

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 26th day of June, 2023 with the following members present: Wurtz, Evans, Piehl, and Appel. Also present was Edwards.

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

Public Input - Ella Rude presented a petition for Fastpitch Softball.

Action #127 – Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to amend the agenda by removing agenda number 8 – Supplemental Budget. Yes – All; Motion carried.

Action #128 – Motion by Evans, second by Appel to approve the minutes of the June 12th 2023 Board Meeting.

Action #129- Motion by Appel, second by Piehl to approve the consent agenda. Yes – All; Motion carried.

A. Approve Bills: \$10,811.71 for the General, Special Education, Capital Outlay, Bond Redemption, and Food Service funds.

Action #130 – Motion by Appel, second by Evans to approve the July bond payment of \$547,672.50. Yes – All; Motion carried.

Action #131 – Motion by Evans, second by Piehl to approve the MS/HS policy changes for substance violations for those who are not in any SDHSAA sanctioned activities. Yes-All; Motion Carried.

Softball Discussion: During the meeting, the importance of coordinating with the city regarding practice schedules and game days was emphasized. Starting up a new sport is expected to be costly, but the board is willing to proceed if there is sufficient interest. Since there aren't many schools in the Redfield area with a team, there will be a lot of traveling involved during the initial years.

If the board decides to move forward with Fastpitch several positions will need to be filled, including a head coach, assistant coach, batting coach, and pitching coach. It was mentioned that Osborn may potentially know some people interested.

The board acknowledged that the first few years might be challenging, particularly in comparison to established teams in the league. However, they expressed confidence that with everyone's effort, the team will progress over time.

Additionally, the possibility of making it a requirement for players to join the track team to incorporate cardio training was discussed. This would allow players to focus on developing their skills during the FP practices. However, this idea is still under consideration and will be further discussed in the next meeting.

Ultimately, the board decided to table all further discussions until the next board meeting.

Action #132– Motion by Evans, second by Appel to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Yes – All; Motion carried.

Approved on this 10th day of July, 2023:

_____ Board Chairman

_____ Business Manager