

SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
“We hold tomorrow in our hands.”

Board of Directors

Heidi Lowthorp – President
Alisha Ettleman – Vice-President
Erika Graham
Bradley Johnson
Larry Holt
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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 17, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.
Boardroom – 2754 Knox Road

1. **Call meeting to order and determine a quorum**
2. **Recognition of guests and public comment** – the Board may allow up to 5 minutes for citizens to discuss school matters with the Board. More time may be granted at the discretion of the Board. Discussing personnel matters relating to performance and evaluation are prohibited by the Board. Such matters shall be appropriately considered by the administration and resolved according to Board Policy and Iowa Administrative Code.
3. **Approve agenda**
4. **Approve minutes** – July regular meeting
5. **Consider bills to be paid**
6. **Financials**

7. **Audiences**
Shannon Wehling – Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

8. **Reports**
Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director
Junior High/High School Principal
Superintendent

9. **Discussion/action**
 - a. Instructional Support Levy Resolution of Intent
 - b. Policy second reading
 - c. Student Handbooks

11. **Action**
 - a. Resignation of personnel
 - b. Employment of personnel

12. **Board comment**
13. **Celebrations**
14. **Adjournment**

Audiences

- Shannon Wehling – Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director – will be emailed and hard copies shared at the meeting.

Junior High/High School Principal – will be emailed and hard copies shared at the meeting.

Superintendent

- The Board election is September 8 from noon – 8 p.m. at the Sidney Public Library.
- The facilities are ready to go. Thank you to Maintenance Director Moreland, Transportation Director Pat Barrett, and Custodians Sally Jurey, Kathy Jurey, and Sherry Bohlen!
- The restrooms at the FB field had been thoroughly cleaned and painted. There is not enough space to install doors on the stalls.
- The financial audit was August 10. The initial report indicates no areas of noncompliance and overall a very clean audit – congratulations to School Business Official Jennifer Maher! Details may not be shared until the audit is published.
- **Enclosed** is the article that ran in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil series “State of Our Schools”, and the minutes from the Rural School Advocates of Iowa July regional meeting.
- **Enclosed** is the back to school letter to staff and the schedule for professional development and inservice.

Discussion/action

Instructional Support Program Resolution of Intent

- At the August regular meeting the Board chose to consider renewal of the district’s participation in the Instructional Support Program by Board authorization for a period of 5 years.
- **Enclosed** for the Board’s consideration and adoption, should they so choose, the Resolution of Intent. **Motion to introduce and second needed.**
- If the Board so chooses to adopt the Resolution of Intent, the Board Secretary shall publish a notice of public hearing in the Argus-Herald between September 2 – 11.
- The public hearing will be held September 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.
- At the October regular meeting, the Board will consider for adoption a Resolution of Participation in the Instructional Support Program from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

Policy second reading

- **Enclosed are** policy 604.1 and 604.7 for approval. The updated policies reflect changes in Iowa Code and Law. **Motion needed.**

Student Handbooks

- Electronic copies were mailed to the Board.
- **A motion is needed** if the Board so chooses to approve the student handbooks for 2015/16.

Action

Resignation of personnel – letters enclosed

- Kristen Humphries, Teacher Associate/Head Girls HS Basketball Coach/Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach/Assistant HS Softball Coach. **Motion to approve.**
- Melissa Smith, Teacher Associate. **Motion to approve.**

Employment of personnel

- **Teacher Associates**
- Mr. Huntington and Mrs. Spencer are finishing interviews. They will have four associates to present for approval because of the resignations of Ms. Humphries and Ms. Smith, Diane Shaff's declining a position, and the need for an additional associate due to a new student who just registered and needs a 1 to 1 associate as specified in their Individual Education Program (IEP).

Board Comment

Celebrations

Adjournment

Sidney Community School District
Board of Director's Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015 7:30 p.m. 2754 Knox Road
Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Minutes, Bills, Financials

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Erika Graham and Brad Johnson. Also present were Jr/Sr High Principal Bill Huntington, Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, PK-6 Principal/Curriculum Director Linda Spencer and Board Treasurer Jennifer Maher.

Recognition of guests

There were three guests present.

Approve agenda

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

Director Alisha Ettleman arrived at 7:33pm.

Approve minutes

Changes to the June 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes - Jennifer Maher is Board Treasurer not Board Manager. Emma Nennemann was left off the celebration list for National Volleyball. Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15, 2015 with changes, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Consider bills to pay

Motion to approve the bills for payment was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Financials

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audiences

Instructors Aaron Lang and Dyan Larsen discussed the need for new or reconditioned used Math text books for Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry. The current books are over 10 years old and in poor shape. New books would be better aligned with the Iowa Core.

Instructor Nancy Rucker asked the Board for consideration in adding to the current Early Literacy curriculum. She also thanked the Board for the Lexia purchase. She stated they were utilizing it at Summer School and it was going well.

Administrators reports

Mrs. Spencer presented the Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director report.

Mr. Huntington presented the JH/HS Principal report.

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent report

Discussion

Sharing partners and a recent meeting with Nishnabotna Superintendents and Board Presidents were discussed. The Superintendents will be meeting again to discuss sharing opportunities further.

First reading and review of changes to the Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment policies was held. Second reading will be in August.

Instructional Support Levy was reviewed. Resolution of intent will be on the August agenda.

Discussion/Action

Early Literacy Curriculum

Motion to approve the purchase of the Early Literacy curriculum for \$5400 as presented was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Math Textbooks

Motion to approve the purchase of reconditioned used Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Geometry textbooks for \$6,655 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

IASB Legislative Priorities

Motion to adopt the following 4 priorities was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

1- Supports the legislature in setting supplemental state aid in as prescribed by law.

2- Supports continuation of sufficient incentives and assistance to encourage sharing of academic learning opportunities.

3 - Supports the continuation of programs currently funded by the early intervention block grant.

4 - Supports a funding mechanism to equalize school district transportation costs.

Milk Bid

Motion to approve the milk bid from Anderson Erickson was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Elementary Music Teacher Contract - Experience Credit

Motion to approve all credit years of service for the Elementary Music teacher contract issued to Pam Lewis was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Action

Policy

Motion to approve the new school calendar policy 601.1 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Employment of personnel

Motion to hire the following teacher associates was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Andera Hensley - Pre-school

Jessica Herring - Pre-School

Amy Head - Elementary 1 to 1

Donna Fichter - JH/HS 1 to 1

Jill Finnell - JH/HS Life Skills

Diane Shaff - JH/HS Life Skills

Shawn Thompson - Elementary Associate/Teammates Coordinator

Motion to hire the following part-time cooks/20 hours a week was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Leah Ney

Kristen Parrott

Kathy Matthews

Motion to hire Alissa Moreland for Assistant JH Volleyball Coach was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to hire Bill Huntington for High School Student Council Sponsor was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4

Neys 0

Board Secretary Appointment

Motion to appoint Janet Lemrick Board Secretary for 2015/16 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Board Treasurer Appointment

Motion to appoint Jennifer Maher Board Treasurer for 2015/16 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Board Attorney Appointment

Motion to appoint John Johnson and Rick Franck as Board Attorneys for 2015/16 was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0 Director Johnson refrained from voting.

