 years; or four-tenths if growth average below 3%
- The percentage obtained by first dividing the annual increase in the total number of limited English proficiency students in the school district by the student enrollment of the school district and then multiplying the quotient by fifteen hundredths
- The percentage obtained by first dividing the annual increase in the total number of poverty students in the school district by the student enrollment of the school district and then multiplying the quotient by fifteen hundredths

SECTION C – REVENUE CAP

Total Property Tax & Non-Property Tax Revenue (Section A) multiplied by Total Base Growth Percentage total (Section B). This amount is the upcoming year's (2024-25) total revenue subject to the property tax cap authority calculation.

SECTION D – PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY

The sum of the Revenue Cap (Section C)

- LESS: Non-property tax revenue reported in the most recent available year's Annual Financial Report (2022-23 AFR) for the General and Special Building Funds
- LESS: Estimated 2023/24 SPED reimbursement totals submitted in the November 2023 FFR
- LESS: TEEOSA to be paid in the upcoming fiscal year including foundation aid and prior year correction amount.
- PLUS: Prior years unused property tax authority
 - **Total additional board approved unused property tax authority has been excluded (NEW)**

2024-25 Property Tax Request Authority is the maximum amount a district will be allowed to ask between their General and Building fund tax request. This amount does not take into consideration the levy or spending authority requirements which may limit a districts request to an amount below their property tax request authority.

SECTION E - ADDITIONAL BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

With 70% Board approval the following additional percentage will apply to districts:

- 7% with average daily membership of 471 students or less
- 6% with average daily membership of 472-3044 students
- 5% with average daily membership of 3045-10,000 students
- 4% with average daily membership of 10,001 or more students

SECTION F – ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX AUTHORITY IF BOARD APPROVED

Total Property Tax & Non-Property Tax Revenue (Section A) from the base year (2023-24) multiplied by Additional Base Growth Percentage (Section E). This is the amount of additional property taxes for the General and Building fund that can be levied if the district obtains 70% board approval.

SECTION G – PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY Including additional board approved amount

Sum of 2024/25 Property Tax Request Authority (Section D) and Additional Property Tax Authority if Approved (Section F) for the upcoming year (2024-25) which would be the maximum amount a district could levy in the Special Building and General funds without obtaining a voter approved override. (NEW – Any board approved unused amount will not carry forward to future years unused Property Tax Authority)

2024-2025 *Extra Duty Assignments*

Activities Director

Jeff Murphy

Fall Sports:

Football

Head Coach – Shane Saathoff

Assist. Coach – Greg Iverson

Assist. Coach – Nick Dvorak

Softball

Head Coach – Shelby Thernes

Assist. Coach – Carson Ebling (DO)

Volleyball

Head Coach – Shannon Burgess

Assist. Coach – Kylie Betten

JH Football

Head Coach – Preston Jurgens

Assist. Coach – Chaysen Bednar

JH Volleyball

Head Coach – Jolene Bartels

Assist. Coach – Beth Willet

Winter Sports:

Boys Basketball

Head Coach – Aaron Whitwer

Assist. Coach – Drake Adams

Girls Basketball

Head Coaches – Hanah Baumgartner

Assist. Coach – Chaysen Bednar

Wrestling

Head Coach – Preston Jurgens

Assist. Coach – Jason Allington

JH Boys Basketball

Head Coach – Jarod Remmers

Assist. Coach – Jeremy Doose

JH Girls Basketball

Head Coach – Jamie Schluter

Assist. Coach – Shelby Thernes

JH Wrestling

Head Coach – Preston Jurgens

Spring Sports:

Golf

Head Coach – Beth Willet

HS Track

Head Coach – Greg Iverson

Head Coach – Kylie Betten

Assist. HS Coach – Ashley McConnell

JH Track

Junior High Coach – Jolene Bartels

Junior High Coach – Taylor Landenberger

Activity Sponsors

Drug Free Youth – Dee Bednar

Concessions – Jeff Murphy

Cheerleading – Taylor Landenberger

eSports – Gavin Nielson & Jeremy Doose

FBLA – Jamie Schluter

Future Farmers of America – Brady Meyer

Instrumental Music/Band – Gavin Nielson

National Honor Society – Pam Trauernicht

Play Production – Deb Bachmann-Clasen

Quiz Bowl (Elementary) – Malinda Hock & Stacy Fossler

Quiz Bowl (Junior High) – Dominique Clay

Quiz Bowl (Senior High) – Jeff Tunink

Reading Rally (Elementary) – Lynn Sabey & Stacy Fossler

Robotics (Elementary & Junior High) – Jolene Bartels & Dominique Clay

Senior Slide Show – Chelesy Fralin

Speech – Valerie Barnhart

Student Council – Jeff Tunink

Vocal Music – Jake Voorhis

Yearbook – Chelesy Fralin

Class Sponsors

Seventh Grade Class Sponsor – Hanah Baumgartner

Eighth Grade Class Sponsor – Shelby Thernes

Freshman Class Sponsor – Heather McKinney

Sophomore Class Sponsor – Valerie Barnhart

Junior Class Sponsors – Shannon Mick & Josie Hulse

Senior Class Sponsor – Pam Trauernicht

Southern Post-Graduate Survey

Number of Responses

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
Number	8	13

Select one area that best describes your current situation.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
4-Year College	62.5%	23.1%
2-Year College	25%	46.2%
Military	0%	0%
Work	12.5%	15.4%
Other	0%	15.4%

The core academic classes were meaningful and met my educational needs for the future.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	12.5%	30.8%
A	25%	28.5%
N	50%	30.8%
D	12.5%	0%
SD	0%	0%

There were enough elective classes offered to help me explore different career paths.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	0%	23.1%
A	37.5%	46.2%
N	25%	15.4%
D	25%	7.6%
SD	12.5%	7.7%

I had a positive learning experience at Southern Public Schools.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	12.5%	38.5%
A	62.5%	46.2%
N	25%	7.7%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools ensured that all students were both college and career ready when they graduated high school.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	0%	46.2%
A	37.5%	46.2%
N	62.5%	7.6%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools staff held students to high standards and demanded quality work.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	12.5%	38.5%
A	37.5%	38.5%
N	50%	15.4%
D	0%	7.6%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools provided me with a strong foundation in the area of computers and technology.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	0%	46.2%
A	50%	38.5%
N	50%	7.6%
D	0%	7.7%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools provided me with a strong foundation in the area of reading and writing.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	0%	23.1%
A	75%	30.8%
N	12.5%	23.1%
D	12.5%	15.4%
SD	0%	7.6%

Southern Public Schools provided me with a strong foundation in the area of mathematics.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	25%	61.5%
A	37.5%	15.4%
N	37.5%	23.1%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools provided me with a strong foundation in the area of science.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	12.5%	38.5%
A	62.5%	46.2%
N	25%	15.3%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools provided me with a strong foundation in the area of social studies.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	25%	46.2%
A	50%	53.8%
N	25%	0%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools staff assisted me with my future plans after high school.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	25%	46.2%
A	75%	38.5%
N	0%	15.3%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Southern Public Schools provided a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	12.5%	61.5%
A	62.5%	30.8%
N	25%	7.7%
D	0%	0%
SD	0%	0%

Expectations for student conduct were appropriate and enforced by the staff and the administration.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	12.5%	46.2%
A	62.5%	38.5%
N	25%	7.6%
D	0%	7.7%
SD	0%	0%

The IAP time that was provided to all students was beneficial to me in high school.

Survey Year	2022-2023	2023-2024
SA	25%	61.5%
A	25%	15.4%
N	50%	7.7%
D	0%	7.7%
SD	0%	7.7%

Qualitative Questions

1) What do you like the most about your school?

2) What do you like the least about your school?

3) What additional opportunities do you wish Southern Public Schools would have provided to all students?

