

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2018

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 JANUARY, 2018. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: President Jeff Sleep, Amy Cermak, Cody Lawson and Scott Odenbach. School administrators present were: Easton, Crosswait, Heilman, Morford, Seyer, Lyon, Sumners, Gottlob and Schaffan. Also present was: Sarah O'Donnell

All motions were passed by unanimous vote unless stated otherwise.

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

President Sleep led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Lawson and carried to approve the agenda.

There was no scheduled or unscheduled audience participation.

Special Education Director Sarah Heilman introduced teachers Christine Skoglund and Allie Macdonald who reported on the new behavior program at the elementary buildings.

There was no Conflict of Interest Waivers for the Board to consider.

Shelley Goodrich from the audit firm Ketel Thorstenson presented the fiscal year 2017 audit results.

Motion was made by Odenbach, seconded by Cermak and carried to approve the fiscal year 2017 audit.

Motion was made by Lawson, seconded by Cermak and carried to approve the second reading and adoption of the following School Board policies:

1. Teacher Recruitment and Selection (4305)
2. Selection of Classified Employees and Substitutes (4310)
3. Criminal Background Checks (4312)
4. Classified Staff Responsibilities and Duties (4340)
5. Students from Colleges/Universities (4360)
6. Student Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse (5105)
7. School Day Dismissal for Emergencies/Inclement Weather (6125AR)
8. Selection of Instructional Materials (6205)
9. Instruction, Research, Testing (6230)
10. Selection of Library Materials (6240)
11. Alternative Instruction Programs and Transfer of Credits from Non-Accredited and Alternative Instruction Programs (6255)
12. Adding New Sport/Activities – Club Activities (6306 and 6306 Form)
13. Spearfish School District Extra-Curricular Rules and Enforcement Procedures (6315/5430)
14. Wellness Policy (6700)

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Lawson and carried to approve calendar B, with some changes, for the 2018-19 school year.

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Motion was made by Odenbach, seconded by Lawson and carried to set the School Board election for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Senior Citizens Center. Up for election are 3-year terms currently held by Mistie Caldwell and Amy Cermak and a 1-year term currently held by Scott Odenbach. Petitions for these Board positions will be available on January 26, 2018 with a deadline for filing of February 23, 2018 by 5:00 PM.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Lawson and carried to set the date for a Board retreat for February 26th at 5:30 in the School Board meeting room.

Motion was made by Lawson, seconded by Cermak and carried to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Personnel (*all hires contingent on successful completion of background check*)
 1. Approved Laura Akland-Friedrich, HS Family and Consumer Science Teacher, 1 FTE, MA-4, 38 Grad = 296 units = \$46,208, beginning 2018-19 school year
 2. Accepted resignation Dolores Gehner, MS Language Arts Teacher, effective end of 2017-18 school year.
 3. Approved Nathan Naasz, MS Boys Basketball, Level 3 \$1,601.76

The various school administrators updated the Board on their strategic plan annual priorities.

Superintendent Kirk Easton discussed the first reading of Board policy on Human Growth and Development Instruction (6235)

Superintendent Easton provide a student enrollment update.

The certificate of exemption update included 1 middle school student for a year to date total of 162 students.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Odenbach and carried to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Board meeting.

Motion was made by Lawson, seconded by Cermak and carried to approve the bills and financial statements.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Lawson and carried to move into executive session. SDCL: 1-25-2(1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term “employee” does not include any independent contractor. 6:50 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session, the regular meeting resumed. 7:16 p.m.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Lawson and carried to adjourn the meeting. 7:17 p.m.

Jeff Sleep, Board President _____

Craig Crosswait, Business Manager _____