Bank Depositories

Motion to designate Arobr Bank, Great Western Bank and PMA as the official depositories for 2015/16 with a limit of \$4 million was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Official Publication Designation

Motion to designate Sidney Argus-Herald as the official publication outlet for 2015/16 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Etleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Board Comment

- Look into the possibilities of an event to get all kids in the county together.
- Look into the renovation of the football field concession stand/restrooms.
- Request to seek information from other schools on community service requirements.
- New Cheer sponsors held tryouts and are doing a great job.

Celebrations

Students in 4H who qualified for State Fair are Jolean McClane, Alexis Hall, Kalista Schroeder, Jonathan Adkisson, Bailey Wilson, Aspen Ross, Mallory Beard, Chloe Burge and Abby Whitehead.

Baseball and Softball teams had successful seasons! Corner Conference First Team Baseball - Sergio Rodriguez, Michael Coates, Jacob Cain and Erick Rodriguez, Second Team Baseball - Cary Lang and Emmet Gilson, and Honorable Mention Baseball - Cameron Whitehead.

Corner Conference First Team Softball - Quinn Sheldon, Shea Sears, Lexy Larson, Second Team Softball - Camryn McClintock, Liz Lang, Zoe England and Honorable Mention Softball - Autumn Graham.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:54p.m. was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Etleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Board President

Board Secretary

SIDNEY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CLAIMS PAID IN

Payroll	
Salaries/Wages	238,993.50
District Expense Insurance	15,876.12
IPERS	21,404.79
Medicare/Social Security	17,669.92
District Total	<u>293,944.33</u>

August-2015

Accounts Payable

General	86,399.16
Lunch Fund	6,450.77
Activity Fund	4,475.69
School House	<u>8,191.32</u>
District Total	<u>105,516.94</u>

SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT FOR

August-2015

Fund 10 OPERATING FUND

AEA267	403.03
AFLAC	22.10
ATCHISON HOLT ELECTRIC	8,525.68
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	69.36
BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD	28,015.40
BOHLEN FARM SERVICE	240.00
BROWN & SAENGER	26.28
CITY OF SIDNEY	279.70
CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL	19,820.52
CLASSROOM SUPPLY MART	1,069.50
CONTINUUM ENERGY	503.02
DONS JOHNS SEPTIC PUMPING	50.00
EDGENUITY	7,500.00
HENDERSON, ALLISON	128.00
HENNEMAN AUTO PARTS	71.16
HILLS PLUMBING AND HEATING	307.06
HOLT GAS COMPANY	1,317.56
HUNTINGTON, BILL	168.89
IOWA ASSOCIATION SCHOOL BOARDS	130.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	796.34
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR	480.00
IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE	3,339.95
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS	73.22
JOHN GOWING PLUMBING & HEATING	19.28
JOSTENS	202.40
JR CLASS PARENTS 15-16	20.00
KONICA MINOLTA	318.60
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	166.70
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	26.66
MEDICAL CLINIC PC	165.00
MEGHAN HALVORSON,	451.00
MENARDS	542.34
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	2,427.92
MILLER BUILDING SUPPLY CO	25.91
MILLION DOLLAR LAWNS	710.00
MONROE ENTERPRISES	50.00
NISHNA PRODUCTIONS INC	1,645.02
PREMIER AGENDAS INC	1,787.05
QUILL CORP	960.73
RICHARDSON SANITATION	945.00
SCHOLASTIC INC	148.34
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA	661.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	310.25
SIDNEY FOODS LTD	90.85
SPENCER, LINDA	77.00
SPIRAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,235.01
TTI NATIONAL INC	76.33

FUND 61 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

SIDNEY CSD GENERAL FUND	6,450.77
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Fund Total:

6,450.77

Checking Account#2 Total:

\$6,450.77

Fund 21 STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD	640.19
HOWARD CLOTHING	136.50
IOWA HS ATHLETIC ASSOC	2,760.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSO.	50.00
J & H ATHLETIC EQUIP INC	144.82
MT AYR HIGH SCHOOL	90.00
TRAINING ROOM	654.18

Fund Total:

4,475.69

Checking Account #3 Total:

\$4,475.69

Fund 22 MANAGEMENT

Fund Total:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Fund 36 PPEL

KONICA MINOLTA	925.68
TOSHIBA	326.00
Fund Total:	<u>\$951.68</u>

Fund 33 LOSST

BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD	167.48
HAYES MECHANICAL	551.39
HILLS PLUMBING AND HEATING	3,260.00
RICK'S COMPUTERS	2,220.00
SOUTH PAGE CSD	250.00
SUN TRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE &	219.65
TROXEL COMMUNICATIONS	71.42
Fund Total:	<u>\$6,739.94</u>

Fund 40 DEBT SERVICE

Fund Total:	<u>0.00</u>
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Checking Account#4 Total:

\$8,191.32

Fund Total:	86,399.16
Checking Account Total:	<u>\$86,399.16</u>

Checking 1

AEA267	REPAIRS	403.03	
AFLAC	MORELAND AFLAC	22.10	
ATCHISON HOLT ELECTRIC	SERVICE	8,525.68	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SERVICE	69.36	
BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD	PCARDS	28,015.40	
BOHLEN FARM SERVICE	TIRES	240.00	
BROWN & SAENGER	BATTERIES	26.28	
CITY OF SIDNEY	WATER	279.70	
CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL	SPED BILLING	19,820.52	
CLASSROOM SUPPLY MART	ELEM SUPPLIES	1,069.50	
CONTINUUM ENERGY	SERVICE	503.02	
DONS JOHNS SEPTIC PUMPING	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	50.00	
EDGENUITY	E 20/20	7,500.00	
HENDERSON, ALLISON	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MTG	128.00	
HENNEMAN AUTO PARTS	TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES	71.16	
HILLS PLUMBING AND HEATING	WORK ON WATHER HEATER IN GYM	307.06	
HOLT GAS COMPANY	FUEL	1,317.56	
HUNTINGTON, BILL	SAI CONF REIMBURSEMENT	168.89	
IOWA ASSOCIATION SCHOOL BOARDS	FISCAL MGMT CONF G CRUICKSHANK	130.00	
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	ICN SERVICE	796.34	
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR	INSPECTIONS	480.00	
IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE	WRITE 2 LEARN PROGRAM/BACKGROUND CKS	3,339.95	
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS	DEPOSIT SLIPS	73.22	
JOHN GOWING PLUMBING & HEATING	SLOAN O RINGS H-553	19.28	
JOSTENS	YEARBOOKS	202.40	
JR CLASS PARENTS 15-16	TICKET TAKER 71715	20.00	
KONICA MINOLTA	COPIER LEASE MAINTENANCE	318.60	
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	SPED LEVEL 3 SUPPLIES	166.70	
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	26.66	
MEDICAL CLINIC PC	DOT PX EITZMAN	165.00	
MEGHAN HALVORSON,	LETRS TRAINING - IA CORE	451.00	
MENARDS	SUPPLIES - MAINTENANCE	542.34	
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	SERVICE	2,427.92	
MILLER BUILDING SUPPLY CO	CEILING BOX	25.91	
MILLION DOLLAR LAWN	FERTILIZER AND INSECTICIDE	710.00	
MONROE ENTERPRISES	DORM FRIDGE FOR BUS BARN	50.00	
NISHNA PRODUCTIONS INC	WORK ACTIVITY	1,645.02	
PREMIER AGENDAS INC	AGENDAS	1,787.05	
QUILL CORP	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	960.73	
RICHARDSON SANITATION	SERVICE	945.00	
SCHOLASTIC INC	SCHOLASTIC ACTION - SUNDERMAN SPED	148.34	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA	ANNUAL CONFERENCE/DUES - HUNTINGTON	661.00	
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	ELEM CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	310.25	
SIDNEY FOODS LTD	CHARGE ACCOUNT	90.85	
SPENCER, LINDA	PARKING/MILEAGEREIMBURSEMENT	77.00	
SPIRAL COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICE	1,235.01	
TTI NATIONAL INC	PHONE SERVICE	76.33	
			86,399.16
			86,399.16

