

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
DUPREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64-2  
ZIEBACH COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Board of Education of the Dupree School District No. 64-2 met in Regular Session at the Dupree School on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5 p.m. with President Smith presiding.

Members present: Mandi Smith, Jesse (Jake) Longbrake, Jenny Farlee, Kody Woodward and Medina Matonis

Members absent: none

Others present: Brent Mareska, Supt; Connie Alspach, Bus. Mgr.; Cindy Lindskov, Elem Principal; Mike Busch, JRHI/HS Principal and patrons.

All motions were passed by unanimous vote unless stated otherwise.

85-25-Motion by Woodward, seconded by Longbrake under SDCL 1-25-2 (1) to go into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

86-25-Motion by Matonis, seconded by Longbrake to approve the agenda as presented.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure – none reported.

87-25-Motion by Farlee, seconded by Matonis to approve the December 11, 2024, regular session and the December 16, 2024, special session meeting minutes.

88-25-Motion by Longbrake, seconded by Matonis to approve the Financial Statements and Reports as presented.

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| Beg. Bal. 12/01/2024   | \$ 6,869,069.62        |
| <u>Receipts</u>        |                        |
| Taxes                  | 92,964.88              |
| Interest Earned        | 24,013.48              |
| FFV                    | 1,249.27               |
| Admissions             | 763.20                 |
| FS federal reimb       | 27,177.85              |
| State of SD: State Aid | 250,486.00             |
| Impact Aid             | 1,330,720.00           |
| Adult meals            | 1,250.50               |
| Rent/Reimb             | 2,119.00               |
|                        | <u>\$ 1,730,744.18</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u>    |                        |
| General Fund           | 89,992.32              |
| Capital Outlay         | 35,267.58              |
| Special Education      | 38,685.02              |
| Food Service           | 17,261.07              |
|                        | <u>\$ 181,205.99</u>   |
| <u>Payroll</u>         |                        |
| General Fund           | 342,211.83             |
| Special Education      | 66,294.89              |
| Food Service           | 19,065.19              |
|                        | <u>\$ 427,571.91</u>   |
| Ending Bal. 12/31/2024 | \$ 7,991,035.90        |

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| Trust & Agency Beg. Bal.   | 12/1/2024  | \$ | 28,557.75        |
| Revenue                    |            |    | 95,791.65        |
| Expenditures               |            |    | <u>10,132.77</u> |
| Trust & Agency Ending Bal. | 12/31/2024 | \$ | 114,216.63       |

**89-25-Motion by Matonis, seconded by Longbrake to approve the bills as presented.**

**General Fund**

|                                      |                        |           |
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| 1st Financial Bank                   | ACH filing fee         | 32.70     |
| Aflac                                | insur payable          | 2,541.46  |
| Amazon                               | supplies               | 912.62    |
| Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial    | bldg supplies          | 3,102.71  |
| Black Hills Special Services Coop    | learning services      | 8,728.00  |
| Blue Arm, Marion                     | Lakota Lang            | 995.00    |
| Brooks, Brittany                     | supplies reimb         | 74.34     |
| Cash-Wa Distributing                 | groceries              | 954.51    |
| Christianson, Christian              | vehicle fuel reimb     | 50.00     |
| City of Dupree                       | bldg utilities         | 688.87    |
| Comfort Inn & Suites                 | co-curr lodging        | 12,984.00 |
| CommTech Inc                         | tech supplies          | 469.00    |
| CRST Telephone Authority             | comm services          | 317.23    |
| Current Connection, The              | tech/backup service    | 50.00     |
| D&R Propane                          | propane                | 10,498.10 |
| Delta Dental Plan SD                 | insur payable          | 2,847.80  |
| Duenwald Transportation              | prof/CDL training      | 7,554.00  |
| Dupree School Imprest Fund           | Dec. expenditure reimb | 10,655.35 |
| Dupree School Food Service           | meal reimb/Lakota Lang | 20.00     |
| Dupree School Junior Class           | incentives             | 280.00    |
| Eagle Butte Plumbing                 | bldg repairs           | 350.00    |
| Faith Lumber Company                 | gov house/steel        | 495.97    |
| Farmers Union Oil Co                 | vehicle fuel/repairs   | 3,416.16  |
| First National Bank Omaha            | travel/bldg supplies   | 700.83    |
| Floyd's Truck Center                 | bus repairs            | 1,639.09  |
| Horizon Health Care                  | drug screen            | 80.00     |
| Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing | classroom subscr       | 175.65    |
| IXL Learning                         | classroom subscr       | 7,889.00  |
| Jaymar                               | office supplies        | 158.69    |
| Longbrake, Jesse                     | mileage reimb          | 209.60    |
| Marco                                | copy machine maint     | 3,479.66  |
| Matonis, Medina                      | mileage reimb          | 286.21    |
| MCI Residential Service              | comm services          | 16.81     |
| MCI                                  | comm services          | 86.86     |
| Moreau Grand Electric Coop           | bldg utilities         | 9,933.72  |
| Northwest Area Schools               | voc ed assessment      | 46,800.00 |
| OMNI Group                           | 403(B) filing fee      | 24.00     |
| Perma Bound                          | lib media              | 20.79     |
| Principal Life Insurance             | insur payable          | 534.12    |
| SD Unemployment Insurance            | re-employment insur    | 410.01    |
| SDAAE                                | conf registration fees | 65.00     |
| Servall Uniform/Linen Co             | bldg supplies          | 646.69    |
| Smith, Mandi                         | mileage reimb          | 117.90    |
| Standard, The                        | insur prof             | 795.89    |
| Time Management Systems              | prof/TMS               | 272.00    |
| Training Room Inc                    | co-curr supplies       | 402.95    |
| Two Crow, Keegan                     | CDL exam fee reimb     | 65.00     |

