

## FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
December 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on December 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart, and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

No public comment.

2025-058 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2025-059 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- a. November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. November 2024 Financial Report
- c. November 2024 Payroll
- d. District Bills

### **Financial Report:**

**General Fund-** Bal 11-1-24: \$436,392.74; Receipts: \$384,302.22; Disbursements: \$196,015.05; Bal 11-30-24: \$624,679.91. **Investments:** Bal 11-1-24: \$623,912.55; Interest: \$42,995.53; Bal 11-30-24: \$666,908.08. **Ending Fund Balance:** \$1,291,587.99.

**Imprest Fund:** Bal 11-1-24: \$2,496.36; Receipts: \$2,793.64; Disbursements: \$119.70; Bal 11-30-24: \$5,170.30.

**Capital Outlay Fund-** Bal 11-1-24: \$624,549.55; Receipts: \$204,783.16; Disbursements: \$12,358.55; Bal 11-30-24: \$816,974.16. **Investments:** Bal 11-30-24: \$2,065,519.41. **Ending Fund Balance:** \$2,882,493.57.

**Special Education Fund-** Bal 11-1-24: \$63,064.23; Receipts: \$83,396.67; Disbursements: \$36,644.93; Bal 11-30-24: \$109,815.97. **Investments:** Bal 11-30-24: \$1,379,239.75; **Ending Fund Balance:** \$1,489,055.72.

**Food Service Fund-** Bal 11-1-24: \$998.12; Receipts: \$7,858.41; Disbursements: \$16,230.62; Bal 11-30-24 (\$7,374.09).

**Drivers Ed Fund:** Bal 11-30-24: \$208.02.

**Custodial Funds-** Bal 11-1-24: \$49,183.98; Receipts: \$7,963.25; Disbursements: \$6,077.15; Bal 11-30-24 \$51,070.08.

**Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:** Bal 11-30-24 \$85. **Investments:** Bal 11-1-24: \$23,070.62; Interest: \$270.75; Bal 11-30-24: \$23,341.37. **Ending Fund Balance:** \$23,342.22.

**Claims approved:** General Fund salaries 92,267.76; Special Education salaries 18,533.11; Food Service salaries 4,730.63; EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 32,136.66; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,560.06; American Funds, retirement 512.09; Delta Dental, insurance 2,303.66; ID Shield 40.35; Northern Plains Insurance Pool 18,782.50; The Standard, life insurance 261.62; Security Benefits, retirement 2,839.18; Optilegra, vision insurance 481.98; SD Retirement 17,608.86; SD Retirement Supplemental, 3,508.33. Total: \$195,566.79

**Bills approved:** **General Fund:** Agtegra-fuel, 3,621.58; Amazon-supplies, 29.44; Arrowwood Resort-supt lodging, 108.92; Babcock Family Chiropractic-DOT physical, 90.00; Caseys-fuel, 62.81; Cash-Wa-FFVP, 978.25; Cole Papers-custodial supplies, 1,136.75; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 119.70; JHC Services-bus maintenance, 837.21; Kesslers-concessions, 52.44; McQuillen Creative Group-publishings, 68.54; Merchant Services-cc processing, 203.20; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance supplies, 57.80; Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities, 1,963.38; NAPA-bus parts, 12.59; NFHS-coaching courses, 70.00; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 133.40; Prorate Services-annual renewal, 100.00; Ramkota Hotel-principal lodging, 112.00; Sportboardz-track/field records, 39.00; State Line Concrete-sidewalk maintenance, 714.29; Taylor Music-supplies, 60.00; Top Notch Repair-porta potties, 720.00; Town of Frederick-utilities, 629.52. **Capital Outlay Fund:** Amazon-books, 128.79; Century Business Products-copier lease, 306.66. **Special Education Fund:** Eventbrite-sped conference registration, 160.00; SD Dept of Human Services-tuition, 351.56. **Food**

**Service Fund:** Cash-Wa-food/supplies, 5,577.39; Child & Adult Nutrition-commodities processing, 207.00; EMS Linq-food service planner, 447.50; Pantorium-supplies, 107.50; School Nutrition-membership, 57.00. **Imprest Fund:** Region IV FCCLA-region registration, 119.70. **Custodial Fund:** Aberdeen Awards-LRC plaques, 160.00; Believe Kids Fundraising-music fundraiser, 2,329.80; FCCLA-registration, 50.00; Leola School District-region vb admission, 440.00; Nelson Nursery-music fundraiser, 2,880.00; Papa Murphys-FCCLA food, 42.36; Pizza Ranch-LRC meeting, 72.31.

The following reports were presented:

Administration: Jeff Kusters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director; Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal; Shauna Severson: Business Manager  
Building/Co-op: Achen/Hart

2025-060 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the transfer of \$18,264.50 from General Fund to Food Service Fund. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2025-061 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to set the date and time for the 2025 School Board Election – April 8, 2025 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2025-062 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption approve the contract for Jim Sumption – JH Boys Basketball Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2025-063 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to accept the resignation of Sharon Langley. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2025-064 Sumption introduced and moved the adoption of Resolution 2025-002 – Opposition to School Voucher, second by Ellwein. Upon roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

### ***Opposition to School Voucher***

*WHEREAS South Dakota public schools are a cornerstone of the state and the pride of their communities, welcoming all children, educating and feeding them, connecting them with friends and mentors and helping shape their future while preparing them to be the next generation of our state's workforce;*

*WHEREAS the proposed Education Savings Account (ESA) – for the 2025 legislative session – is simply a different title for a school voucher program;*

*WHEREAS research indicates school voucher programs consistently fail to improve academic outcomes;*

*WHEREAS the proposed program will be implemented by using millions in public taxpayer dollars to fund non-public schools that may pick and choose who they admit while also charging tuition and raising millions of dollars in scholarship funds or to fund homeschool programs with no transparency or accountability measures to prove success similar to those required of public schools;*

*WHEREAS the state budget, which provides the funding increase for public education, faces constraints due to stagnant revenue collections and as a result, the proposed increase in state aid for public schools is less than the level of inflation;*

*WHEREAS with lower than expected revenue collections creating a lean state budget the introduction of a new, ongoing funding system for a school voucher program will eventually lead to an unbalanced state budget or a decrease in funding for public education;*

*WHEREAS the school voucher program will not stop at the initial amount, as the intention to grow school voucher funding has already been stated even before it has been adopted;*

*WHEREAS the school voucher program's planned and inevitable growth will be damaging to the future of our public school system, students and communities;*

*WHEREAS we, as School Board members, insist our legislators oppose the proposed school voucher program because of the foreseeable detrimental impact it will have on South Dakota's public school system at the expense of our students;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Frederick Area School Board, oppose the proposed school voucher program for the 2025 legislative session.*

The board would like to thank Cole Holmes for his time student teaching with Mrs. Langley, as well as Mrs. Langley for her time with the district. Congratulations to Gavin Nickelson and Westyn Thorpe for being named 9AA All-State and Noah Kippley, Gavin Nickelson and Westyn Thorpe for being named All Conference.

2025-065 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to go into executive session at 6:21 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlusser declared the board out of executive session at 6:35 p.m.

2025-066 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

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Rich Schlusser, President

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Shauna Severson, Business Manager