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SIDNEY CSD GENERAL FUND	AUG NUTRITION PAYROLL	6,450.77	
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BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD	PCARDS	640.19	
HOWARD CLOTHING	WRESTLING SUPPLIES	136.50	
IOWA HS ATHLETIC ASSOC	TOURNAMENT BASEBALL	2,760.00	
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSO.	MEMBERSHIP	50.00	
J & H ATHLETIC EQUIP INC	FB HELMENT RECONDITIONING	144.82	
MT AYR HIGH SCHOOL	GIRLS TRACK ENTRY FEE	90.00	
TRAINING ROOM	FOOTBALL SUPPLIES	654.18	
			4,475.69
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AEA267	REPAIRS	199.70	
			199.70
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BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD	MACBOOK ADAPTERS	167.48	
HAYES MECHANICAL	REPLACED BOILER	551.39	
HILLS PLUMBING AND HEATING	2 GAS FURNACE AUTO SHOP	3,260.00	
RICK'S COMPUTERS	VIVITEK PROJECTORS	2,220.00	
SOUTH PAGE CSD	ACTIVITY SCHEDULER RENEWAL	250.00	
SUN TRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE &	ADMIN FEE	219.65	
TROXEL COMMUNICATIONS	CEILING MOUNTS FOR PROJECTORS	71.42	
			6,739.94
Checking 4			
KONICA MINOLTA	AUG COPIER LEASE	925.68	
TOSHIBA	FINAL LEASE PAYMENT	326.00	
			951.68
			8,191.32

PCards
Vendor Inquiry

Vendor Name: Inquiry Month 08/2015; Vendor ID BMOHARRIS

Vendor ID: **BMOHARRIS** Vendor Name: **BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD**

Entry Date	GL Month	Status	Invoice Number	Purchase Order Number	Requisition Numbers	Checking Account ID	Check Number	Check Date	Posted	Void
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8.13										
8.13										
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COA Number: 33 0000 2232 000 0000 618				Description: MACBOOK ADAPTERS						
167.48										
167.48										
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67.07										
1,381.27				Description: SCHOOL SPECIALTY - CLASSROOM SUPPLIES						
1,417.65				Description: SCHOOL SPECIALTY - KIDNEY TABLES						
2,865.99										
08/20/2015	08/2015	INV	080515 LARSEN			1		08/20/2015	P	
COA Number: 10 0000 2700 000 0000 626				Description: CASEYS - GAS						
12.25										
533.71				Description: AMAZONS - FOOTBALLS						
545.96										
08/20/2015	08/2015	INV	080515 LARSEN			3		08/20/2015	P	
COA Number: 21 0000 1000 910 8016 618				Description: SAMS ATHLETIC POP						
111.11										
276.49				Description: EPIC SPORTS - VOLLEYBALL						
170.00				Description: THE DEPOT - CC SOFTBALL						
557.60										
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104.18				Description: INTEREST -						
24.32				Description: USPS - POSTAGE						
33.37				Description: BRANDS DIRECT - CLASSROOM SUPPLIES						
924.83				Description: HOUGHTON MIFFLIN - TEXTBOOKS						
6,729.35				Description: TEXTBOOK WEARHOUSE - BOOKS						
300.95				Description: SAMS - SPED LEVEL 2						
12.23				Description: WALMART - SPED LEVEL 2						
12,033.65										
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44.67										
37.92				Description: WALMART - JR CLASS						
82.59										
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1,402.60										
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305.84				Description: QUILL - CLASSROOM SUPPLIES						

Vendor ID: **BMOHARRIS** Vendor Name: **BMO HARRIS MASTERCARD**

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COA Number: 10 3000 1000 214 3302 618				Description: FLINN - SCIENCE SUPPLIES		239.99				
COA Number: 10 3000 1000 214 3302 641				Description: AMAZON - SPED 2 SUPPLIES		1,180.15				
COA Number: 10 3000 1000 214 3302 641				Description: SCHOLASTIC - SPED TEXTBOOKS		5,035.07				
COA Number: 10 3000 1000 217 3303 618				Description: SCHOLASTIC - SPED TEXTBOOKS		109.98				
COA Number: 10 3000 2410 000 0000 618				Description: AMAZON - SPED 3 SUPPLIES		50.00				
				Description: AMAZON - OFFICE SUPPLIES		8,988.31				
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COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: BAUDVILLE - KEY CARD COVERS		33.00				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: HWOT - KINDG SUPPLIES		327.27				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: LAKESHORE - SUPPLIES		551.87				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: LEARNING RESOURCES - KINDG SUPPLIES		74.53				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: PLANBOOK - ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION		12.00				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: REALLY GOOD STUFF - KINGD SUPPLIES		131.44				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 618				Description: RTR - RUG		125.78				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 733				Description: CLASSROOM DIRECT - STORAGE UNIT		804.97				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 100 0000 733				Description: SCHOOL OUTFITTERS - FURNITURE 3RD GRADE		707.28				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 112 0000 618				Description: MUSIC K8- ELEM MUSIC SUPPLIES		129.95				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 211 3301 618				Description: RTR - RUG		125.78				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 217 3303 618				Description: ADAPTIVE MALL - SITTER		352.95				
COA Number: 10 1900 1000 217 3303 618				Description: ENABLE MART - BUDDY BUTTONS		119.29				
COA Number: 10 1900 2410 000 0000 531				Description: USPS - POSTAGE		77.25				
						3,573.36				
						28,823.07				
						Total:	INV			

