

## 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 11th day of September 2023 with the following members present: Wurtz (6:14 PM), Lambert, Piehl, Evans, and Appel. Also present were Mortensen, Edwards, Becker, Finley and Falk.

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

Action #28 – Motion by Appel, second by Lambert to approve the agenda. Yes, Motion carried.

Public participation- Terry Downing asked the board to consider looking into different light options in the north parking lot. The light is very bright and shines down the whole block. Terry said he talked to Todd Fenner. Todd attempted to re-direct the light which made the brightness a little better. Todd suggested either move the poles, so the light is redirected differently, or put the lights on a timer. The board will investigate the options.

Communication and Good Things: Aliesha McCarthy was named SDACTE New Teacher of the Year Award winner. Cindy Brace was awarded SDACTE Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to the Redfield School Board for earning an All Awards for their dedicated service to the students of South Dakota.

Wurtz entered and took over the meeting at 6:14PM

Action #29 - Motion by Appel, second by Evans to approve the consent agenda with the financial statement and minute approval being removed for individual discussion. Yes, Motion carried.

- A. Approve Bills: \$377,842.37 for the General, Special Education, Capital Outlay, Bond Redemption, and Food Service funds.
- B. Resignation: Mark Holland
- C. Approve Lane Changes:  
Mara Fredrick – BA + 15 \$46,478.08 to BA+30 \$47,228.08

Action #30- Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to approve the financial statement as presented and place it on record. Yes, Motion carried.

Action #31- Motion by Piehl, second by Lambert to amend the minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup>. Action#25- Motion by Evans, second by Piehl to approve the Appel Oil Fuel bid for the 2023-24 school year. (Appel Abstained from voting) Yes; Motion Carried. Yes: Motion Carried.

Action #32 – Motion by Appel, second by Lambert to approve the payment of \$57,645.00 for the Clean Air Weld Station. Yes- All: Motion Carried

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

	Balance 8/1/2023	Receipts	Disbursed	Balance 7/31/2023
General Fund	\$1,338,795.49	\$368,905.12	\$188,404.56	\$1,159,296.05
Capital Outlay	\$2,002,229.27	\$8,723.85	\$44,506.39	\$1,966,446.73
Special Education	\$660,154.05	\$45,826.00	\$42,694.71	\$663,285.34
Debt Service Fund	\$-358,098.33	\$764.91	\$0.00	\$-357,333.42
Food Service Fund	\$68,662.92	\$0.00	\$5,713.12	\$62,949.80
Charged Programming	\$8,084.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,084.49
Agency Funds	\$195,421.70	\$19,399.92	\$1,700.00	\$213,121.62
Trust Funds	\$51,104.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,104.29
Total	\$4,077,275.99	\$4,540,093.64	\$1,088,194.00	\$3,451,899.38

Action#34- Motion by Appel, second by Lambert to approve allowing the Superintendent to act on open enrollments until final count date. Yes-All; Motion Carried

School District Budget 2023-24. There were a few changes from the budget hearing in July. Our number count went from a projected 525 down to 511. Kelsey had to adjust the budget for \$50,000 difference. She adjusted in a few places she had a substantial cushion built. Secondary Education, improvements, and technology. Other items discussed where the possibility of no longer going out for two vehicles to replace our fleet but going out for one and then going out for a Handicap accessible vehicle.

Action #35 – Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to approve the 2023-24 budget. Yes – All motion carried.

Action #36 – Motion by Evans, second by Lambert to go out for snow removal bid. Yes – All motion carried.

Boiler issue – The school district has been dealing with a boiler issue for some time now. We are on our third replacement of the new boilers installed with the new building. We were recently declined for warranty on the last replacement. Dr. Mortensen and Mr. Finley suggested we go out for bid for new boilers. We no longer want to sink money into something that has proven to continue to fail. We are also in the process of contacting our lawyer as to our next step with the current boiler company.

Action #37 – Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to go out for bid on a new Boiler with installation. Yes-All; motion carried.

Action #38 – Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to approve the Elementary Handbook Revision which changed the half day attendance from 8:41AM to 10:00AM. Yes-All; Motion Carried.

#### Discussions

**Softball Uniforms** – Mr. Osborn had brought three uniforms forward for the softball team. They wanted the Board input on which ones to get. The board liked all of them, but said since they fought to get this program, let the girls who started the program have the final decision.

**Drive vs. Packets** – Dr. Mortensen introduced the board to google drive. We will use this to upload all the board documents a head of time. This will replace the need to email and print packets off for the meeting.

**Strategic Planning**- Dr. Mortensen asked the board to bring names of community members who would be interested in sitting in on the strategic planning happening in October. Three names were offered right away.

**2023 Delegate Assembly** – Wurtz will be the delegate from the Redfield School Board going to the Delegate Assembly.

**Enrollment Data** – Dr. Mortensen presented a chart of all South Dakota Schools. This chart showed who has lost or gained enrollment in the past 5 years. She compiled this data from the South Dakota DOE sight.

Action #39 – Motion by Lambert, second by Appel to adjourn at 7:59p.m. Yes, Motion carried.

Approved on this 10th day of October 2023:

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

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