

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the School Board, Spink County, South Dakota, of Redfield School District #56-4 was held at 6:00p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February with the following members present: Wurtz, Lambert, Evans, Piehl, and Appel. Administration present were Mortensen, Edwards, Hansen, Becker, and Falk. Also present were Sheldon Finley, Chris Renmoe, Brad Heizenga, Brendan Roth, Josie DeSpiegler, Cassie Boomsma, Heather Morris, Kristi Klapperich, Tracy Schutte, Tommy Gregg, Theresa Levtzow, Val Suchor, Kyle Falk, Melissa Zastrow, Aliesha McCarthy, Joel Osborn, Brianna Hekrdle.

Board Chair Wurtz called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action #75 Motion by Appel second by Lambert to approve the agenda. Yes-All; Motion Carried.

Public Comment – Mellisa Zastrow spoke on her objection to a four-day school week. She shared hypothetical, but true scenarios that are current in our school district. She had also asked a few Juniors about their take on a four-day school week and they said, “They would learn less”.

Communication/Good Things Happening – February 19-23 is School Board Recognition Week. On behalf of our students, staff, parents, and community, we would like to express our sincere thank you to all the members of the school board for their dedication and commitment to providing quality education to each student. Dr. Mortensen handed out certificates to each of the members.

### Leadership Reports:

Elementary – Focus this month is Kindness. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is putting post it affirmations on mirrors. Older kids read books to the littles about bullying. K1 concert this year will only have an afternoon performance. Mrs. Unruh has welcomed a baby earlier than expected. NAEP testing happens soon for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

MS/HS – KSB Law hosted a presentation to students and parents on Digital Awareness. Mrs. Hansen and Ms Becker attended the NSU Job Fair last week. Juniors visited Pierre. This week is FCCLA week. Next week Ms Becker, Dr. Mortensen, and Mrs. Hansen will visit Belle Fourche School District and their Alternative School.

Special Services – In March, they are focusing on ability awareness. The third week in March they will have dress up days.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Red or orange for ADD, ADHD

March 19<sup>th</sup> –Blue to support Ag Day, Autism, Apraxia, Intellectual Disability, Developmental Delay.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Green, Yellow, or Gold for Anxiety, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, TBI, Speech, and Language

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Mismatched for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

March 22 – Spread the Word Shirts, a Kindness Shirt, or any shirt promoting awareness.

Barrier Awareness visitors will be here on February 21<sup>st</sup> to talk to 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Superintendent – Dr. Mortensen had her first meeting and confer group. This group is comprised of staff from all areas of the school. They are a group of people anyone with concerns or recommendations can go to without having to go straight to her. The second boiler is officially up and running. This boiler is set up only as a back up if their main boiler goes out.

#### Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting
2. Contracts: Corey Kroger – Food Service Director
3. Medical Leave: Tabitha Unruh
4. Policies:

Policy AEA - Tobacco and Vaping Free Schools (few changes) Policy BB - School Board Legal Status (few changes)

Policy BBBB - Board Member Oath of Office (no changes)

Policy BBBB-E(1) - Board Member Oath of Office (Exhibit)

Policy BBE-E(1) - School Board Member Vacancy - Application to Complete Unexpired Term (Exhibit)

Policy BCD-E(1) - School Board & Superintendent Relationship (Exhibit)

Policy BD - School Board Meetings (few changes)

Policy BDDE - Parliamentary Procedure (no changes)

Policy BDDE-E(1) - Parliamentary Procedure Guide (Exhibit)

Policy BDDE-E(2) - Parliamentary Procedure Motions Chart (Exhibit)

Policy BK - Evaluation of the School Board Operational Procedures (no changes)

Policy BK-E(1) - Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures (Exhibit)

Policy DJ - Purchasing Procedures (few changes)

Policy DJC - Bidding Requirements (few changes)

Policy GCI - Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers (few changes)

Policy IHB - Class Size (few changes)

Policy JEA - Compulsory Attendance Ages (few changes)

Policy LI - Relations with Education (few changes)

5. Resignations:

Bryanna Goar (end of 2023-2024 school year)

Shannon Barcelo (end of 2023-2024 school year)

Jakie Pilar (end of 2023-2024 school year)

Shauna Pauli (end of 2023-2024 school year)

Action #75- Motion by Evans, second by Appel to approve the consent agenda, by pulling the bills out. Yes- All; motion carried.

