

Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
July 17, 2023 6:00 pm 2754 Knox Road

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

President Renee Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Vice-President Justin Travis, Directors Darynn Ruiz, Teresa Graham and Megan Franks. Also present were Superintendent Tim Hood, Secondary Principal Kim Payne, K-6 Principal Shannon Wehling, Darla Hetzel and Bailey McNees: Business Managers, and Board Secretary Randy Albright. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

11 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Ruiz and second by Vice President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Mrs. McNees presented the bills and financials.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the June Regular and Special Board meetings, Bills and Financials was made by Director Graham with a second by Vice-President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Mrs. Wehling presented the PK-6 report. Discussed K-3 Literacy- Targeted Summer Reading Program- 9 of the 21 eligible students signed up, Enrollment holding steady, Open positions- working on contingency plans for openings, and future dates.

Mrs. Payne presented the Jr/Sr High Report. Summer School- Credit Recovery continues through the month of July. Students doing a good job working on their classes, Enrollment- down 1 student from last month. Discussed Open Positions, and upcoming dates.

Maintenance Report. Dustin Dunkeson introduced himself as the New Director of Maintenance. His first day with the District will be Friday.

No Transportation Report.

Mr. Lang presented Activates Report. Picked up another lower tier sponsor for Scoreboard project, sent out Alumni letters for raising money for Scoreboard Project. Asked board for approval to start a "Go Fund Me" account for Alumni donations. Eli Bales, new strength coach, doing a phenomenal job and we are excited to have him. Dead week will start Sunday, July 23rd to Sunday July 30th.

Mr. Tim Hood presented the Superintendent report. Bond/Stadium Update. Mr. Pfister, from Boyd Jones and Mr. Mount gave an update on the Stadium renovations. Have done a lot of work down at football field that is not visible like drainage, irrigation, etc, Steel for bleachers coming Friday and next week Press Box. Once sod goes down, will not be able to get on field for 1 month. After last game of football will start surfacing track. Mr. Hood commented, "Mr. Lang is getting a hold of East Mills to flip home games with them."

Lighting Upgrade to Old Gym, and Stadium Locker Rooms (Red Building). Mr. Hood stated that the local utility company is offering robust rebates for new lighting. He went on to say, could get new lighting for \$12,000 and recommended to the Board.

Levy Report not expiring.

Discussion

Change Orders and Deductions: None to discuss.

District Leadership Team to Present on Possible Four Day Calendar. Mr. Thatcher (teacher) presented to the Board a presentation on what a Four Day Calendar might look like and all the benefits, myths, and concerns of going to a 4-day school week.

Extending Principal's Contracts to Two Years. Mr. Hood

Student Handbooks-Mrs. Payne/Mrs. Wehling

SAC Handbook-Mrs. Wehling/Mrs. Payne

Activities Handbook-Mrs. Payne/Mr. Lang

Board Policies 900 Series: -Mr. Hood

Agreement for Athletic Trainer Services with Shenandoah Medical Center-Mr. Hood

Resolution Appointing Pay Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agreement and Authoring the Execution of Same. Mr. Hood
Approval of Form of Tax Exemption Certificate. Mr. Hood

Resolution for the Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of the Bonds. Mr. Hood

Removal of Trisha Glockel from Bank Accounts and add Darla Hetzel and Bailey McNeas. Mr. Hood

Action Items

The following items were approved by the Board: 5 ayes to 0 nays.

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Approval of Resignation of Personnel

None

Approval of Personnel

Board approved 5 ayes to 0 nays

Dustin Dunkeson Maintenance Director
Cassandra Higgs Elementary FTE Para
Barb Pierce PT Jr High Social Studies

Board Comments

Board agreed the next step for the proposal of a 4-day Calendar would be to have a public meeting. Mr. Hood is going to reach out to other Superintendents for more information before announcing a public meeting.

The Board agreed the “Go Fund Me” Account or something like it would be great for Alumni donations. Would like a little more information on the different account options before approving.

Celebrations

- Congratulations to Lilly Peters who placed 8th in the discus at the Girls HS State track Meet. Also, congratulations to Eve Brumbaugh and Paycee Holmes who represented Sidney well at the State Meet.
- HS Football team went to an 8-man Football Camp July 16-17th at Central College in Pella, to build team chemistry and bonding. Thanks to the Football Booster Club for paying for this team camp!
- In Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Sidney Iowa Championship Rodeo, Mrs. Zavadil is forming an Alumni Rodeo Band. All former Sidney Pride Band Members are invited to attend. The Alumni Band will march in the parade on August 5th.
- Band Camp is coming up July 31-August 5th for all students going into 8th-12 Grade.
- Congratulations to Fallon Sheldon for making Softball's 1st Team All-Conference as Utility player. Gabi Jacobs made Honorable Mention All-Conference.
- Congratulations to Seth Ettleman (Utility) and Gabe Johnson (Infield) for making 2nd Team All-Conference. Michael Hensley received Honorable Mention.
- Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Fremont County Fair. They all did a great job!

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried. 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. Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on August 21, 2023.