

Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2024 6:00 pm 2754 Knox Road

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Board Secretary Randy Albright called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were President Renee Johnson, 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, and Business Manager Bailey McNees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

9 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Ruiz with a second by Vice-President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Bailey McNees asked Board members if they had any questions concerning bills and financials. McNees also added that there were 2 BPA fundraisers. BPA is selling shirts and Ozark Lollipops for Nationals.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting, fundraisers, bills, and financials was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Franks. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Mrs. Wehling presented the PK-6 report. Discussed ISAAP preparation, will be administered April 9th - 12th. DARE program being moved to 6th grade. Parent/Teacher Conferences March 27th 8am - 8pm. Enrollment down 4 students from last month. Discussed open positions- Mrs. Wehling happily announced that she has had more interviews in last 2 weeks than the previous 2 years. Credits the interviews to the 4-day work week Also discussed future dates.

Mrs. Payne presented the Junior/Senior High report. Celebration was held on March 7th and 8th congratulated Mrs. Zavadil and all the students for 2 fantastic nights. Sidney Career Fair was March 12th. Lou (Jamison) Jensen (keynote speaker) did a fabulous job. Had 18 sessions to choose from with 20 presenters in the building. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Wednesday March 27th from 8am -8pm. ISASP start administering tests on April 9th. Enrollment holding steady. Discussed open positions, upcoming extracurricular activities, and upcoming dates.

Board agreed it was at the discretion of the administration for the start times of teachers and staff for the 24-25 school year.

Dustin Dunkeson presented the Maintenance Report. Discussed Broiler repair in Elementary gym, getting new water line that runs from new addition to concessions and baseball/softball fields, Woods shop got a new motor for table saw covered by insurance. Unit in HS science room heating but not cooling working on.

Mr. Lemrick presented Transportation Report. Testing bus driver tomorrow for license. Searching for used bus, looking to put a transmission in spare van, electric busses working great have not failed us on a route yet.

Mr. Lang presented AD/Extra Curricular report. New track is getting lots of use. Hearing great things about track from coaches and athletes. Coach Sears, Coach Buttry, and myself have been trained on the Automotive Timing System. Track does have a couple of spots that may need attention. Good numbers out for HS track, and Golf. Jr High track has a lot of kids out. Have put up temporary signing to keep pets and animals off track. Working on getting baseball/softball fields ready for season.

Mr. Tim Hood presented the Superintendent report. Bond Update: None
Concession Stand update: Bids for the concession stand going out March 20th and will be due April 10th.

SRO update: Officer Luke was present and informed the board that it is not feasible for the Sheriff's Office to have a full time SRO in Sidney for the 2024-2025 school year. Sidney will continue the present SRO sharing agreement with Fremont-Mills for 2024-2025. The board expressed the desire to have a full time SRO moving forward and will continue to discuss this with the Sheriff's Office to pursue for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion

No Alternatives/Deductions.

Preliminary Budget-Mr. Hood/Mrs. McNeese, presented power point on the preliminary budget.
Field Maintenance Update- Tabled

Public Hearing

Open Public Hearing 2024-2025 School Calendar. Vice-President Travis make a motion to open public hearing for 2024-2025 School Calendar at 6:55 pm. with a second by Director Ruiz.

Motion Carried 5 ayes to 0 nays. No public comment.

At 6:58 pm Director Franks motioned to Close the Public Hearing on 2024-2025 School Calendar with a second by Director Graham. Motion Carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Board Policies: 280.21, 505.8 and 705.1R2- Mr. Hood asked board for approval of policies.

Superintendent Search Proposal-Mr. Hood, draft was sent out to board members.

Action Items

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

Preliminary Budget

Field Maintenance Update- Tabled

Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar with Administration's discretion to set work hours for teachers and staff.

Board Policies: 280.21, 505.8 and 705.1R2

Superintendent Search Proposal

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

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

Randall Albright Board Secretary

Sonya Gunderson Elementary Teacher
Tim Hood Shared Superintendent
Luke Buttry Assistant HS Football and Head Jr. High Football
Erin Steffener Virtual Sp Ed Teacher

Approval of Personnel

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

Julie Clark, Elementary Teacher
Abby Pendelton, JH/HS Agriculture Teacher and FFA Sponsor
Eli Bales Head Varsity Football
Janae Shough Elementary Teacher
Olivia Larsen Elementary Teacher

Board Comments

Closed Session-Superintendent Search Process March 21, 2024, 5:30 PM East Mills Elementary School Media Center, Hastings, IA

Closed Session-Superintendent Search Process March 26, 2024, 5:30 PM Sidney HS Media Center-Sidney, IA

Closed Session-Superintendent Interviews April 3, 2024, 1:00 PM Sidney HS Media Center-Sidney, IA

Celebrations

- On Saturday, March 9th, three Sidney Community Schools student athletes competed in the State Special Olympics Basketball competition in Iowa City. The athletes competed in three events each; dribble, shooting baskets, and shooting baskets at the hoop. Andrew Crawford placed 1st, Helaena Wheeler tied for 5th place, and Xavier Ratliff placed 6th!
- Sidney Cowgirl basketball officially signed 5 eighth grade girls to our high school team. The girls each signed a letter pledging to be good people and good students first. Then do everything that is asked of them to be the best they can be on the court. This is a very talented group and we're all excited to see their careers unfold. Chloe Clark, Charli King, Averie Buttercase, Alyssa Dowling, and Czandrya Morgan.
- The Celebration was a huge success. The Sidney choir and band members put on a great show. There were solo's, duets, groups, choir, and jazz band performances.
- The Sidney High School presents Disney's "NEWSIES JR." March 21-22 in the Sidney High School Gymnasium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice- President Travis. 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 April 9th, 2024.