

**Sidney Community School District  
Board of Directors Budget Hearing  
2754 Knox Road 7:00 p.m.**

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Meeting was called to order by President Heidi Lowthorp at 7:00 p.m. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Erika Graham, Brad Johnson. Directors Alisha Ettleman and Larry Holt was absent. Also present was Superintendent/7-12 Principal Gregg Cruickshank, Board Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Recognition of guests

There were three guests present.

Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Director Holt arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Budget 2015/16 public comment

Mr. Cruickshank discussed projected budget and tax information. Also, key budget numbers and trends from fiscal years 2007 – 2016 were shared. The budget must be submitted by April 15. A question from the audience was addressed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Sidney Community School District  
Board of Directors Special Meeting  
2754 Knox Road Following Budget Hearing**

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

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Recognition of guests

There were two guests present.

Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audience

Craig Hagenau/Spiral Communications

The bid from Spiral Communications for a new district phone system, phone service including long and local service and an intercom system to be run through the phones was discussed and questions answered.

Discussion/Action

Phone System

Motion to accept the bid from Spiral Communications for a new integrated communications system of \$17,579.01 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Over 90% of the costs will be paid for from PPEL and State Penny. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Budget 2015/16

Motion to approve the budget for 2015/16 with a maximum levy rate of 15.08194 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Calendar 2015/16

Motion to approve the school calendar for 2015/16 was made by Director Holt with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Discussion

Vocational Agriculture and Automotives Sharing

Facility arrangements for the Vocational Agriculture and Automotives classrooms were discussed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

A strategy session to discuss negotiations with the Sidney Education Association was held after the work session. This meeting is exempt from Open Meeting Law.

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