Month	Accounts Payable	Payroll	Average Per Month	Total
August 2015	\$86,399.16	\$293,944.33	\$380,343.49	
July 2015	\$218,809.22	\$308,720.85	\$527,530.07	
	\$152,604.19	\$301,332.59	\$453,936.78	
June 2015	\$56,840.57	\$295,529.27		
May 2015	\$65,924.56	\$299,257.48		
April 2015	\$64,752.39	\$291,537.70		
March 2015	\$65,188.30	\$284,502.02		
February 2015	\$107,784.12	\$293,207.44		
January 2015	\$94,316.13	\$297,280.73		
December 2014	\$69,144.02	\$291,663.41		
November 2014	\$65,332.02	\$294,026.78		
October 2014	\$77,944.20	\$289,110.57		
September 2014	\$69,054.16	\$284,542.44		
August 2014	\$39,936.20	\$261,830.86		
July 2014	\$179,221.99	\$276,499.12		
Average	\$79,619.89	\$288,248.99	\$367,868.87	\$4,414,426.44
June 2014	\$109,600.60	\$301,918.47		
May 2014	\$66,894.86	\$321,432.69		
April 2014	\$84,127.26	\$293,426.01		
March 2014	\$50,819.47	\$290,110.06		
February 2014	\$111,139.80	\$295,977.30		
January 2014	\$148,170.50	\$289,504.07		
December 2013	\$77,242.50	\$294,541.19		
November 2013	\$54,865.16	\$291,727.02		
October 2013	\$74,540.63	\$289,570.00		
September 2013	\$48,639.34	\$287,147.72		
August 2013	\$143,625.05	\$296,895.11		
July 2013	\$146,000.00	\$290,811.83		
Average	\$92,972.10	\$295,255.12	\$388,227.22	\$4,658,726.64
June 2013	\$95,700.85	\$334,184.64		
May 2013	\$67,396.40	\$286,550.94		
April 2013	\$60,217.17	\$285,676.64		
March 2013	\$59,130.74	\$282,270.89		
February 2013	\$135,817.91	\$282,457.57		
January 2013	\$188,112.80	\$283,749.42		
December 2012	\$80,531.04	\$284,477.07		
November 2012	\$86,323.70	\$289,633.65		
October 2012	\$55,304.68	\$282,308.11		
September 2012	\$68,133.99	\$279,440.33		
August 2012	\$156,977.10	\$261,422.54		
July 2012	\$78,383.40	\$259,200.26		
Average	\$94,335.82	\$284,281.01	\$378,616.82	\$4,543,401.84

June 2012	\$145,614.46	\$335,351.61		
May 2012	\$114,191.02	\$288,647.57		
April 2012	\$78,076.81	\$277,296.89		
March 2012	\$86,720.21	\$277,583.36		
February 2012	\$148,994.23	\$280,105.02		
January 2012	\$95,078.87	\$269,699.04		
December 2011	\$98,970.00	\$273,967.32		
November 2011	\$56,803.42	\$272,162.53		
October 2011	\$46,627.01	\$267,825.61		
September 2011	\$88,623.29	\$265,905.05		
August 2011	\$165,328.33	\$247,207.62		
July 2011	\$72,038.87	\$257,394.73		
Average	\$99,755.54	\$276,095.53	\$375,851.07	\$4,510,212.84
June 2011	\$133,918.09	\$263,967.56		
May 2011	\$39,247.89	\$264,953.45		
April 2011	\$128,127.35	\$257,849.05		
March 2011	\$50,791.82	\$259,926.19		
February 2011	\$141,746.51	\$253,598.62		
January 2011	\$84,105.71	\$255,916.92		
December 2010	\$73,506.03	\$261,794.18		
November 2010	\$117,597.63	\$259,092.88		
October 2010	\$106,277.10	\$315,987.16		
September 2010	\$59,858.13	\$301,776.41		
August 2010	\$90,977.42	\$229,433.71		
July 2010	\$118,827.41	\$237,459.24		
Average	\$95,415.09	\$263,479.61	\$358,894.71	\$4,306,736.52

Fremont County Treasurer

DATE: 07/01/2015

Funds Collected For the Month of June
Apportionment of Funds Ordered **Sidney School**

Order No. 411
Fund 65004

Cust# 0001151

Sidney School
Secretary of School Board
PO Box 609
Sidney IA 51652-0609

Month	Description	Amount	
06	Current Net Prop. Taxes	1,098.59	*
06	Delinquent Property Taxes	1.79	*
06	Elderly/Disabled HM. Repl	182.39	*
06	Family Farm Tax Credit	1,709.64	*
	** Total 08 Management	2,992.41	**
	*** Total Order Issued	\$2,992.41	***

Fremont County Treasurer

DATE: 07/01/2015

Funds Collected For the Month of June
Apportionment of Funds Ordered **Sidney School**

Order No. 406
Fund 65004
Cust# 0001137

Sidney School
Secretary of School Board
PO Box 609
Sidney IA 51652-

Month	Description	Amount	
06	Current Net Prop. Taxes	11,351.96	*
06	Delinquent Property Taxes	18.51	*
06	Elderly/Disabled HM. Repl	1,884.60	*
06	Family Farm Tax Credit	17,666.47	*
	** Total 01 General	30,921.54	**
06	Current Net Prop. Taxes	119.47	*
06	Delinquent Property Taxes	.19	*
06	Elderly/Disabled HM. Repl	19.84	*
06	Family Farm Tax Credit	186.04	*
	** Total 09 ISL	325.54	**
	*** Total Order Issued	\$31,247.08	***

Fremont County Treasurer

DATE: 07/01/2015

Funds Collected For the Month of June
Apportionment of Funds Ordered **Sidney School**

Order No. 410
Fund 65004
Cust# 0001150

Sidney School
Secretary of School Board
PO Box 609
Sidney IA 51652-0609

Month	Description	Amount	
06	Current Net Prop. Taxes	309.01	*
06	Delinquent Property Taxes	.50	*
06	Elderly/Disabled HM. Repl	51.30	*
06	Family Farm Tax Credit	480.87	*
	** Total 04 Reg.Plant/Eq	841.68	**
06	Current Net Prop. Taxes	1,908.56	*
06	Delinquent Property Taxes	3.11	*
06	Elderly/Disabled HM. Repl	316.85	*
06	Family Farm Tax Credit	2,970.15	*
	** Total 06 Debt Service	5,198.67	**
	*** Total Order Issued	\$6,040.35	***