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| Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield       | insur payable           | 43,761.00 |
| West River Eagle                      | advertising             | 297.58    |
| <b><u>Capital Outlay Fund</u></b>     |                         |           |
| American Playground Company           | rubber mulch            | 6,730.00  |
| Dakota Refrigeration                  | cooler repairs          | 2,495.00  |
| Eagle Butte Plumbing                  | water hookup/gov houses | 1,529.29  |
| Johnson Controls                      | repairs                 | 1,528.37  |
| Karl's TV & Appliances                | appliances/gov houses   | 2,349.92  |
| Menards                               | gov house supplies      | 326.91    |
| Premium Applications LLC              | spray foam/gov houses   | 500.00    |
| <b><u>Special Education Fund</u></b>  |                         |           |
| Alfac                                 | insur payable           | 696.95    |
| Allie Maier Occupational<br>Therapist | OT services             | 5,410.16  |
| Bourn, Rene'                          | prof services           | 1,890.00  |
| Buffalo, Kourtney                     | mileage reimb           | 162.44    |
| Children's Care Hospital & Sch        | tuition                 | 353.00    |
| Delta Dental Plan SD                  | insur payable           | 708.34    |
| Principal Life Insurance              | insur payable           | 87.96     |
| SD Unemployment Insurance             | re-employment insur     | 37.39     |
| Standard, The                         | insur payable           | 172.08    |
| Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield       | insur payable           | 8,864.00  |
| <b><u>Food Service Fund</u></b>       |                         |           |
| Aflac                                 | insur payable           | 174.33    |
| Cash-Wa Distributing                  | groceries               | 3,026.09  |
| East Side Jersey Dairy                | groceries/milk          | 1,042.51  |
| Principal Life Insurance              | insur payable           | 25.39     |
| SD Unemployment Insurance             | re-employment insur     | 11.94     |
| Servall Uniform/Linen Co              | supplies (aprons)       | 88.80     |
| Sysco Food Services                   | groceries               | 7,468.33  |
| Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield       | insur payable           | 744.00    |
| <b><u>Imprest Fund</u></b>            |                         |           |
| Alice LaClaire                        | JOM/LIEB                | 63.93     |
| Jessie Longbrake                      | JOM/LIEB                | 60.00     |
| Chaylyn Birkeland                     | JOM/LIEB                | 79.65     |
| Bernadine Little Thunder              | JOM/LIEB                | 86.20     |
| Stanley County School District        | co-curr entry fee       | 50.00     |
| Cash                                  | co-curr meals           | 270.00    |
| Kim Eaton                             | co-curr official        | 59.60     |
| Lil Horns                             | co-curr entry fee       | 100.00    |
| Division of Motor Vehicles            | vehicle regist fees     | 26.70     |
| Cash                                  | co-curr meals           | 348.00    |
| Dan Lusk                              | co-curr official        | 217.80    |
| Jeremy Mikkelson                      | co-curr official        | 287.10    |
| Andrew Lepkowski                      | co-curr official        | 217.80    |
| US Postal Service                     | postage                 | 60.60     |
| Genevieve Osborn                      | co-curr official        | 320.76    |
| Mike Kirkeby                          | co-curr official        | 177.92    |
| Kyle Lawson                           | co-curr official        | 50.76     |
| Zack Weyer                            | co-curr official        | 224.28    |
| Cheyenne River Youth Project          | dues/fees               | 100.00    |
| Kyle Lawson                           | co-curr official        | 55.00     |
| Cash                                  | co-curr meals           | 756.00    |
| Cash                                  | co-curr meals           | 513.00    |
| Cash                                  | co-curr meals           | 861.00    |

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| Cash             | co-curr meals           | 2,460.00 |
| Cash             | co-curr meals           | 2,337.00 |
| City of Dupree   | water hookup/gov houses | 200.00   |
| Kristi Birkeland | bkground ck reimb       | 43.25    |
| Mekenzie Parker  | bkground ck reimb       | 43.25    |
| Crystal Mason    | bkground ck reimb       | 43.25    |
| Monni Birkeland  | bkground ck reimb       | 43.25    |
| Dominik Harrison | bkground ck reimb       | 43.25    |
| Cash             | co-curr meals           | 456.00   |

JRHI/High School Principal, Busch handed out and reviewed a report for the months of December 2024 and January 2025 (successful student participation at the LNI, upcoming activities, NWEA testing and student attendance).

