

SANDHILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular August Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday September 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Sandhills High School Lecture Hall

Regular September 9, 2024 Board Meeting

1. **Call to order:** The regular monthly meeting of the Sandhills Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on September 9 at 7:01p.m. in the Sandhills High School Lecture Hall by Vice President Tyson Cox.
2. **Mission Statement** - "The mission of Sandhills Public Schools is to provide quality education in a safe, respectful, equitable and inclusive learning environment to develop productive citizens for an ever-changing global society."
3. **Nebraska Open Meetings Law** - Posted in meeting room. Mr. Cox made note of the poster in the meeting for reference if needed.
4. **Publication of Meetings**
 - a. Per Policy 204.07-reasonable advanced notification was made of the meeting. Verification of Publication on minutes in the Thomas County Herald, and Custer County Chief August 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2024 Notice of Regular Board Meeting
5. **Roll Call** - Tedd Teahon, absent; Jeff Martindale, present; Michelle Milleson, present, Rory Zutavern, present; Tyson Cox, present; Reed Larsen, present. Also present were Superintendent Jamie Isom and Principal Patrick Recoy. There were two members of the public in attendance. A motion made by Rory Zutavern, seconded by Jeff Martindale to excuse Tedd Teahon's absence passed. Voting aye: Larsen, Cox, Martindale, Zutavern, and Milleson.
6. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by the Board and others in attendance.
7. **Approval of Agenda**
8. **Public Comment** - The Board sets aside time to hear comments or concerns from patrons. There were no requests to address the board.
9. **Consent Agenda**
 - b. Approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 regular board meeting and special meeting for purpose of budget work session held August 20, 2024.
 - c. Approve the Financial Report
 - d. Approve the payment of bills

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jeff Martindale, seconded by Michelle Milleson. Voting Aye: Larsen, Cox, Martindale, Milleson, and Zutavern. Voting Nay - none. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Trosper reported on upcoming schedules for games, activities and practices. New volleyball antennas have been installed, record boards have been updated, and he is checking into adding more space for district plaques. Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country are off to successful seasons with wins for both volleyball and football, and cross country with medaling at every meet.

D. Approve updated Emergency Operations Plan for 2024-2025

Motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan for 2024-2025 made by Jeff Martindale, seconded by Michelle Milleson. Voting Aye: Larsen, Cox, Martindale, Milleson, and Zutavern, Teahon absent. Voting nay – none. Motion passed.

E. Approve final reading of Board Policy 504.24 Title IX and delete Policy 404.12

Motion made by Reed Larsen to approve the first reading of Board Policy 504.24 Title IX and delete Policy 404.12, seconded by Jeff Martindale. Voting aye: Milleson, Martindale, Cox, Larsen, and Zutavern, Teahon, absent. Voting nay- none. Motion passed.

F. Consider and action for updates to driver rates of pay.

No action taken. Administration will gather further information regarding driver rates and this will be reviewed in the future.

G. Consider request for payment Greenland Construction and take action as determined by the board

No action taken. Written information has been requested regarding final payments and completion of final items. No response was received at the time of the board meeting.

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. by Vice President Cox.

Official Meetings Notice: The next regular board meeting will be held in the high school lecture hall at Dunning, NE and will begin at 7:00 p.m. October 14th, 2024. The meeting will be open to the public and agendas are kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Superintendent's office during regular business hours with reasonable notice.

Special Meeting for the purpose of Budget Hearing Notice: The Board of Education will hold a special meeting for the purpose of a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing, support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, and observations of tax payers related to the proposed 2024-2025 school district budget. This and all meetings are open to the public. The agenda for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Superintendent's office during regular business hours with reasonable notice.

Special Meeting for the purpose of 2024-2025 budget approval: The Board of Education will hold a special meeting for the purpose of 2024-2025 budget approval and to set the 2024-2025 tax request on Tuesday, September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This and all meetings are open to the public. The agenda for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Superintendent's office during regular business hours with reasonable notice.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature has enacted several measures over the past several legislative sessions, including LB 243 (now Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405), to adjust public school district revenue and finances; and,

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405 generally limits a public school district's property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of no more than four hundred seventy-one students may increase its tax request by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Blaine County School District Number 05-0071, a/k/a Sandhills Public Schools (the "School District"), is no more than four hundred seventy-one students; and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by an additional seven percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall property tax request authority by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Rory Zutavern moved for their passage and adoption. Member Reed Larsen seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:
Zutavern, Larsen, Cox, Martindale, and Milleson

The following members voted against the same:
none

The following members were absent or not voting:
Tedd Teahon

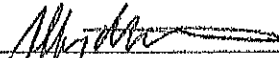
The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2024.

SANDHILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: 
President

ATTEST:


Secretary

Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND

Receipt Number	Received From	Receipt Date	Cash Receipt Description	Chart of Account Number	Detail Description	Amount
	THOMASCOUN Thomas County Treasure	08/14/2024	taxes	01 1100	LOCAL DISTRICT TAXES	6,722.18
	BLAINECOUN Blaine County Treasure	08/07/2024	Taxes	01 1100	LOCAL DISTRICT TAXES	15,286.77
				Account Number Total: 01 1100	LOCAL DISTRICT TAXES	22,008.95
	THOMASCOUN Thomas County Treasure	08/14/2024	taxes	01 1125	MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	2,284.28
	BLAINECOUN Blaine County Treasure	08/07/2024	Taxes	01 1125	MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	3,874.02
				Account Number Total: 01 1125	MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	6,158.30
	WESTERNNEB Western Nebraska Bank	08/30/2024	interest	01 1510	INTEREST	304.00
	NECOMMUNIT NE Community Foundation	08/28/2024	Anderson Memorial Weight Room	01 1510	INTEREST	304.00
				Account Number Total: 01 1510	CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	14,285.00
	THOMASCOUN Thomas County Treasure	08/14/2024	taxes	01 2110	COUNTY FINES/LICENSE FEES	69.44
	BLAINECOUN Blaine County Treasure	08/07/2024	Taxes	01 2110	COUNTY FINES/LICENSE FEES	897.04
				Account Number Total: 01 2110	COUNTY FINES/LICENSE FEES	14,285.00
	THOMASCOUN Thomas County Treasure	08/14/2024	taxes	01 3130	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	321.51
	BLAINECOUN Blaine County Treasure	08/07/2024	Taxes	01 3130	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	567.35
				Account Number Total: 01 3130	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	888.86
	ESU101 ESU 10	08/28/2024	Title IV & Title II-A Teacher Training	01 4510	TITLE II PART A	300.00
	ESU101 ESU 10	08/28/2024	Title IV & Title II-A Teacher Training	01 4510	TITLE II PART A	300.00
				Account Number Total: 01 4510	TITLE II PART A	600.00
	DIAMONDASS Diamond Assets	08/14/2024	Computer Disposal	01 5320	SALE OF PROPERTY	3,010.75
	PATRONs Patrons	08/14/2024	Computer Sale	01 5320	SALE OF PROPERTY	180.00
				Account Number Total: 01 5320	SALE OF PROPERTY	3,190.75
					Fund Total: 01	48,402.34