Activity Fund Balance Report - Summary - Include Encumbrances
 07/2015 - 07/2015

Fund: 21 STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Outstanding AP	Outstanding PO	Balance Change	Balance
21 729 000 8009 000	FUND BALANCE - SIDEWALK PROJECT	15,205.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,205.17
21 729 000 8010 000	FUND BALANCE - CLASS 2017	3.44	0.00	96.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.56
21 729 000 8011 000	DO NOT USE!!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8012 000	FUND BALANCE - CLASS 2014	1,406.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,406.28
21 729 000 8013 000	FUND BALANCE - CLASS 2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8014 000	FUND BALANCE - FB CHEERLEADERS	299.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	299.37
21 729 000 8015 000	FUND BALANCE - WR CHEERLEADERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(735.57)	(735.57)
21 729 000 8016 000	GENERAL ATHLETIC (&POP)	2,134.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,398.00	4,532.95
21 729 000 8017 000	FUND BALANCE - ELEM ACTIVITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8018 000	FUND BALANCE - INDUSTRIAL ARTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8019 000	FUND BALANCE - INTEREST	0.00	0.00	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.89
21 729 000 8020 000	ELEMENTARY POP MACHINE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8021 000	FUND BALANCE - LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8023 000	FUND BALANCE-P.E. FUNDRAISER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 729 000 8025 000	FUND BALANCE - PLAYS	3,872.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,872.79
21 729 000 8028 000	CLASS OF 2016	4,490.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,490.17
21 729 000 8036 000	ATHLETIC SEASON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Total: 21		45,216.06	5,142.00	5,584.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,658.07

Activity Fund Balance Report - Summary - Include Encumbrances

07/2015 - 07/2015

Fund: 10 OPERATING FUND

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Outstanding AP	Outstanding PO	Balance Change	Balance
10 721 000 3213 000	FUND BALANCE-PHASE III	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 721 000 8001 000	FUND BALANCE ADULT EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 721 000 8023 000	FUND BALANCE PE UNIFORM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 721 000 8024 000	FUND BALANCE - PICTURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 721 000 8026 000	FUND BALANCE - POP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 721 000 8027 000	FUND BALANCE - SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 3118 000	OTHER DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	39,264.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,264.00
10 729 000 3204 000	TEACHER COMP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 3206 000	TEACHER COMP - ADD DAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 3211 000	EDUC EXCELLENCE PHASE ONE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 3212 000	PHASE II	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 3216 000	IA EARLY INTERVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 3342 000	EARLY LITERACY	3,071.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,071.74
10 729 000 3376 000	TEACHER COMP PROF DEVELOPMENT	2,681.16	603.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,078.08
10 729 000 3378 000	RESERVE FOR MARKET FACTOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 4200 000	TITLE VI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 729 000 4643 000	TITLE 11A FED TEACHER QUALITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 749 000 8017 000	ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES	7,440.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,440.27
10 759 000 0000 000	UNRESERVED-FUND BALANCE	251,571.81	70,113.17	21,099.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	202,558.49
10 759 000 1920 000	FUND BALANCE ELEM DONATIONS	17,486.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,486.84
10 759 000 1922 000	FUND BALANCE - PE DONATIONS	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
10 759 000 8003 000	FUND BALANCE ANNUAL	6,099.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,099.69
10 759 000 8005 000	FUND BALANCE BAND RESALE	11,888.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,888.69
10 759 000 9001 000	UNRESERVED-FUND BALANCE MAXINE MYERS 5T	934.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	934.00
Fund Total:		340,568.20	70,716.25	21,099.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	290,951.80

MONTH OF July-2015

Monthly Financial Statement

Sidney Community Schools
Hot Lunch Fund

Beginning Cash Balance ----- **\$10,418.97**

INCOME

Student Lunches and Breakfasts	\$	275.50
Adult Lunches and Breakfasts		\$0.00
Federal & State Reimbursement		\$0.00
Interest		\$0.08
Ala Carte - Milk		\$0.00
Ala Carte		\$0.00
Rebates		\$0.00
Other		\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	275.58

TOTAL AVAILABLE **\$10,694.55**

CASH EXPENDITURES

Food		\$1,215.67
Milk		\$0.00
Commodities		\$0.00
Soap & Consumable Supplies		\$89.00
Equipment and Repair		\$0.00
Salaries		\$7,494.14
Other		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$8,798.81

End of Month Balance ----- **\$1,895.74**

BALANCE SHEET

July-2015

July-2014

July-2014

GENERAL FUND:

CASH ACCOUNT

BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	49,271.88	
INTEREST	15.06	
RECEIPTS	0.00	
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	520,000.00	
ACCTS PAYABLE	(218,809.22)	
PAYROLL	(308,720.85)	
AEA FLOWTHRU	0.00	
BALANCE END OF MONTH	<u>41,756.87</u>	57,358.77

ISJIT INVESTMENT	188,726.60	
INTEREST	0.18	
RECEIPTS	337.00	
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	(188,726.60)	
BALANCE END OF MONTH	<u>337.18</u>	16,602.22

CASH BOX	50.00	50.00
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SAVINGS

BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	501,522.76	
INTEREST	82.63	
RECEIPTS	578,166.86	
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	(520,000.00)	
BALANCE END OF MONTH	<u>559,772.25</u>	599,427.19

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	601,916.30	673,438.18
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LUNCH FUND:

CASH ACCOUNT

BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	10,418.97	
INTEREST	0.08	
RECEIPTS	7,769.64	
PAYROLL TO GENERAL FUND	(7,494.14)	
ACCTS PAYABLE	(8,798.81)	
BALANCE END OF THE MONTH	<u>1,895.74</u>	
<u>CASH ON HAND</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL LUNCH FUND	1,895.74	10,160.87

ACTIVITY FUND:

CASH ACCOUNT

BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	3,995.06	
INTEREST	0.04	
RECEIPTS	4,777.06	
FROM CASH ON HAND	0.00	
ACCTS PAYABLE	(6,532.12)	
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	0.00	
	<u>2,240.04</u>	13,886.41

<u>CASH ON HAND</u>	<u>750.00</u>	750.00
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INVESTMENTS

BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	40,981.12	
INTEREST	1.85	
RECEIPTS	6,462.12	
FROM CASH ON HAND	0.00	
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	(4,777.06)	
BALANCE END OF MONTH	<u>42,668.03</u>	21,814.36

TOTAL ACTIVITY FUND	45,658.07	36,450.77
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SCHOOLHOUSE FUNDS

CASH ACCOUNT

	MANG-22	PPEL-36	LOSST-33	(DEBT SERVICE - 40) BONDS	QZAB
BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	0.00	0.00	5,000.11	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00
RECEIPTS	81,990.00	2,569.04	17,701.37	0.00	0.00
ACCTS PAYABLE	(81,990.00)	(2,569.04)	(17,701.48)	0.00	0.00
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

INVESTMENTS

BALANCE FIRST OF MONTH	166,369.29	28,722.04	275,555.86	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	17.94	5.54	52.95	0.00	0.00
RECEIPTS	2,992.41	841.68	47,452.48	5,198.67	0.00
BOND PAYMENTS/INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	(12,596.55)	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS(DEBT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WITHDRAWALS OR TRANSFERS	(81,990.00)	(2,569.04)	(17,701.37)	0.00	0.00
BALANCE END OF MONTH	<u>87,389.64</u>	<u>27,000.22</u>	<u>305,359.92</u>	<u>(7,397.88)</u>	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL SCHOOLHOUSE FUNDS	87,389.64	27,000.22	310,360.08	(7,397.88)	0.00
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July-2014	104,935.74	5,526.18	198,837.58	(6,878.37)	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	1,066,822.17				
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July-2014	1,022,470.95		417,352.06		
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State of Our Schools: Sidney shares its way to stability, opportunity for students

By Scott Stewart

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SIDNEY – The further from the Council Bluffs-Omaha metropolitan area one drives along U.S. Highway 275, the smaller the communities and their corresponding school districts one encounters.