Jessie Longbrake, LIEB member presented the JOM/Title VI Indian Education Report (grant funds available, parent survey to be conducted regarding use of grant(s) to fund student activity transportation costs, and current cultural activity costs. Indian Education Advisory board voted (due to limited funds available) to give graduating seniors a scholarship/stipend in lieu of a quilt. Discussion was also held on the Honoring Ceremony put on by the LIEB and the support of continuing that tradition.

NWAS Report was given by board member, Longbrake and Supt. Mareksa. A NWAS special meeting has been scheduled to discuss the future of the vocational education units.

The Federal Programs Report was given by Bus. Mgr. Alspach.

S. Hinrichs, Dean of Students Report was given by Supt. Mareska (security/window film).

Elementary Principal, Lindskov presented a monthly report and reviewed the School Success Action Plan, NWEA results along with other testing data information.

Supt. Mareska updated the board on the following: the possibility of offering drivers' education, building maintenance (propane leak fixed, main sewer line, heating issues), school rental houses are near completion, and offering the following activities: wrestling, archery and E-Sports.

The following vehicle fuel quotes were received for the month of January 2025: Agtegra, P40-clear - \$3.255 and 87E - \$2.515. Farmers Union Oil Co. (pump price).

90-25-Motion by Matonis, seconded by Longbrake to approve the vehicle fuel quotes for January 2025 – Agtegra, diesel #2 and 87E.

91-25-Motion by Longbrake, seconded by Woodward to adopt the following resolution - Opposition to School Voucher Proposal:

WHEREAS South Dakota public schools are a cornerstone of the state and the pride of their communities, welcoming all children, education and feeding them, connecting them with friends and mentors and helping shape their future while preparing them to be the next generation of our state's workforce;

WHEREAS the proposed Education Savings Account (ESA) – for the 2025 legislative session – is simply a different title for a school voucher program;

WHEREAS research indicates school voucher programs consistently fail to improve academic outcomes;

WHEREAS the proposed program will be implemented by using millions in public taxpayer dollars to fund non-public schools that may pick and choose who they admit while also charging tuition and raising millions of dollars in scholarship funds

or to fund homeschool programs with no transparency or accountability measures to prove success similar to those required of public schools;  
WHEREAS the state budget, which provides the funding increase for public education, faces constraints due to stagnant revenue collections and as a result, the proposed increase in state aid for public schools is less than the level of inflation;

WHEREAS with lower than expected revenue collections creating a lean state budget the introduction of a new, ongoing funding system for a school voucher program will eventually lead to an unbalanced state budget or a decrease in funding for public education;

WHEREAS the school voucher program will not stop at the initial amount, as the intention to grow school voucher funding has already been stated even before it has been adopted;

WHEREAS the school voucher program's planned and inevitable growth will be damaging to the future of our public school system, students and communities;

WHEREAS we, as School Board members, insist our legislators oppose the proposed school voucher program because of the foreseeable detrimental impact it will have on South Dakota's public school system at the expense of our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Dupree School Board, oppose the proposed school voucher program for the 2025 legislative session.

92-25-Motion by Farlee, seconded by Matonis to approve the Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP's) as presented with change.

Mandi Smith will serve as LIEB (non-voting member) school board representative and Jenny Farlee as the alternate.

93-25-Motion by Farlee, seconded by Matonis to appoint School Board Election Judges & Clerks based on list and to authorize Business Manager to select replacements if needed/required.

94-25-Motion by Woodward, seconded by Matonis to amend the work agreement of Steve Dekle, EB Route Driver - \$57.57 per trip (include 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2024-25).

95-25-Motion by Matonis, seconded by Longbrake to approve the resignation of Peggy McLellan, Elementary Teacher (effective the end of the 2024-25 sch term).

The Board would like to thank Peggy for her service at the Dupree School.

96-25-Motion by Longbrake, seconded by Matonis under SDCL 1-25-2 (1) to go into Executive Session at 8 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:57 p.m.

97-25-Motion by Woodward, seconded by Longbrake to schedule a Special Session meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6 p.m. (4-day calendar).

98-25-Motion by Matonis, seconded by Farlee to change the Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Regular Session meeting to Monday, February 10, 2025 (due to member attendance conflict).

With no further business appearing before the board, motion by Longbrake, seconded by Farlee, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

% Mandi Smith

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CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

% Connie Alspach

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BUSINESS MANAGER