June Jam Registration Form

Emergency Information

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Thank you for PRINTING NEATLY!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Group Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____ Current Grade: _____

Sex: **M F** T-shirt size: **S M L XL XXL**

Do you need any special accommodations? Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Have you attended June Jam before? Yes No

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

As a retreat participant, I agree to abide by all retreat rules and will conduct myself in a way that reflects positively on my youth group and myself. (Specific retreat guidelines will be sent with confirmation packets to all participants.)

Student Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Adult Sponsor Signature: _____

Adult Sponsor Printed Name: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardia Phone (W): ____/____

Parent/Guardian Phone (H): ____/____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent): _____

Emergency Phone: ____/____

Family Physician: _____

Phone: ____/____

Medical Insurance Provider: _____

Policy Number: _____

Special Concerns: _____

Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

Do you have the following:

Asthma? Yes No

Diabetes? Yes No

Epilepsy? Yes No

FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANT PARENTS/GAURDIANS

As the parent or legal guardian of the participant listed above, I hereby authorize the physician (or any other licensed medical care provider) or the hospital to which the participant may be brought to provide any medical or surgical care and treatment as becomes reasonably necessary should the participant require health care services during June Jam sponsored by Region V Systems. In consideration of the permission by Region V Systems for the above-named participant to engage in June Jam, the undersigned does hereby release, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Region V Systems and its employees and agents, as well as the coordinators, assistants or adult sponsors of June Jam from any and all claims, suits and actions by any person, including such participant, or any other persons on his/her behalf, on account of any injury to such participant or loss of property arising out of his/her participation in June Jam and resulting from any cause other than the sole negligence of Region V Systems and its employees and agents, including, but not limited to the coordinators, assistants and the adult sponsors of June Jam. I understand that I will be expected to take the above-named participant home if he or she is removed from the program for disciplinary reasons, I hereby grant Region V Systems permission to use photographs/video of the above-named participant for promotional purposes. In signing this permission and release, I acknowledge that I have read the same and fully understand the contents thereof and the consequence of placing my signature thereon.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have questions, call Sandy Morrissey at (402) 441-4368.

Due by April 30, 2024 to: Region V Systems

Attn: Prevention Team
1645 'N' Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

A copy of this consent is as valid as the original.

**Region V Systems Presents
June Jam 2024**

Everyone is excited and waiting for June Jam. For those youth new to June Jam, it is a fun-filled, educational event. Youth from across southeast Nebraska get to meet new friends, spend time with other young people committed to being alcohol and drug free, all while learning more about themselves and their leadership skills. There will be a national speaker, educational groups where they get to meet kids from other schools, time for your group to meet, a talent show, dance, lots and lots of food and fun activities. The event has been successful since 1992. Adults and youth have a great time together while team-building and participating in leadership development. The event is staffed by youth and adults. Region V Systems and the Youth Action Board sponsor the event. The leadership team of youth and adults that oversee the event assure a safe and wonderful time is had by all. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!!! Get jazzed about June Jam!

Retreat Information Sheet

Please make additional copies of this sheet for all youth and their families, as well as additional adults attending.

June Jam 2024 will be held at Milford's Southeast Community College Campus. Opening session begins Sunday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. and concludes Tuesday, June 11th, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Please plan to be there for the entire time. If it is absolutely necessary for a participant to leave early it is strongly suggested that they plan to have a parent come and pick them up so that the rest of the group can stay for the duration of the retreat. Please notify the Prevention Director, Sandy Morrissey (402-441-4368) of any plans for individuals to leave early or any groups or individuals needing to arrive late to June Jam.

Check-in: Check-in will take place in the lobby of the cafeteria Sunday, June 9th at 5:00 p.m. When arriving for check-in, adult sponsors from your group should report to the check-in area. All materials for each member of your group will be given to the adult sponsor at that time and will include: name tags, dorm assignments, room keys cards, retreat programs, t-shirts, and any additional info. Please note that activities will begin immediately following check-in so plan accordingly.

Parking: We will be the only people on the campus besides faculty/staff, so we can basically park anywhere in the parking lots. Please refrain from parking in loading zones for more than a few minutes so others can use the space. We don't want to create havoc with other campus personnel.