Sidney is situated south of Tabor, home of Fremont-Mills schools, which anticipates growth thanks to the new U.S. Highway 34 bridge from the Glenwood area into the Nebraska communities of Bellevue and

Plattsmouth. It's further north than Hamburg, which along with grade-sharing partner Farragut have struggled financially the past few years.

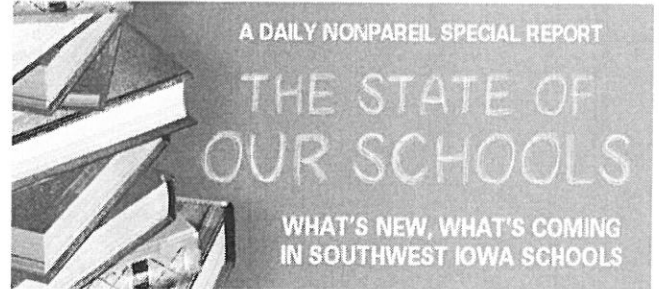
The small district – with an enrollment prompting a perfunctory recommendation from the Green Hills Area Education Agency that it consider grade sharing as a possible precursor to reorganization – isn't like its southern neighbors, though. It has a strong financial position, and it capitalizes on operational sharing incentives offered by the state.

Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank is shared with the much smaller South Page district in College Springs. Sidney also has sharing agreements with the Nishnabotna districts – Hamburg and Farragut – as well as Fremont-Mills and Essex. It has shared sports programs, Cruickshank said, and the school board is open to new partnerships that meet two conditions: “(a) if it improves student opportunity and (b) if it is done in a fiscally responsible manner.”

Cruickshank said more significant changes, such as whole-grade sharing and consolidation, have to be thoughtfully considered and planned. The goal, with the best interest of students in mind, would be long-term fiscal viability that offers at least the same opportunities for students, and ideally expanding opportunities.

“The goal is to do something better educationally for kids,” Cruickshank said.

The Corner Conference – made up of the five previously mentioned districts along with East Mills, Stanton and Villisca along with the Clarinda Academy and Heartland Christian School – provides a support network for the area districts, including Sidney. A new state group, Rural School Advocates of Iowa, also provides advocacy and organization.



State of Our Schools

“In the Corner Conference as a whole, there truly is a spirit of cooperation and collaboration to do what’s best for our kids,” Cruickshank said. “We do more sharing of resources than any other group of small schools in the state. There’s a lot of that spirit of collegiality among principals.”

For example, Sidney employes a Spanish teacher who uses video conferencing technology to simultaneously offer classes to high-schoolers in Nishnabotna, Essex and South Page. Cruickshank said small schools can continue operating, but people do need to come to grips with the idea that school may look a little different, with technology playing a key role.

Sidney launched a 1:1 initiative for technology in 2009-10, one of the first 13 schools in the state with such a program to connect students with digital devices, he said. Recent agreements with the Nishnabotna districts have added agricultural and auto technology classes, too.

“We’ve actually increased opportunities for kids through all that sharing,” Cruickshank said. “We do as much moving of teachers instead of moving of kids as possible.”

Financial health

Sidney is sitting in a comfortable position with its budget authority, Cruickshank said, with about \$1.2 million in unspent authority, the legal ability to spend on salaries and operational expenses.

The district’s general fund is about \$4.6 million, which puts the unspent balance at about 26 percent, which is well within the range of being financially healthy.

Enrollment forecast

Sidney has a certified enrollment – the weighted number used for budget calculations – hovering right around 300 students, although the district served 338 students last year.

The state projects relatively stable figures, with a certified enrollment projection of 302 by 2020, a decline of 1 percent.

Cruickshank said the district’s enrollment was steady from 2005-06 through the 2012-13 school years, except for one year that had a spike of 25 additional students. The past two years have seen a dip.

“We’re projecting this year we could possibly see an increase,” he said. “We’ve seen a steady increase over the last three or four years in open enrollment in our district.”

Elementary numbers are growing, which coupled with a small graduating class accounts for possible growth. The district added a second section for a couple grades at its lower levels, which Cruickshank said is “a good thing.”

Certified Enrollment: 302

Lunch Subsidy Rate: 44 percent

Graduation Rate: 100 percent

School Buildings: Sidney Junior-Senior High, 2754 Knox Road; Sidney Elementary, 1004 Illinois St.

Overall Budget: \$7,251,590

Property Tax Levy: \$15.7928 per \$1,000 assessed valuation

Avg. Teacher Salary: \$49,067

Min. Teacher Salary: \$38,885

Max. Teacher Salary: \$73,348

Technology Status: Currently 1:1 with iPad carts PK-2 and Mac laptops 3-12

TLC System Status: Has not yet applied for TLC funding

District Website: sidneyschools.org

Sources: Enrollment, subsidy, graduation, budget and teacher data from Iowa Department of Education for 2014-15 school year, as reported by the Bureau of Information and Analysis at educateiowa.gov. Budget and tax levy data from Iowa Department of Management for fiscal year 2015, as reported at www.dom.state.ia.us. Technology and Teacher Leadership and Compensation information provided by school district. Building list and website compiled by The Daily Nonpareil.



RSAI District Meeting Minutes

RSAI Territory SW, Audubon High School, 800 3rd Ave., Audubon IA, July 15, 2015

7:00 p.m. In attendance, Audubon: Becky Jones and Doug Olson, Board Members, and Brett Gibbs, sup.; Coon Rapids-Bayard: Dr. Tom Ward, sup., Jason Rosenbeck, Board President, Pat McAlister, and Joel Davis, board members, Gail Hopkins, business manager; IKM: Dr. Tom Ward, sup.; Riverside: James Sutton, sup.; Sidney/South Page: Gregg Cruickshank, sup.; I-35 Kevin Fiene, sup.; and Margaret Buckton, RSAI

