

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 9, 2021

7:30 PM

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following members in attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order

I.A. Roll Call

I.B. Notice of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted

I.C. Motion to excuse Angela Meyer from the Regular August Board Meeting

Motion to excuse Angela Meyer from the regular August board meeting. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

II. Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2021, the Regular Board Meeting & August 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the July 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and the August 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

III. Communications, Audiences, and Recognitions

III.A. Public comments will not be received after this period of time. Public comment period is limited to 5 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes overall.

IV. Financial Statement: Item for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

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.

Angela Meyer: Absent, Aaron Whitwer: Abstain (With Conflict), Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

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

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

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

VII.A. Set the Budget Hearing for September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska and Set the Tax Request Hearing for September 16, to Follow the Budget Hearing in the Auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska

Motion to set the Budget Hearing for September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska and set the Tax Request Hearing for September 16, to follow the Budget Hearing in the auditorium in Wymore, Nebraska. This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.B. Change Adult Breakfast & Lunch Prices for the 2021-2022 School Year Based on New USDA Requirements

Motion to set adult breakfast prices at \$2.40 and adult lunch prices at \$4.00 based on USDA requirements. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.C. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

BY

President of the Board of Education

Of this School District

ATTEST

Secretary of the Board of Education

of this School District

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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BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 12, 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: Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were present: 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: 7/1/2021

Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I.A. Roll Call

I.B. Notice of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted

President Dave Zimmerman announced that a complete copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the auditorium.

I.C. Motion to excuse Aaron Whitwer from the July board meeting

Motion to excuse Aaron Whitwer from the July board meeting. This motion, made by Angela Meyer and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Aaron Whitwer: Absent, Dana Dorn: yes, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Angela Meyer: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

II. Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing

Motion to approve minutes from the June 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, Student Fees Hearing, & Parental Involvement Hearing. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Dana Dorn, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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.

Roland Hardin talked to school board about concerns associated with the proposed bond project because he feels enrollment is declining and the Southern Public Schools will eventually dissolve and there will no longer be a school in Wymore and Blue Springs. He noted he would be in favor of the project if the price would be cut in half.

Don Schuller talked to the board about a number of questions he has about the project regarding enrollment, the district's long-range facility plans, Beatrice 6 case and taxes, and wanting to know more about the project.

IV. Financial Statement: Item for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

C.D. Bids for the month were as follows:

Security First Bank, Blue Springs Special Funds: 0.15%

Wymore State Bank, Special Funds: 0.10%

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: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

IV.A.2. Lunch & Activity Claims

V. Support Service

V.A. Facility Update

John Linder provided the school board with a written report over the new HVAC system in the old gym is 95% complete, Johnson Controls have started the demolition of the Jr./Sr. High School boilers, the concrete and drainage work is complete at the park, new visitors' bleachers being installed, wiring the press box to accommodate concessions, looking into leasing a new skid steer, and pricing new mowers to replace the older mowers we currently have.

V.B. Personnel Items

Dr. Prosocki noted that Jane Mallam is going to retire on December 31, 2021, and his goal is to get someone hired in mid-August, so they can start to job shadow Jane. Also, down the road when Becky Sullivan retires, Dr. Prosocki said the district might consolidate the superintendent secretary and the bookkeeper positions into one position. The school board also thanked Jane for her forty plus years of service to Southern Public Schools.

V.C. Technology Update

Dr. Prosocki said the district will be replacing the intercom paging system at the Elementary School this summer because it is no longer working, and the district cannot find parts to fix it. In addition, we will also be installing a panic button at the Elementary School that is identical to the Jr./Sr. High School panic button. Lastly, we will be installing classroom speakers in both buildings to increase the volume of our current paging system. The board also talked about implementing a vape detector system in the Jr./Sr. High School in the years ahead.

VI. Administrative and Committee Reports

VI.A. Student Board Member Report

VI.B. Elementary Principal's Report

The elementary principal provided a written report on the following items: ESU 5 workshops, PBIS trainings, Administrators' Days, Coaches Clinic, and finalizing the school calendar.

VI.C. Secondary Principal's Report

VI.D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Prosocki went over the required A Safe Return Plan and the ARP ESSER III Funds Plan, he noted that the administration will be attending Administrators' Days at the end of July, he gave the board an update on the annual safety and security meeting in August, he presented the board with certificate of accreditation from the Nebraska Department of Education, and he presented the board with his contracted days for the 2020-2021 school year. Next, Dr. Prosocki said that if the bond passes on September 14, 2021, he would look to write a preschool expansion grant from the Nebraska Department of Education to help offset some of the costs associated with expanding our 3-year-old preschool program (Grant would be around \$50,000). Dr. Prosocki went over his goals for the upcoming school year and his primary goal is to work on the special bond election. Then Dr. Prosocki said the district received 4 letters of interest for the Elementary School addition, and he said ESU 5 teachers and administrators are coming together to draft a more conservative set of health standards as opposed to the current draft of health standards from the Nebraska Department of Education. Dr. Prosocki went over the special bond election brochures, he said the district did not receive the \$100,000 reVISION grant, and he went over the opening days schedule for staff. Lastly, he noted the district received \$16,500 grant from the Thomas Foundation for new industrial arts and science room equipment, and he also thanked the Thomas Foundation for the \$46,711 grant that helped pay for the paving of the area northwest side of the current home football bleachers and to fix the drainage around the current press box.

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

VII.A. Set Substitute Compensation for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to set the substitute compensation at \$133 for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Angela Meyer, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The substitute pay rate for the 2021-2022 school year will be \$133 and this will be the same substitute pay rate as Diller-Odell.