Lodging: Lodging will be provided for all participants. If participants did not specify a room request, the June Jam staff will assign rooms accordingly. Room changes will **not be made** without first consulting Teri Effle. **Bedding and towels are not provided, so participants should plan to bring their own towel as well as a sleeping bag, pillow, blanket or whatever else might make for a comfortable night's sleep. Some participants may sleep on the floor in the new dorm- we encourage all students to bring a sleeping bag.**

Dress Code for the Retreat: The Dress Code is comfortable, casual clothes. Clothing with offensive messages or promoting alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs is prohibited. **THINK** when selecting your attire. It is up to Sandy, Teri, and Kayla to monitor an appropriate dress code. You might also want to bring a sweatshirt and/or jacket in case of cold or rainy weather. Appropriate attire is mandated; staff will use their judgment in determining if a youth needs to change into more appropriate clothing. This includes day activities as well as during the dance and other evening activities and bedtime attire.

Also, youth may be participating in water games during the event. Appropriate attire for this activity would include all participants wearing shorts and shirts. Girls will be asked to wear shorts and shirts over swimsuits at all times.

Other things to bring: Participants will want to bring toiletries, personal hygiene items, watch or alarm clock, bedding (pillow, blankets, or sleeping bag), change for the vending machines, snacks, permanent marker for signing t-shirts, your local youth group t-shirts, and any items needed for the talent show. Please bring your own permanent markers to sign t-shirts.

Meals: Meals will be served beginning with pizza on Sunday night, and ending with lunch on Tuesday afternoon. *Supper will not be provided on Tuesday.*

Medical care: Medical care is not available on site. Participants needing medical attention will be taken to the nearest medical facility and their parents will be notified. Participants are responsible for supplying and taking their own prescription or non-prescription medicines (aspirin, Tylenol, etc.) No staff members will dispense or distribute any medications. Participants with medication requiring refrigeration should notify Sandy, Teri or Kayla prior to June Jam. All participants must have a signed medical release form on file in order to attend the retreat (included on the “June Jam Youth Retreat Registration Form”).

Retreat guidelines will be in the participant packet that everyone receives at check-in. Guidelines will be reviewed during the opening session. Youth participants may not leave campus or drive/ride in vehicles during the retreat unless they are accompanied by their adult sponsor and have been given permission by the Retreat Coordinator. No visitors are allowed on the campus during retreat sessions except parents/guardians and invited June Jam guests. Participants are required to attend all scheduled events. Inappropriate behavior, use of alcohol, tobacco/vape products or other drugs will result in removal from the retreat with possible notification of law enforcement. Youth participants are not allowed to be in the opposite sex dorm rooms at any time. Parents will be notified of any infraction of the rules, and the participant may be removed from the program, depending on the severity. Inappropriate touching, physical violence, and/or any written or verbal threats are grounds for immediate dismissal.

Curfew for all participants is at midnight. That means in your own dorm room and ready to settle down. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. will come very early. Adult sponsors are asked to help with evening supervision to ensure that everyone gets sufficient sleep and things run smoothly. Please check your own team’s rooms and any rooms that you have been asked to supervise to ensure that everyone is where they are supposed to be by midnight. Anyone found outside of their designated dorm past curfew will have their parents notified and disciplinary action will be taken.

Please Make A Special Note:

June Jam is a retreat that encourages teambuilding, personal growth, positive decision-making, being a positive role model and fun. It is vitally important for the continuation and the integrity of June Jam that all participants conduct themselves in an appropriate, non-offensive manner. Please take this into consideration when planning your talent show acts and conducting yourself at the retreat. If you have questions about the appropriateness of something please speak with Sandy, Teri or Kayla prior to or at June Jam.

June Jam is sponsored by Region V Systems.

For additional information, contact Sandy Morrissey at (402) 441-4368, or smorrissey@region5systems.net, Kayla Lathrop at (402) 441-4346, klathrop@region5systems.net, or Teri Effle at (402)429-9959, or teffle@region5systems.net.

