

## Board of Education Regular Meeting

SEM Library  
205 E 5th Avenue  
Sumner, NE 68878

Monday, June 13, 2022 Central Standard Time

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson:	Present
Mrs. Jana Hoos:	Present
Mr. Matthew Hothem:	Present
Mrs. Rachel Hrasky:	Present
Mr Chris Reiter:	Present
Mr Dirk Triplett:	Present

### 1. Declaration of Intend – Open Meetings Act

The regular June meeting of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller School District Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 8:00 P.M., in the School Library, 205 East 2nd Avenue, Sumner, NE 68878

### 2. Call to Order

Notice of the meeting was posted on June 10, 2022 in the Villages of Sumner, Eddyville and Miller and posted to the SEM Mustang school web site and over the school reach notification system for the board meeting to be held on June 13, 2022 at 8:00p.m. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings hereafter as shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 84, Article 14 posted in the School Library. President Chris Reiter opened the board meeting at 8:00pm

#### 2.1. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 2.2. Roll Call of Members

#### 2.3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jana Hoos and a second by Mr Dirk Triplett.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 2.4. Recognition of Public Wishing to Address the Board

Bruce Eberle spoke about the school helping with housing in the town of Sumner. There is a grant through Dawson County. There is \$813,000 in a pool of money. It is a 1:1 match of \$25,000 to build a house.

Kellie Harrison spoke about her concerns about the wrestling coach position for next year. Mr. Reiter asked her if she has spoken with Mr. Finkey, and she had not done that. Mr. Reiter asked her to

### 3. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve May minutes, and June Bills and Payroll Passed with a motion by Mrs. Rachel Hrasky and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 3.1. Approval of Minutes

#### 3.2. Approval of the Monthly bills, Claims and Payroll

#### 3.3. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Budget Report.

### 4. Administrative Report

#### 4.1. Teacher/Staff Report

#### 4.2. Principal's Report

##### 4.2.1. End of the Year Achievement Data

Mr. Schmidt addressed the board and let them know that he has completed the reports, student schedules, and provided a data sheet. Mrs. Anderson asked if Mr. Schmidt could explain why there are some testing areas that did not show growth. Mr. Schmidt replied that it could be a motivation issue, since students in grades 3-8 take the state tests and then MAP testing within a few weeks of each other. That would be 6 or 7 tests that take an hour plus each. Mr. Schmidt did speak about the changes in testing for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Schmidt informed the board that he had been in contact with Mr. Torpin, and will try and make the transition as smooth as possible for students and staff.

#### 4.3. Superintendent's Report

##### 4.3.1. Extra Duty Assignments for 2022-2023

Mr. Finkey shared that the Student Council will be replaced with Student Government. The newly developed organization will meet monthly (minimum) with Principal Torpin to provide the student perspective of the school, and the components that will make up the district. Mr. Torpin will include an update for the board in each of his monthly reports between September and May. If Mr. Torpin needs help with this, Mr. Finkey will assist him.

Mrs. Anderson asked about Mrs. Bowie coaching speech instead of Mrs. Trampe. Mr. Finkey stated that Mrs. Trampe had asked to not do speech next year, and that Mrs. Bowie asked to coach that team.

Mrs. Anderson asked Mr. Finkey if he could explain how the Co-Head Coaching would be paid for volleyball. The salaries of the head and assistant would be combined and split evenly.

She also asked if there were concerns about coaches coaching multiple seasons, and if the athletes and coaches needed a break from each other. Mr. Finkey said that no one has stated anything to him about that concern, and asked Mr. Schmidt if he has heard that concern and Mr. Schmidt stated that he had not.

Mrs. Anderson asked Mr. Finkey to explain to the public why Mr. Padrnos is not coaching wrestling. Mr. Finkey stated that if Mr. Padrnos would like to open his file to the public, that he would address the concerns, but at this time that is confidential. Mr. Finkey did state that at no time was Mr. Padrnos told that he would not have the opportunity to coach in the future.

## 5. Board of Education Subcommittee Report(s)

Mr. Finkey stated that the Policy Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss board policy. Mr. Finkey also stated that he is concerned that there may be violations of board policies that have taken place. Mr. Hothem, Mr. Triplett, and Mrs. Hrasky are on the Policy committee.

Mr. Triplett also stated on behalf of the Building and Grounds committee, that there are trees that have been ordered to replace the dead trees on the North side of the football field.

Mr. Reiter addressed the Committee on American Civics may need to meet soon.

## 6. Business Items

### 6.1. Policy and Governance

#### 6.1.1. Bully Prevention Policy Review. Policy 5054

Motion to approve the 5054 policy as presented Passed with a motion by Mrs. Rachel Hrasky and a second by Mr Dirk Triplett.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 6.1.2. Policy regarding appropriate relationships with students. Policy 4043.

Motion to approve Policy 4043 professional boundaries and between employees and students as presented Passed with a motion by Mr Dirk Triplett and a second by Mr Chris Reiter.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 6.1.3. Policy regarding Parental Involvement in Educational Practices. Policy 5018.

Motion to approve policy 5018, Parent and Guardian involvement and education practices  
Passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Hothem and a second by Mrs. Rachel Hrasky.  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 6.2. Consideration of purchase of Security Camera's & system upgrade

Motion to approve the bid, from Telephone System of Nebraska, for new cameras to the current system and update the current system Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jana Hoos and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7. Discussion Items

Mr. Finkey spoke about professional development opportunities for school board members.

### 7.1. Board Leadership and Development

#### 7.1.1. NASB School Leaders and Law Conference

### 7.2. Review of Board Governance Standard IV. Accountability and Student Achievement.

Mr. Finkey discussed that in NASB standards, and through the board's self assessment, the board had expressed interest in improving accountability and student achievement. Mr. Finkey addressed many options that board members could learn about.

### 7.3. Board Conduct

Mr. Reiter handed out three documents. One involved text messages from board members and concerns. There was a statement made, "My sources have informed me", and Mr. Reiter addressed his concerns and what processes that should be followed. There was a document from the school board attorney with directions that should be followed.

Mr. Reiter stated that Roberts Rules of Order are not the law, and that adding an agenda item at the start of a meeting is not allowed legally.

Mrs. Anderson stated that she decided not to attend a meeting with the Board President, and Secretary to address concerns, because they were going to berate her. She also stated that she did not believe that it would be productive.

Mrs. Anderson also stated that she sent the email, prior to reading the Open Meetings Act, and after she read it, learned that she was incorrect on her previous statements.

Mr. Reiter stated that the Board has had many training sessions and that he is concerned that there are actions that are not correct. He stated that the Roberts Rules of Order or followed as closely as possible.

Mr. Triplett and Mrs. Hrasky brought up concerns with following Roberts Rules of Order, and that things should be documented to be consistent.

Mr. Hothem addressed the board and said that the Board President is allowed to change the process for setting the agenda, or calling for motions and votes, and that if the board does not approve of the current process, the board needs to inform Mr. Reiter the concerns.

Mr. Reiter stated that if the board is concerned with the job, that he is willing to step down if the board feels that is what is best.

Mr. Hothem stated that the text messages and/or emails need to be brought to Mr. Finkey instead of other board members.

## 8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:19pm Passed with a motion by Mr Dirk Triplett and a second by Mrs. Rachel Hrasky.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0