

UNAPPROVED

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 8, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 40-2, LAWRENCE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WAS HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2024. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: President Ellen Plocek, Vice President Ryan Niesent, Eric Skavang, Nathan Hoogshagen and Alesha Limbo. School administrators present were: Easton, Crosswait, Heilman, Main, Williams, Seyer, Wademan, Lyon, Sumners, Olson, Gottlob and Anderson.

All motions were passed by unanimous vote unless stated otherwise.

President Plocek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Plocek led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Niesent, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to approve the agenda with addendum.

There was no scheduled or unscheduled audience participation.

The Board did not have any conflict-of-interest waivers to consider.

Superintendent Kirk Easton recognized Special Education teacher Patti Schladweiler who was nominated by a former parent for the South Dakota Department of Education special education staff of the year. Superintendent Easton also reminded the public of the CTE Center open houses scheduled for April 13th from 8:00 until 1:00 and April 17th from 4:00 until 7:00.

Motion was made by Niesent, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to move into executive session. SDCL: 1-25-2(4) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives. 5:35 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session, the regular meeting resumed. 5:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Skavang, seconded by Limbo and carried to approve the renewal of the health insurance and workers compensation for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion was made by Limbo, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to approve the agreement with the Spearfish Education Association.

Motion was made by Niesent, seconded by Skavang and carried to approve the agreement with the Spearfish Classified Education Association.

Motion was made by Limbo, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to approve the second reading of the 2025-26 calendar.

Motion was made by Skavang, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to approve a waiver request course equivalency exam administrative rule waiver 24:43:08:01 (credit for Algebra I & II, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geometry, Government, Physical Science, Physics, U.S. History, World History and Spanish I & II) and end of waiver term report.

Motion was made by Hoogshagen, seconded by Niesent and carried to approve the consent agenda with addendum.

A. Personnel (*all hires contingent on successful completion of background check*)

1. Approved the following resignations (effective end of 2023-24 school year, unless noted otherwise):
 - a. Marybeth Blair, Creekside Elementary, Interventionist
 - b. Gabrielle Haefs, Creekside Elementary, Grade 3
 - c. Ellie Klein, West Elementary, Grade 1
 - d. Kristi McCoy, High School, Welding Teacher (retirement 29 years of service)
 - e. Mandi Scott, West Elementary, School Counselor
 - f. Annie Thayer, Creekside Elementary, Interventionist

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- g. Myrna Westby, Mountain View Elementary, Early Intervention Special Education Teacher (retirement 3 years of service)
 - h. Cecily Barnaud, 6 - 12 Mental Health Counselor
 - i. Kasandra Ager, High School Varsity Cheerleading Advisor/Coach
 - j. Robi Apland, Homecoming Co-Chair
 - k. Ivy Freese, Middle School, ESP-General Education
 - l. Amanda Lapsley, Mountain View Elementary, ESP-Special Education, effective 03/25/2024
 - m. Daniel Ringwood, West Elementary, Custodian, effective 04/05/2024
 - n. Jarron Rowe, High School Assistant Track Coach, 03/29/2024
 - o. Patricia Miller, Middle School, Special Education
 - p. Shelbie Richards, Middle School, Special Education
 - q. Lisha Mroczkowski, Middle School, Science
 - r. Jessie Jeffrey, Middle School, Dance Coach
 - s. Kasandra Ager, Middle School, SPED-ESP
2. Approved the following transfers beginning 2024-25 school year:
 - a. Ashley Custis, Mountain View Elementary, Special Education to District Psychology duties
 - b. Denise Nepodal, Middle School Interventionist to Mountain View Elementary Special Education
 - c. Ben Schultz, Middle/High School Certified Substitute to Creekside Elementary, Grade 4
 3. Approved the following contract beginning 2024-25 school year:
 - a. Molly Amann, Creekside Elementary, Grade 3, 1 FTE, BS-0 = 0 Units = \$49,000
 4. Approved the following extra-duty agreements:
 - a. Mason Kaitfors, HS Assistant Football Coach, Level 6 \$3,425.52 (split 2x = \$1,712.76)
 - b. Brianna Warnemunde, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, Level 7 \$4,026.18
 - c. Sully Mack, HS Assistant Track Coach \$447.35 (split 894.70 with Cody Milbourn)
 - d. Cody Milbourn, HS Assistant Track Coach \$447.35 (split 894.70 with Sully Mack)
 - e. Shelbie Richards, HS Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Level 10 \$5,728.05
- B. Approved School Board Resolution authorizing membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the 2024-25 school year
 - C. Approved list of surplus items
 - D. Approved volunteer

The building principals presented the first reading of changes and updates to the handbooks for the 2024-25 school year.

Discussion was held on a West Elementary renovation versus a new building.

Motion was made by Niesent, seconded by Limbo and carried to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2024.

Motion was made by Niesent, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to approve the financial statements and bills.

Motion was made by Limbo, seconded by Hoogshagen and carried to adjourn the meeting. 6:25 p.m.

Ellen Plocek, Board President _____

Craig Crosswait, Business Manager _____