*Thank you!
Sandy Morrissey
Teri Effle
Kayla Lathrop*

6027 Field Trips

The board encourages instructional staff to incorporate field trips into the curriculum. These trips should normally be conducted during the school day.

1. General Conditions

All trips must be pre-approved by the teacher's building principal. Out-of-state and overnight trips require pre-approval by the board. The superintendent and principals will develop guidelines for approval of trips and communicate those guidelines to teaching staff.

2. Parental Permission

Each student must submit a signed parental permission slip prior to being allowed to attend a field trip. A new permission slip must be submitted for each trip. Caregivers, as that term is defined in the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, shall be permitted to sign parental permission slips.

3. Supervision

Sponsoring teachers must ensure that students are adequately supervised and chaperoned by a responsible adult at all times during field trips. Whether paid staff or volunteers, chaperones are prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind at any time during any field trip. All chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Any chaperone who drives students must possess a valid driver's license. Chaperones who drive students in private vehicles must possess adequate insurance coverage. Chaperones do not have any property right in or to a chaperone assignment. The school district may deny or terminate a chaperone assignment for any reason that is not unconstitutional or unlawful. The superintendent's decision shall be final. All chaperones must pass a background check prior to them being permitted to attend the event (Unless a chaperone is going for every child and they are just supervising their own child).

4. Student Conduct

Students must comply with the student code of conduct, any applicable extracurricular conduct codes, and all directives by trip chaperones.

Adopted on: 3-11-2019

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of April, 2024, by and between the City of Wymore, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “City” and School District No. 1 of Gage County, Nebraska, a body corporate and politic, hereinafter referred to as “Southern”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City owns a tract of ground within its corporate limits known as Arbor State Park; and

WHEREAS, Southern presently leases from the City a portion of Arbor State Park which includes an athletic field and running track, together with bleachers, lighting and electrical apparatus, and an adjacent area sufficient for parking and such other facilities required by Southern to enable it to carry on school athletic events; and

WHEREAS, the current running track around the athletic field is not a regulation sized running track at which NSAA sanctioned track meets can be held; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Wymore and residents of Gage County which send their children to the Southern Public Schools desire to raise sufficient funds through donations and grant awards to engineer and install a regulation track in Arbor State Park to allow Southern track teams to practice daily and to host NSAA sanctioned track meets, including, but not limited to, Pioneer Conference and MUDECAS track meets;

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, *Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-801 through 13-827* (Reissue 2012), as amended, which provides that two or more public entities may enter into an agreement for joint or cooperative action to permit local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their taxing authority and other powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services, equipment and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.

WHEREAS, the City and Southern (collectively, the “Parties” and, individually, a “Party”) have determined that it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in their respective best interests to organize and provide a joint board to oversee and administer the Wymore Southern Track Project (hereinafter “Project”), and to set forth the terms and conditions with respect to their joint cooperative effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual representations, covenants

and agreements set forth in this Agreement, the City and Southern covenant and agree as follows:

Section 1. Representations and Warranties. Each Party represents and warrants to the other as follows:

(a) ***Organization and Authority.*** Each party (1) is a political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska, (2) has lawful power and authority to enter into, execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, and (3) by all necessary corporate action has been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement, acting by and through its duly authorized officers.

(b) ***No Defaults or Violations of Law.*** The execution and delivery of this Agreement will not result in a breach of any of the terms of, or constitute a default under, any lease or other agreement or instrument to which such Party is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound or its bylaws or any of the constitutional or statutory rules or regulations applicable to it or its property.

(c) ***Absence of Litigation.*** No litigation, proceedings or investigations are pending or, to the knowledge of each Party, threatened against such Party at law or in equity before any court, tribunal, governmental authority or arbitration board seeking to restrain, enjoin or in any way limit the approval or execution and delivery of this Agreement, or which challenges the existence or powers of such Party to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or in which an unfavorable determination could materially and adversely affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or its ability to perform its obligations hereunder.

