

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

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Board of Directors Meeting AMENDED Agenda
TUESDAY, August 16, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Board Room – 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** – regular July meeting
5. **Consider bills to be paid**
6. **Financials**
7. **Reports**
Elementary Principal
Junior High-High School Principal
Superintendent
8. **Discussion**
 - a. Board vacancy
9. **Discussion/action**
 - a. Legislative priorities
 - b. Student handbooks
 - c. Automotives program equipment lease
 - d. Policy updates
10. **Action**
 - a. Resignation of personnel
 - b. Employment of personnel
 - c. Level 1 and 2 Child Abuse Investigators
11. **Board comment**
12. **Celebrations**
13. **Adjournment**

Financials

- Jen will email accounts payable by 10 a.m. Monday. She is waiting on a couple of responses from the auditors. Hard copies will be provided at the meeting.
- Jen will also share a couple of findings from the auditors. Overall the audit was very clean!

Elementary Principal – 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 - enclosed

- Information on a collective bargaining initiative meeting September 8 at Avoca at 7 p.m. I plan to attend and encourage one or two board members to attend.
- A thank you from the Grape Community Hospital Foundation.
- The principals will share estimated enrollment based off registration.

Discussion items for the next few months.

- Raymond Moreland said there are 289 lights at the JH/HS that can be retro fitted with high efficiency lights. They are \$100 each and the cost will come out of State Penny/PPEL. An additional cost will be to dispose of the old bulbs and ballasts. **This was shared at the July meeting. I may have a cost analysis on the elementary electric bills by Tuesday's meeting. Also, by the September meeting the State Penny revenue estimates should be known.**
- Whole grade sharing discussions – Hamburg did not discuss at their August meeting. Dr. Wells and Dave Mincer said it will be on their September agenda for discussion.
- Review of financials including cash balance and budget authority for 2016 and projections for 2017.
- Voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy considerations. Code language and timelines for an election were shared last month. Considerations such enrollment, the capacity of the current space to accommodate the enrollment increase, discussions with the Hamburg board about whole grade, sharing, and projected State Penny revenues, etc... are factors and information that will be better understood in the next couple of months.
- Electronic agendas and board meetings with information shared through Google Docs and Google Sites.

Discussion

Board vacancy

- There is a vacancy on the Board effective Friday, August 12.
- If the vacancy is filled by Board appointment, the deadline is Sunday, September 11.
- The appointment must be done in an open meeting, which will require a special meeting to be held, since the next regular meeting of the Board is Monday, September 19.
- **Enclosed is information from the Iowa Association of School Boards and the Iowa Secretary of State.**
- Time for discussion on how to proceed.

Discussion/action

Legislative priorities

- **Enclosed** are the 2016 IASB adopted priorities, and 2016 resolutions for consideration in 2017.
- The Board needs to prioritize and adopt up to four priorities.

Student handbooks

- The principals sent them to the Board electronically before the July meeting. They will send them again prior to the August meeting. Time for discussion. **Motion needed for the board to approve.**

Automotives program equipment lease

- **Enclosed** is an agreement approved by the Shenandoah Board for \$2500 for Sidney to lease equipment for 2016 - 17. That is \$14.20 a day and can be paid for from PPEL. **Motion needed for approval.**

Policy updates - enclosed

- Time for discussion and review. **Motion needed for approval.**

Action

Resignation of personnel – letter enclosed

- Gloria Kemper – Teacher Associate. **Motion needed for approval.**

Employment of personnel

- Diane Harmon, Teacher Associate, \$12.80 an hour, based on 28 years of experience. This is the wage on the associate pay scale. **Motion needed for approval.**
- Luke Buttry, Assistant HS Football Coach. **Motion needed for approval.**
- Erik Grudle, Volunteer Assistant HS Football Coach. **Motion needed for approval.**
- Amy McClintock, Head HS Girls Basketball Coach. **Motion needed for approval.**
- Dave Dowling, Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coach. **Motion needed for approval.**

Level 1 and 2 Child Abuse Investigators – the appointments pertain to investigation of alleged staff abuse of students.

- Carolyn Maher – Level 1 JH/HS Investigator. **Motion needed for approval.**
- Bill Huntington – Level 1 Elementary Investigator. **Motion needed for approval.**
- Fremont County Sheriffs Department – Level 2 Investigator. **Motion needed for approval.**

Board Comment

Celebrations

Adjournment