VII.B. Approval of the District Handbooks for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to approve the district handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

VII.C. Board to Consider a Resolution Calling for a Special Election to be Held in the District Regarding a Proposition to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,895,000 and Related Matters

Motion to approve Resolution Calling for a Special Election to be Held in the District Regarding a Proposition to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,895,000 and Related Matters. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Prosocki commended the board for taking this proposed project to a vote of the people, and he said the district could have completed this project by bypassing the public and using the lease purchase building method. He also noted that he wants people to contact him by phone, email, or stop by in person if they have any questions about the proposed project. Lastly, the district will hold two public informational meetings at the Elementary School on August 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. and on September 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Once it gets closer to these meeting dates, Dr. Prosocki will get this information out to the public.

VII.D. Declare the old Football Bleachers as Surplus for Immediate Sale or Disposal

Motion to declare the old football bleachers as surplus for immediate sale or disposal pending KSB School Law legal advice on selling them. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Dr. Prosocki noted that the district's insurance provided, ALICAP, instructed the district to get rid of the 1960s bleachers because of the safety risk they posed and the potential lawsuit the district could face if someone were to get injured on these old bleachers. The school board decided to check with their legal counsel before they sold or gave the bleachers away.

VII.E. Option Enrollment Applications

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. This motion, made by Betsy Frerichs and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., August 9, 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.

Two Special Board Meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m., August 3, 2021, and on August 10, 2021, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium in Wymore to select a sort list for the proposed Elementary School building addition and to interview design-build construction companies.

BY
President of the Board of Education
Of this School District

ATTEST
Secretary of the Board of Education
of this School District

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 3, 2021
6:00 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Aaron Whitwer, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrators were presents: Jerry Rempe, Jeff Murphy, & Christopher Proski. The following visitors were present: Clint Kimbrough, Randy Kort, John Linder, Mike Plihal, & Dell Michaelis.

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: 7/29/21

Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I.A. Roll Call

I.B. Notice of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted

President Dave Zimmerman announced that a complete copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the auditorium.

I.C. Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs and Angela Meyer from the Special School Board meeting.

Motion to excuse Betsy Frerichs and Angela Meyer from the Special School Board meeting.

This motion, made by Aaron Whitwer and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

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

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

I.D. Design-Build Selection Committee Selects a Short List

The Design-Build Selection committee reviewed the requests for proposals from the following companies: Ayars & Ayars, Caspers/Sampson Construction, Genesis Contracting, and McCown Gordon Construction.

II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Aaron Whitwer, passed.

yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

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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 stand and state your name.
- **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 New Food Service Provider for 2021-2022

Hello! My name is Naomi Pharr and I grew up around Wymore. I later moved to Mississippi for 13 years and came back to Nebraska in 2019. I currently live on the highway in Blue Springs. I am married with 3 daughters ages 21, 16, and 14 and I love working with kids. My family loves to go riding on our motorcycle and we love to go camping as well.



Southern Welcomes a New Paraprofessional for 2021-2022

My name is Sheridan Langdale. I'm from Beatrice, Nebraska, but I graduated from Southern Valley Jr./Sr. High in 2017. I have just recently finished up my Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Early Childhood Education at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. I will be receiving my diploma in December! I currently live in Beatrice, NE, with my boyfriend and my two kitties (Smokey and Bandit) as we have just moved into a new home! I enjoy watching softball and dirt track racing! I'm so very excited to have taken a paraprofessional position at Southern Elementary School. I can't wait to meet all the staff, parents, and of course the students! I'm really looking forward to the school year and going on these new adventures with everyone!



Southern Welcomes a New Bookkeeper for 2021-2022

Hello! My name is Taylor Schmidt. I am a 2009 graduate of Southern High School. I graduated from UNK in 2013. My husband Matt and I live outside of Holmesville. We have two kids. A son named Barrett and a daughter named Charley. I love spending time with my family. We enjoy spending time outside and doing all sorts of activities on the farm.





Setting Adult Meal Prices

Student Meals:

- If an SFA chooses to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for SY21-22, students will receive reimbursable first meals at no cost. Therefore, Reduced and Paid-price student meal prices do not need to be set.

Adult Meals:

- USDA requires schools to ensure that reimbursement, student payments and the value of donated foods are not used to subsidize meals served to adults. In order to meet this requirement, schools are required to sign an agreement that contains the following statement:

“Each School Food Authority shall, with respect to participating schools under its jurisdiction, charge adults, at a minimum, an amount equal to the total reimbursement received for a free lunch under Section 4 and 11 of the National School Lunch Act plus the per-meal value of donated foods plus the certified menu reimbursement. For breakfast, adults should be charged the rate established for free breakfasts under Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act. No reimbursement or donated food is provided for adult meals.”

- School districts do not receive reimbursement, nor do they get donated foods for the adult meals served. Therefore, the adult meal price is based on portion sizes equivalent to a student tray. Although portion sizes are left up to the discretion of the school district, to serve “extras” or even “double portions” to an adult adds to the cost of the meal.

- For the 2021-22 school year, the adult meal prices should be set as follows:

Lunch:	Free reimbursement:	\$3.66
	Donated food value:	0.26
	Certified menu reimbursement:	+ <u>0.07</u>
	Adult lunch price:	\$3.99 (price set at \$4.00)

Breakfast:	Severe Need Free reimbursement:	\$2.35
	State reimbursement:	<u>.05</u>
	Adult breakfast price:	\$2.40 (price set at \$2.40)

- A school that does not set adult meal prices at or above the amount specified above, nor demonstrates that all costs of the adult meal have been covered, must document each year that school district general funds are used to support the difference in what should be charged and what is actually charged.

What Price Should We Charge for A la Carte Items?

- Schools should evaluate a la carte prices to ensure all food/labor costs are fully recovered.