Section 2. Term. The Agreement shall be for a term of ten (10) years beginning April 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2034, unless sooner terminated at the end of the Project.

Section 3. Project Funds. All funds that are necessary to complete the Project shall be raised solely through donations and grant awards. The Parties agree that no tax revenues generated from levies on real property shall be used to fund the Project. All funds raised for the Project shall be deposited in a special fund with the City, and all claims shall be paid from said funds through the City. The City shall be responsible for the budgeting and expenditure of funds for the Project.

Section 4. Engineering Services. The Parties agree to hire CTS Group for engineering and project management services.

Section 5. Joint Board. There is hereby created a joint board, to be known as the Wymore Southern Track Project Board (hereinafter “Board”), to provide administration and oversight of the Project.

(a) ***Composition of Board.*** The Board shall consist of six (6) members. Two members shall be from the Wymore City Council, and two members shall be from Southern’s Board of Education. The remaining

two members shall be at-large and appointed as follows:

(1) One member shall be a resident of Wymore, Nebraska, and shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Wymore with the consent of the City Council.

(2) One member shall reside outside the corporate limits of Wymore, Nebraska, but within the district boundaries of Southern, and shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Education with the consent of the Board of Education.

(b) **Term.** The term of the members of the Board shall be for the duration of the Project. To provide consistency on the Board during the project, the fact that a member of Board term ends on either the Wymore City Council or Southern Board of Education shall not disqualify them from continuing to serve on the Board.

(c) **Officers.** At its first meeting, the Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

(d) **Vacancies.** Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by either the Wymore City Council or Southern Board of Education in accordance with subparagraph 5(a) above.

(e) **Duties of the Board.** The Board shall have the following duties:

(1) Administer and oversee the Project;

(2) After receiving advice from CTS Group, recommend to the City and Southern the hiring of contractors and subcontractors;

(3) After receiving advice from CTS Group, recommend to the City and Southern the approval or disapproval of change orders;

(4) Review all claims of the Project, and recommend to the City whether said claims should be paid; and

(5) Report to the Wymore City Council and Southern Board of Education periodically regarding the status of the project.

(f) **Meetings.** The Board shall meet at least monthly during the duration of the Project, and more frequently as circumstances may require. The Board shall establish a regular monthly meeting day and time, and all Board meetings shall comply with the Nebraska Public Meetings Law, *Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1401 through 84-1414 (Reissue 2014)*. The Board may establish rules for the conduct of its meetings.

Section 6. Excess Funds. At the completion of the Project, any excess funds held by the City shall be placed in a City fund to help Southern defray the cost of maintaining the track. Nothing in this Agreement shall obligate the City to levy any tax to provide the maintenance or repair of the track.

Section 7. Indemnification. Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent

allowed by law, the other party and its elected officials, appointed officials, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, payments, liabilities, judgments and costs and expenses connected therewith, including legal fees and costs, arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of their elected officials, appointed officials, employees, agents or representatives in the performance of this Agreement. Liability includes any claims, damages, losses, and expenses arising out of or resulting from performance of this Agreement that results in any claim for damage whatsoever including any bodily injury, civil rights liability, sickness, disease, and damage to or destruction of real or tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom. Further, each Party shall maintain a policy or policies of insurance sufficient in coverage and amount to pay any judgment or related expenses from or in conjunction with any such claims. Nothing in this Agreement shall require either Party to indemnify or hold harmless the other Party from liability for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of said other

Section 8. Amendment. No amendment, modification or alteration to the terms of this Agreement shall be binding unless the amendment, modification or alternation is in writing and signed by the Parties.

Section 9. Assignment. Neither Party shall assign this Agreement without the express written consent of the other Party.

Section 13. Termination. The Parties may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the term stated herein upon the completion of the Project.

Section 14. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon each Party’s successors and assigns.

THE CITY OF WYMORE, A Nebraska
Municipal Corporation,

ATTEST:

Janet Riensche, City Clerk

By _____
Collin Meints, Mayor

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GAGE
COUNTY, A Body Corporate and Politic

ATTEST:

Secretary

By _____
President