Bills \$136,083.95 General, Capital Outlay, Sped, and Food Services

Evans questioned the shipping on the new welding booths. Edwards told him everything was included in the bid, except for electrical installation.

Action #76- Motion by Evans, second by Lambert to approve the bills. Yes-All motion carried.

#### Policy Readings

Policy ACAA - Sexual Harassment

Policy IIAC - Library Materials Selection and Adoption

Policy IIBFA - Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology

Policy JFC - Student Conduct

Policy KLB - Public Complaints About the Curriculum or  
Instructional Materials

Action #77- Motion by Lambert, second by Piehl to approve the above policies. Yes – All, Motioned carried.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH BALANCES:

	Balance			Balance
	01/01/2024	Receipts	Disbursed	01/31/2024
General Fund	\$573,973.10	\$173,651.70	\$241,323.58	\$506,301.22
Capital Outlay	\$1,838,642.50	\$5,897.65	\$128,274.81	\$1,716,265.34
Special Education	\$708,206.63	\$84,263.73	\$143,357.83	\$649,112.53
Debt Service Fund	-\$446,886.61	\$4,239.12	\$0.00	-\$442,647.49
Food Service Fund	\$74,963.38	\$3,905.00	\$10,228.83	\$68,639.55
Charged Programming	\$8,084.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,084.49
Agency Funds	\$263,497.15	\$9,362.42	\$6,760.89	\$266,098.68

Trust Funds	\$51,104.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,104.29
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Total	\$3,071,584.93	\$290,682.04	\$536,706.83	\$3,089,057.29

Action #78– Motion by Lambert, Second by Piehl to approve the financial statement and put it on record as it was stated. Yes – All Motion Carried.

Policy JFCL – Student Registered Sex Offenders – 1<sup>st</sup> Read – No action

The board discussed all of the survey results again. After a short discussion, the board had their decision.

Action #79- Motioned by Evans, second by Appel to remain as a 5 day school district. Yes – All, motioned carried.

Mortensen presented on PLC training. She would like to take four administrators and six teachers to San Antonio Texas this summer for PLC training. The training will train these 10 on how to come back and teach others how to teach with Professional Learning. She has taken teachers to this in other districts, and they saw great improvement in testing scores. This training will cost the district about \$25,000, funds have been found in ESSER Funding.

Action #80 – Motioned by Appel, second by Evans to approve sending four administrators and six teachers to the PLC conference in San Antonio Texas. Yes -All Motion Carried.

Watertown Rebels – Chris Renmoe was at the board meeting to ask any questions on the Rebels coming to town this summer. There will be six home games with a potential of nine this summer. They will provide their own liability insurance. They told Mortensen they would be willing to do the concession stands, unless we had someone else that wants to do them, Redfield Football Team has taken them. They can also provide the chain runners, however, they have to be over 10 years old.

Stand for the Silent – Falk admitted she should have sent something out in advance telling parents what Stand for the Silent was. Piehl mentioned that that presentation was more than likely the first time kids ever heard of suicide. Appel had also stated that we definitely need to talk about bullying in our school districts since there has been such a rise, however, the presentation should have had two groups with one much less graphic for the younger kids. Dr. Jungwirth and the student advocates are available for any student who may need to talk to them.

Action # 81 Motion by Appel, second Evansl to go into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) Superintendent Evaluation at 7:59PM. Yes – All, Motion Carried

Declared out of Executive session at 9:07PM

Action #82 Motion by Appel, second by Evans to adjourn at 9:07PM. Yes-All. Motion Carried

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024:

\_\_\_\_\_ Board Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Business Manager