1. Approval of the Agenda Joel moved, Pat seconded, unanimously approved
2. Election of RSAI District SW Representative n/a
3. Election of RSAI District Liaison representing District SW to the RSAI Legislative Group (Annual Election)
Brett moves Jim seconds, nomination of Willie Stone to continue as SW district rep to legislative groups. Approved unanimously
4. Consideration of any Proposed Amendments to RSAI Bylaws (Requires 2/3 majority) Jim moves, Brett seconds, leadership group proposed amendments to bylaws. Passed unanimously.
5. Review of the 2015 Legislative Session and Data Supporting Key Issues Critical to RSAI member districts: Margaret Buckton, ISFIS, discussed legislative action in the areas of RSAI priorities for the 2015 Session, including success on the PPEL flexibility bill allowing bus repair/maintenance from PPEL. Also discussed the elevation of the importance of transportation equity in the House Education committee, interim legislative discussions, possible interim committee meeting to consider transportation and student equity. Also discussed dropout prevention flexibility and successful movement of state penny extension through the senate, with the bill alive in the House Ways and Means committee for consideration in the 2016 session. Lastly, discussed SSA, the one-time funding veto, and political considerations regarding proposals to reform chapter 20, arbitration processes for school employees.
6. Established RSAI District legislative priorities for the upcoming Iowa Legislative Session to forward to the RSAI Legislative Group (Requires simple majority vote) Kevin moved Jim seconded, group unanimously recommended removal of PPEL flexibility from the list and support for the following:
 - Transportation equity,

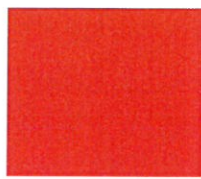
RSAI SW District 3-year term expires Sept. 2016

Gregg Cruickshank

RSAI NE District 2-year term expires Sept. 2015

RSAI NW District 1-year term expires Sept. 2017

RSAI SE District 1-year term expires Sept. 2017



- Extension of state penny,
- SSA (lots of discussion about the number, not sure where the final determination landed, so let us know if the group's understanding was to eliminate a number from the recommendation – ISFIS will update the year references and the gap in expenditure per pupil between Iowa and USA)
- **NEW: RSAI supports the Iowa Core Content Standards**, including an aligned assessment and supports for the technology and bandwidth required to adequately administer the assessment.
- Funding and flexibility for at-risk students, with particular emphasis on a formula which recognizes the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch, not just the enrollment of the district.
- Operational Sharing Incentives – keep focus on the issue.

The SW region district meeting participants also discuss the following policy resolutions and requests the legislative and the leadership group to discuss RSAI resolution language to make a recommendation to the Annual Meeting in these policy areas:

- **NEW: Equalization in the formula** – RSAI supports including a hold harmless provision for those districts above the state cost per pupil until all districts catch up.
 - **NEW: Open Enrollment**- problem that students from families with means open enroll out of districts, leaving the district with less resources to serve a higher concentration of students more likely at risk: the participants did not have a policy recommendation in the area of open enrollment.
 - **NEW: Targeted funding to improve achievement** - supports Iowa's continued investments in preschool, early literacy, and STEM.
 - **NEW: Special Education** - supports flexibility in special education expenses to best meet the needs of special education students (referenced DE's 17 page directive a few years ago which disadvantages smaller schools without the special education economy of scale to dedicate staff to the needs of one or just a few special education students)
 - **NEW: Architect** – Iowa Code requires an architect to provide opinion on things easily and more cheaply done by a local engineer, such as taking down a non-structural wall.
7. No other business was brought before the meeting
8. Jim moved Pat seconded, unanimously approved, adjourned 8:50

Save the date: 2015 RSAI Annual Meeting

Wed., Oct. 7, 2015, 5:30-7:30PM (Light dinner will be served)
FFA Enrichment Center (DMACC Campus)
1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa 50023

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July 27, 2015

Dear Staff:

The beginning of another school year is just around the corner. We're sure you've been waiting for this letter to show up in the mail with much anticipation! We hope you've had an enjoyable summer and have had a chance to recharge your batteries for the 2015-16 school year. There are several changes this year!

A special welcome to the following new staff!

Bill Huntington - JH/HS Principal
Allison Henderson- Preschool Teacher
Ciara Armstrong- 4th grade teacher
Kelly McQueen- 3rd Grade teacher
Nicole Fox- 5th Grade Teacher
Andrea Hensley- Preschool Associate
Amy Head- Elementary Associate
Jessica Herring- Preschool Associate
Donna Fichter - Special Education Associate
Jill Finnell - Life Skills Associate
Kathy Matthews - Cook
Leah Ney - Cook
Kristen Parrott - Cook
Nancy Batenhorst- Part-Time Custodian

Some returning staff duties have changed.

Aaron Lang- High School Math and Technology/Library
Shawn Thompson- Elementary Associate/ Team Mates Coordinator

Attached is an agenda for professional/career development days. Group activities will be held at the high school commons. **Teacher associates are asked to report on August 19 and 25.** Breakfast will be provided by the local banks on August 19 and 20. Lunch will be provided by the district on the 19th and 20th. On the 25th the United Faith Church is hosting the staff for lunch at noon.

All of the staff (teachers, associates, cooks, bus drivers, secretaries, and custodians) are invited to breakfast and welcome back activities on Wednesday, August 19 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the high school commons. Also, all staff are required to attend professional development at the high school on August 19

Enjoy your last remaining days of summer vacation – we look forward to seeing you August 19!

Sincerely,
Gregg Cruickshank

Sincerely,
Bill Huntington

Sincerely,
Linda Spencer

Superintendent

JR/SR High School Principal

Elementary Principal

Wednesday, August 19

7:45 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast compliments of Great Western Bank
8:30 – 11:30 @ the High School
Introduce new staff - **Gregg, Linda, Bill**
Staff back to school information - Google Doc/bring your laptop if you have one (**Gregg**)
Child abuse training info (PD Online)
Mrs. Mitchell– School Nurse
Mr. Lang and/or Mrs. Clayton - Technology
Mr. Larsen- Activities and Athletics
Todd Dow AFLAC

11:30 –12:30 Lunch at the High School - Sidney Foods (Lasagna)
12:30-1:30 Elementary meeting with staff at the Elementary. The PBIS Team will present information and plans for implementing PBIS at the elementary school this year.
12:30-? 1:00 P.M. Corner Conference Activities Meeting Shenandoah
1:00-2:00 Secondary Staff Copier Training (High School Office)
2:00-3:00 Elementary Staff Copier Training (Elementary Office)

Thursday, August 20

7:45 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast compliments of Arbor Bank
8:30-9:00 Mr. Cruickshank will be sharing some information about Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC).
9:00-11:00 Secondary meeting with staff at the High School (Commons)
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch at the High School - Sidney Foods (Enchiladas)
8:30-3:30 All Staff Work in Your Room

Friday, August 21

Breakfast and Lunch on own.
8:30-11:30 Elementary teachers will be attending Lexia training at the elementary building.
12:30- 3:30 Elementary teachers will be sharing-out learnings from summer workshops that they attended (LETRS, ELL, Book Whisperer, etc)
9:00-11:00 Secondary Staff-PD-Review for the 2015-16 School Year-Student Handbook-Classroom Expectations.

Monday, August 24

Breakfast and Lunch on own.
8:30-3:30 Elementary Teachers work in room
9:30-11:00 Secondary Staff- ePortfolio Presentation and Discussion. The remainder of the day will be spent working in classrooms.

