

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January with the following members present: Wurtz, Lambert, Evans, Piehl, and Appel. Administration present were Mortensen, Edwards, Hansen, Becker, and Falk. Also present were Cameron Pudwill, Theresa Levtzow, Hank Brassilio, Val Suchor, Jake Dawson, Kyle Falk, Amanda Evans, Melissa Zastrow, Aliasha McCarthy, Carol Lambert, Tracy Schutte, Joel Osborn, Brianna Hekrdle.

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

Action #66 Motion by Appel second by Lambert to approve the agenda. Yes-All; Motion Carried.

Public Comment – Theresa Levtzow spoke on four-day school weeks. In summary, she is concerned the longer days in school would mean being on the school bus earlier and later than they already are. She asked the question of where we would allocate the extra time, would it be May or June. She also stated that with these longer days they would probably have to shorten recess, which she disagrees with. One of her bigger concerns was, “What are kids going to do on Fridays?” Theresa also stated that she interviewed her oldest son who is a senior. He stated that he believes kids will become lazier, he feels when they have short weeks now, nothing gets done, and he is going to be taking 5 day a week college courses, so it wouldn’t help them with that.

Communication/Good Things Happening – Congratulations to Julie Rozell for being named American Legion Educator of the Year and to all who were nominated.

### Leadership Reports:

Elementary – The students enjoyed Polar Express Day. Dr. Mortensen conducted the train of staff around the playground. They all went to the auditorium where Dr. Mortensen read them a book and they all got their golden ticket. PBIS focus for January is Trustworthiness.

MS/HS – Dr. Janeen Outka joined us for our Targeted Needs Assistance meeting in January. Mr. Brassilio and Becker are planning college visits for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders won our hall decorating contest. Dr. Mortensen dressed up as Mrs. Claus and read The Wonky Donkey.

Special Services – Our corrective action was closed for our special education review and no corrective action was needed. Hansen submitted our SPED count to the state, we are at 160 up from 146. We had three para’s take the Para Pro Praxis test.

Superintendent – The district is still in need of a Food Service Director. Dr. Mortensen and Edwards went down to the kitchen at the beginning of December. It was in desperate need of organization. The freezer was also in need of organization, the ladies spent an enrichment day sorting through it. A big shout out to Chrissy Francoli, Joyce Marlow, and Kyle Zens along with our subs Nancy Carter and Carol Fink for keeping the kitchen running so smoothly. We also appreciate all the extra time and effort Edwards has put in to helping supervise the kitchen while under review by the DOE. Dr. Mortensen will be attending the legislative session on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. You have probably noticed all of the policies on the agendas, we will need to have approximately 439 readings to update our book. Right now, we are slated to get through all of them by December 2025.

### Consent Agenda

1. Bills 225,447.88 General, Capital Outlay, Sped, and Food Services
2. Approve the Minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting
3. Policies:
  - Policy A - Section A Description (no changes)
  - Policy AA - School District Legal Status(few changes)
  - Policy AC-E(1) - (new exhibit)
  - Policy AC-E(2) - (new exhibit)
  - Policy AC-E(3) - (new exhibit)
  - Policy ACAA-E(1) - (new exhibit)
  - Policy ACAA-E(2) - (new exhibit)

Policy ACAA-E(3) - (new exhibit)  
 Policy AH-E(1) - (new exhibit)  
 Policy AH-E(2) - (new exhibit)  
 Policy B - Section B Description (no changes)  
 Policy BDDC - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (few changes)  
 Policy BDDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings (no changes)  
 Policy BDDH-E(1) - (new exhibit)  
 Policy BDDH-E(2) - (new exhibit)  
 Policy JEC - School Admissions - (few changes)  
 Policy KLB-E(1) - (new exhibit)  
 Policy KLB-E(2) - (new exhibit)

Action #67- Motion by Appel, second by Lambert to approve the consent agenda Yes- All; motion carried.

Conflict of interest – None

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

	Balance 11/1/2023	Receipts	Disbursed	Balance 11/30/2023
General Fund	\$ 739,985.23	\$249,733.88	\$415,746.01	\$573,973.10
Capital Outlay	\$1,759,069.50	\$83,102.73	\$3,529.73	\$1,838,642.50
Special Education	\$696,560.95	\$153,135.97	\$141,490.29	\$708,206.63
Debt Service Fund	\$-506,584.46	\$59,697.85	\$0.00	-\$446,886.61
Food Service Fund	\$107,893.22	\$16,799.12	\$49,728.96	\$74,963.38
Charged Programming	\$8,084.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,084.49
Agency Funds	\$259,568.01	\$16,567.53	\$12,638.39	\$263,497.15
Trust Funds	\$51,104.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,104.29
Total	\$3,115,681.23	\$579,037.08	\$623,133.38	\$3,071,584.93

Action #68 – Motion by Lambert, Second by Piehl to approve the financial statement and put it on record as it was stated. Yes – All Motion Carried.

