

Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
September 15, 2014 7:30 p.m. 2754 Knox Road
Call meeting to order and determine a quorum

President Heidi Lowthorp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, Brad Johnson, Larry Holt. Also present were 7-12 Principal/Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Recognition of guests and public comment

Two guests were present. There were no public comments.

Approve agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried.
Ayes 5 Nays 0

Approve minutes

Motion to approve the amended minutes from the regular August 18 meeting was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Consider bills to be paid

Motion to pay the bills presented was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Financials

Motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Reorganization of the Board

Nominations and election of President

Motion to nominate Heidi Lowthorp as President was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham.

Motion to nominate Alisha Ettleman as President was made by Director Lowthorp with second by Director Holt.

Director Lowthorp was elected to the office of President by ballot vote. Lowthorp 3 Ettleman 2

Nominations and election of Vice-President

Motion to nominate Alisha Ettleman as Vice-President was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson.

Director Ettleman was elected to the office of Vice-President by acclamation.

Administer Oath of Office

Director Lowthorp and Director Ettleman were administered the Oath of Office by Board Secretary Lemrick.

Set day, time, location of regular meetings

Motion to hold regular meetings on the third Monday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at Jr/Sr High School Board Room or Sidney Elementary was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Reports

Mrs. Wehling, Head Teacher at the Elementary, presented the Elementary Report.

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent/7-12 Principal Report.

Discussion

Board Handbook

Chapter 1, "Getting on Board", was read and discussed by the Board. Next month reading and discussion will be Chapter 6, "Developing Sound Board Policy".

Joint F-M, Sidney Board meeting

The joint meeting between Fremont-Mills and Sidney Boards will be September 24.

Preliminary audit findings

Audit findings were discussed. There were no instances of non-compliance.

Discussion/action

Corner Conference Activities

Motion to participate in the Corner Conference sports of Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Transfers/assignments/staff tuition reimbursement

Guidance Counselor program of study and costs were discussed. The Board would like to compare a variety of college credit hour costs before making a decision.

The Board is considering a memorandum of understanding instead of policy for tuition reimbursement.

Fundraising

Motion for 2014-15 fundraising approval to go through the building administrators was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Modified allowable growth/supplemental state aid

Motion to ask the School Budget Review Committee for \$346,499.18 in modified allowable growth/supplemental state aid for the 2013-14 special education deficit was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried.
Ayes 5 Nays 0

Business room computer lab

Upgrade options for the computer system in the business room was discussed. Replacing the terminal server will cost \$24,000. Purchasing 16 stand alone computer/monitors will cost \$500 each or \$8,000.

Motion to purchase 16 computer/monitors at the bundle price of \$500 each for \$8,000 total package was made by Director Ertleman with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Action

District Developed Service Deliver Plan

Motion to approve the plan for delivering special education services to the children educated in the district was made by Director Ertleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Level 1 and Level 2 child abuse investigators

Motion to appoint Mr. Cruickshank and Mrs. Spencer as the Level 1 co-investigators was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ertleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to appoint the Sidney Police Department as Level 2 investigator was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Resignation of personnel

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Kameron Johnson as Elementary Special Education Aide was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Sarah Crockett as Elementary Special Education Aide was made by Director Ertleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Board Comment

There were no comments.

Celebrations

Congratulations to published poets Abriana Hendrix, Jenna Hendrix and Faith Brumbaugh.

Congratulations to the Marching Band for 2nd place in Popcorn Parade at Hamburg. New drum line and new flag uniforms were impressive.

PK-12 Hat Day raised \$500 to benefit Brittany Fichter.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. was made by Director Ertleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next regular scheduled meeting will be October 20, 2014

This publication of minutes is the unofficial report of action taken. Official minutes are available for review at the Sidney Community School District after approval at the next regular board meeting.