Tuesday, August 25

Breakfast on own.
8:30- 2:30 Work in Rooms
9:00-10:00 PK-12 Associates Meeting with Mrs. Spencer and Mr. Huntington at the high school.
11:30- Lunch at the United Faith Church

6:00-7:00 Open House at the elementary
6:30- 7:30 Open House at the high school.

Wednesday, August 26

First Day of School

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RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Director _____ introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director _____; after due consideration by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the results of the roll call vote were:

Aye _____
DIRECTORS

Nay _____
DIRECTORS

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and desirable to provide additional funding for the Sidney Community School District; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider participating in an Instructional Support Program, the District must hold a public hearing on the question of participation, setting forth its proposal following publication of the notice of the time and place of such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to set forth in a Resolution its proposal specifying the method and amount to be used to fund the Instructional Support Program, the purposes within the general fund for which the Instructional Support funds will be used, and set a date of public hearing, and direct the Board Secretary to publish notice of the time and place of hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Sidney Community School District, in the County of Fremont, State of Iowa, as follows:

Section 1: That a public hearing on the question of the Sidney Community School District's participation in the Instructional Support Program is hereby set for September 21, 2015 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Board of Directors Room at 2754 Knox Road, and the Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to give notice of the time and place of the public hearing by publishing said notice in the Sidney Argus-Herald, not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the public hearing.

Section 2: At the public hearing the Board will announce the date, no longer than 30 days after the hearing, on which it will take action to adopt a resolution to participate in the Instructional Support Program. At the public hearing the following proposition, as may be modified as a result of discussion and input, shall be considered for inclusion in the resolution to participate in the program, to wit:

The Board of Directors of the Sidney Community School District in the County of Fremont, State of Iowa, does hereby resolve to participate in the Instructional

Support Program for a period of five (5) years, to levy annually, as determined by the Board, an instructional support property tax upon the taxable property within the District, commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and an instructional support income surtax imposed annually for each budget year, the percent of income surtax (not to exceed twenty percent (20%)), to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the District on December 31, 2016, and each year thereafter.

The funds thus collected, when combined with Instructional Support State Aid shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the regular program district cost, including the budget adjustment pursuant to Iowa Code §257.14 for any budget year. Instructional Support Program funds may be used for any general fund purpose.

Section 3: That all resolutions or orders or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved August 17, 2015.

President, Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Directors

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Code No. 604.1

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

The Sidney School District recognizes that families with students of compulsory attendance age may select alternative forms of education outside the traditional school setting, including private instruction. The applicable legal requirements for private instruction, including, but not limited to those relating to reporting and evaluations for progress, shall be followed.

Except as otherwise exempted, in the event a child of compulsory attendance age as defined by law does not attend public school or an accredited nonpublic school, the child must receive private instruction. Private instruction means instruction using a plan and a course of study in a setting other than a public or organized accredited nonpublic school.

Private instruction can take the form of competent private instruction and independent private instruction. The Iowa Department of Education recognizes three options for delivery of this form of instruction: two options for delivery of competent private instruction and one option for independent private instruction.

Competent private instruction means private instruction provided on a daily basis for at least one hundred forty-eight days during a school year, to be met by attendance for at least thirty-seven days each school quarter, which results in the student making adequate progress. Competent private instruction is provided by or under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or by other individuals identified in law.

Independent private instruction means instruction that meets the following criteria: (i) is not accredited, (ii) enrolls not more than four unrelated students, (iii) does not charge tuition, fees, or other remuneration for instruction, (iv) provides private or religious-based instruction as its primary purpose, (v) provides enrolled students with instruction in mathematics, reading and language arts, science, and social studies, (vi) provides, upon written request from the superintendent of the school district in which the independent private instruction is provided, or from the director of the department of education, a report identifying the primary instructor, location, name of the authority responsible for the independent private instruction, and the names of the students enrolled, (vii) is not a nonpublic school and does not provide competent private instruction as defined herein, and (viii) is exempt from all state statutes and administrative rules applicable to a school, a school board, or a school district, except as otherwise provided by law.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

NOTE: This policy reflects Iowa law on competent private instruction and independent private instruction. For additional information, including applicable forms, please visit the "Options for Educational Choice" section of the Iowa Department of Education's website, located at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/options-educational-choice>.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 299, 299A.
281 I.A.C. 31.

Cross Reference: 501 Student Attendance
502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
504 Student Activities
507.1 Student Health and Immunization Certificates
604.7 Dual Enrollment
604.9 Home School Assistance Program

Approved 8-17-15

Reviewed _____

Revised _____

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The parent, guardian, or custodian of a student receiving competent private instruction may also enroll the student in the school district in accordance with state law and policy. The student is considered under dual enrollment. The parent, guardian, or custodian requesting dual enrollment for the student should notify the board secretary no later than September 15 of the school year in which dual enrollment is sought on forms provided by the school district. On the form, they will indicate the extracurricular and academic activities in which the student is interested in participating. The forms are available at the central administration office.

A dual enrollment student is eligible to participate in the school district's extracurricular and academic activities in the same manner as other students enrolled in the school district. The policies and administrative rules of the school district will apply to the dual enrollment students in the same manner as the other students enrolled the school district. These policies and administrative rules will include, but not be limited to, athletic eligibility requirements, the good conduct rule, academic eligibility requirements, and payment of applicable fees.

A dual enrollment student whose parent, guardian, or custodian has chosen standardized testing as the form of the student's annual assessment will not be responsible for the cost of the test or the administration of the test.

After the student notifies the school district which activities in which they wish to participate, the school district will provide information regarding the specific programs.

The applicable legal requirements for dual enrollment including, but not limited to those related to reporting and eligibility, shall be followed. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

NOTE: This policy reflects Iowa's dual enrollment law.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8, 299A (~~2013~~);
281 I.A.C. 31.

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
503 Student Discipline
504 Student Activities
507 Student Health and Well-Being
604.1 ~~Competent~~ Private Instruction
604.9 Home School Assistance Program

Approved 8-17-15

Reviewed _____

Revised

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Dear Gregg and Mr. Huntington,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as Elementary Associate at Sidney Elementary School, Head Girls Basketball Coach, Asst. Head Junior High Basketball Coach and Asst. Varsity Softball Coach at Sidney High School.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to work in these positions for the past 2 years. I've greatly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities I've had to meet some amazing children, work with some great student/athletes and get to know some great staff members I've learned several important skills through these last 2 years, all of which I will take with me throughout my career.

I wish the schools continued success, and I hope to stay in touch in the future.

In continuing forward, If you have any questions in regards to this, please direct them at me and feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

Kristen Humphries

08/03/2015

To who it may concern,

I, Melissa Smith, am typing this letter to give acknowledgment that I will not be working this coming school year at Sidney Elementary due to my new employment at the Fremont County Sheriff's Office for better pay and benefits.

Thank you again,

Melissa Smith