#### Athletic Changes

Osborn brought a question by R. Ratigan. The semi pro football team out of Watertown will not be able to use their regular facilities due to construction. They asked if they would be able to use our football field this summer for up to four games. The board thought this was a good idea and a way to bring more people to the area and potentially ignite some interest in football.

Action #69 – Motion by Wurtz, seconded by Evans to allow the semi pro team to use our football field if they can provide insurance. Yes – All motion carried.

Osborn presented on two changes that could possibly affect our Athletics. The first one came from the State. Based on our numbers in current boy enrollment, and our projected numbers; the State was moving Redfield Football to AA 9 Man. Osborn stated that we could petition the state and ask to stay at 11 man if the board chose to. He presented that our numbers for the next 6 years put us at 9 man football. We have low enrollment in football now, so going to 9 man would help our short roster. With only 4 potential lineman this next season it would put less pressure on those 4 allow for rotation.

Cameron Pudwill had brought a lot of research to this meeting. He stated that school far smaller than us have bigger rosters, and double if not triple the number of coaches. He stated that he feels that if we were to go 9 man, it would hurt our ego, if we lost to surrounding schools. Pudwill was very passionate about needing to increase our activity in all sports across the board. We need to start younger with more organizations for other sports like AAU. Pudwill also mentioned that it is dang near impossible to coach a football team with only two coaches. We need to get more people involved.

Coach Brassilio was asked by the board what he thought. He stated that he would do whatever the board had him do. Going 9 man would help with the short roster. Only downside he saw was he has never coached or played 9 man so there would be a learning curve for him and the players.

Coach Falk was also asked by the board what he thought. He stated that he was also fine either way if the board stuck with their decision. Its going to take work learning how 9 man works, and to do it for a few years and then go back to 11 man would be counterproductive.

Action #70 – Motion by Evans, second by Piehl to stick with the State's decision to go to 9 man football.  
Yes – All; Motion Passed

#### Policy Readings

- ACAA – Sexual Harassment
- IIAC – Library Materials Selection and Adoption
- IIBFA – Use of Artificial Intelligence
- JFC – Student Conduct
- KLB – Public Complaints about the curriculum or instruction materials

These will all be brought to a vote next meeting.

#### Election

Jared Appel's position on the board is up for election this year. Petitions can be picked up starting March first and are due March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Election notice to follow. Election to be held June 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Action #71 – Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to approve June 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 as the election date. Yes – All;  
Motion Carried

#### Surplus

1. Vinyl Cutter – Colorcan and Computer
2. 4 Nike Golf Bags
3. 26 Middle School Football Pads
4. 2 Wooden Lathes
5. 2 drill presses

Action #72 – Motion by Evans, second by Lambert to surplus above items 1-3 at no value and to go out for sealed bid for above items 4 & 5. Yes – All; Motion Carried.

Surplus items of no value (1-3) will be available for pick up at first come first served basis on January 30<sup>th</sup> in the school shop from 2:00PM-4:00PM. Look for bid notice for items 4 & 5.

#### Discussion Items:

Dr. Mortensen brought up the superintendent goals presented at the beginning of the year to show the progress the district has made.

#### 4 Day School Week:

Dr. Mortensen completed a survey to parents and community members. 247 Parents and 86 Community Members took this survey. Of those 333 there was 70.9% for yes, 18.3% for no, and 10.8% for unsure.

There are lot of questions concerning the 4 day school week. Dr. Mortensen addressed some of Levtzow's concerns. As for the school day length and whether we would tackle extra days in May or June, School day length would only increase by 25-30 minutes and in a 5 day week students have 1085.5 hours of in school hours, during a 4 day week they will have between 1071 and 1099. State requirement is 438 for K, 875 for 1-5 and 963 for 6-12. With that being said; there should not be a need to go much if any later than we already are in May. Dr. Mortensen has put out a survey to 39 school districts. There are currently 37 school districts that are 4 day, and two that have reverted back to a 5 days. She asked the school districts; what works; what doesn't, what did you do to combat the daycare need, and if you were 4 day and went back to 5 day why? She also stated there is one more she wants to send out, and that is a district that has an alternative school week. Decisions do need to be made by the March Board Meeting. Survey results from the 39 districts will be compiled for February.

Action # 73 Motion by Appel, second Evans to go into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 personal at 8:07PM. Yes – All, Motion Carried

Declared out of Executive session at 9:00PM

Action #74 Motion by Evans, second by Appel to adjourn at 9:00PM. Yes-All. Motion Carried

Approved on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024:

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

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