

**Scottsbluff Board of Education Special Meeting**  
Thursday, August 28, 2025 5:00 PM

Scottsbluff Public Schools District Office  
2617 College Park  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Mark Lang: Present  
Beth Merrigan: Present  
Robert Polk: Present  
Scott Reisig: Present  
Tory Schwartz: Absent  
Paul Snyder: Present

1. Opening Procedures

1.a. Call to Order

The Special Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Scott Reisig.

1.b. Roll Call

1.c. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Motion to excuse absent member Tory Schwartz Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Paul Snyder.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Open Meetings Law

This meeting was held in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald on Saturday, August 23, 2025 and on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website on Friday, August 22, 2025.

4. Consent Agenda

4.a. Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5. End-of-Year Expenditures

5.a. Expenditures without Douglas, Kelly, Ost diek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C and Tree Monkeys LLC: \$4,315,449.64

Motion to approve the expenditures without Douglas, Kelly, Ost diek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. and Tree Monkeys LLC for the amount of \$4,315,449.64 Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5.b. Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. Expenditures: \$810.75

Motion to approve the expenditures for Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. for the amount of \$810.75 Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Robert Polk.

Paul Snyder: Abstain (With Conflict), Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea

5.c. Tree Monkeys LLC Expenditures: \$1,750.00

Motion to approve the expenditures for Tree Monkeys LLC for the amount of \$1,750.00 Passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Mark Lang.

Robert Polk: Abstain (With Conflict), Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

6. Public Comment - a total of 120 minutes will be allotted (no more than 5 minutes per speaker). There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education.

7. New Business

7.a. Recognition of Scottsbluff Education Association as the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 Certified Bargaining Agent

Motion to approve Scottsbluff Education Association (SEA) as the bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for negotiations for the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 school years.

Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Beth Merrigan.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.b. Vehicle Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chrysler Pacifica AWD for \$47,000 from Reganis Auto Center. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.c. Contract with Axtell Community Schools

Motion to authorize the District to sign an agreement with Axtell Community Schools for the educational programming for the student residing at Mosaic for the 2025-2026 school year.

Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.d. Second Step Adoption

Motion to adopt Second Step for a five-year renewal for Kindergarten through Fifth grade for a total of \$50,010. Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.e. Approval of From Phonics to Reading Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of the From Phonics to Reading program for the amount of \$62,692.53. Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Beth Merrigan.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

8. Adjournment

The Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea