

Community Profile

The Southern community consists of two towns, Wymore and Blue Springs, which are located within a mile of each other. The communities of Holmesville, Barneston and Liberty lie within the school district but no longer contain attendance centers.

The county seat of Beatrice lies to the north and the Capital City of Lincoln and I-80 are 53 miles away. Marysville, KS is 20 miles south and Manhattan, KS is about 75 miles south.

The area boasts seven churches, a grass green golf course, full service public library, aquatic center and several beautiful parks. The Big Blue River cuts through the district and offers much beautiful scenery with excellent hunting and fishing opportunities. The Rockford State Recreation Area, near the Holmesville area and Big Indian Recreation Area, south of Wymore both offer boating, fishing, camping, swimming and picnic areas. An archery range, playground and shelter are onsite at Big Indian and the Big Indian Archer's Club is active in the community.

Businesses include two medical clinics, full service pharmacy, a grocery store, two convenience stores three gas stations, two banks, a bridal/dress shop, several eating establishments, an American Legion facility, a nursing home facility and a lumber yard along with several others.

Community organizations include the South Gage Community Pride Group, Kiwanis, the Wymore-Blue Springs Area Group and the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Group which all sponsor community activities throughout the year. The community features the annual Sam Wymore Days event which includes a parade and weekend long activities for all ages.



**APPLICATION & SELECTION
PROCEDURE**
available at www.macnjake.com

An application for superintendent should include:

- A letter setting forth personal qualifications, experiences and reasons for interest in the position
- A current résumé
- A completed application form
- Reference letters, certificates and licenses, and academic transcripts from colleges/ universities indicating degree(s)

Candidates are asked not to contact board members directly. Any effort to do so may eliminate them from consideration. Names of applicants will be held in strict confidence whenever possible; however, McPherson & Jacobson complies with individual states' Freedom of Information laws. In the final process, the school board may visit the district where the candidate is employed, but will not proceed without the knowledge and consent of the candidate.

Selection Timeline:

- Closing date for applications: **January 25, 2017 (11:30 p.m. central time)**
- Board of Education selects finalists to interview: **February 14, 2017**
- Interviews with the Board of Education: **February 21-24, 2017**
- Selection of new Superintendent: **March 2017**
- Start date: **July 1, 2017**

Southern Public Schools is an
Equal Opportunity Employer.

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An Invitation to Apply
For the Position of
Superintendent of Schools

Southern Public Schools



Southern Jr.-Sr. High/District Office
Wymore, Nebraska



Southern Elementary School
Blue Springs, Nebraska

www.southernschools.org

The Position

The Southern Public Schools, Wymore, Nebraska, Board of Education is seeking a highly qualified and fully certified Superintendent. The Board wishes to have the successful candidate assume the responsibilities of the position July 1, 2017.

McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C., Executive Recruitment and Development has been engaged as the consultant in a search for outstanding candidates. They will assist the board of education in identifying and screening the candidates.

The Qualifications

The candidate must have the background, skills, and abilities essential for excellence in educational leadership. The board recognizes that selecting an superintendent is one of the most important decision it will make. The Board has drawn the following desired characteristics from the responses provided during the input process:

1. An individual who is honest and trustworthy.
2. A professional who has a strong financial background.
3. A strong leader who is energetic, enthusiastic, and willing to be involved in the community.
4. A person who embraces school improvement and finds the time for staff to make it work.

The Board of Education

The Southern Public Schools Board of Education consists of six community members elected to four-year terms. The tenure of the board members ranges from two to twenty-one years.

Mr. David Zimmerman, President Farmer/Ag Contractor	2 Yrs.
Mr. Harlan Rickers, Vice President Farmer/Bookkeeper	21 Yrs.
Mrs. Carol Pralle, Secretary Former Instructor, SCC Adjunct	8 Yrs.
Mrs. Bobbie Hroch, Member Ag Producer	2 Yrs.
Mr. Branson Husa, Member Farmer	2 Yrs.
Mrs. Emily Shockley, Member Admin. Coord.-Norris Public Power	8 Yrs.

The Board of Education belongs to the Nebraska Association of School Boards and Nebraska Rural Community School Association and participates in their sponsored events regularly.

Mission Statement

The Southern School District, in cooperation with families and communities, prepares students through educational experiences, to be responsible, respectful and safe citizens in our continually changing world.

The District

Student Enrollment 2016-17 (pre-K-12): 411

Budget (FY17): \$6,871,396

Assessed Valuation: \$408.970,461

School Buildings:

Southern Jr./Sr. High – Wymore, NE (7-12)

Southern Elementary – Blue Springs, NE (K-6)

Shining Stars Preschools:

District owned facility – Blue Springs

Leased facility - Wymore Presbyterian Church

Both facilities have been modernized and upgraded in the past several years. They contain state of the art technology and computer labs which allows all students to use hands on experiences in the ever changing digital world.

Administration and staff:

Superintendent

Secondary Principal

Elementary Principal/AD

Classroom Teachers: 42

School Counselor: 1

Mental Health Counselor: 1

Technology Coordinator: 1

Paraprofessionals: 15

Maintenance/Custodial: 7

Kitchen Staff: 6

Office/Secretarial: 5

Bus Drivers: 3

Other services include assistance in special education, central purchasing and support from

ESU#5 in Beatrice, NE.

Southern Public Schools is a member of the Pioneer Conference which also includes Diller-Odell, Falls City Sacred Heart, Friend, Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer, Johnson-Brock, Lewiston, Lourdes Central Catholic, Pawnee City, Sterling and Tri County.