

Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
May 14, 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. Business Manager Bailey McNees was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

4 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

Mr. Hood made an addition to the agenda. Resignation of Brittany Hossle 1st grade teacher.

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

Mr. Hood asked Board members if they had any questions concerning bills and financials. Mr. Lang also added that there was a Softball tee-shirt fundraiser.

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

Reports

Mrs. Wehling presented the PK-6 report. PK & Kindergarten Round Up was held May 9th and 10th. PK Celebration will be May 17th at the City Park. K-3 Early Literacy Initiative- Summer Reading Program working on eligibility and staffing. Enrollment holding steady. Discussed 2024-25 Anticipated Elementary Enrollment. Discussed Open positions and Future Dates.

Mrs. Payne presented the Junior/Senior High report. Culinary Restaurant- Mr. Johnson had 2 restaurants this Spring. One for staff and other for the public. Went well. Community Service-students teamed up with Cowboy Connection groups and went out in the community to give back. One group went to the new stadium, other park/fair grounds, and last was at Jr. High/High school. Proud of students and staff who make things run smoothly. Enrollment is steady. Currently have Math teacher opening. Discussed upcoming extracurricular activities and upcoming dates.

Dustin Dunkeson presented the Maintenance Report. Water fix is done with Boyd-Jones and Camblin. Broiler motor in and working well. Recharging HVA system for summer. Students cleaning up around the school was a big help and great to see them taking pride in their school. Mr. Lemrick presented Transportation Report. Going with Bluebird for Lift bus. Cheaper and can't get lift bus in about 6-7 months. One of the Electric buses is at Freight Liner waiting on a battery. Other two Electrical buses are working great.

Mr. Lang presented AD/Extra Curricular report. Held the CC Tournament and Sectional Boys and Girls Golf meets at Sidney. The Boys and Girls Golf teams won both the CC Tournament and Sectionals. The Boys Golf team also won Districts and will be going to State. Lilly Peters

and Will Bryant have both qualified for State Track Meet. Lilly qualified in the shot put and disc. Will qualified in the 400-meter run. Working on the Practice football field and lighting for the parking lot at new facility.

Mr. Tim Hood presented the Superintendent report. Bond Update:

Concession Stand Update: Bids received were high looking at other options.

Discussion

Change Orders and Deductions-Mr. Hood

Flooring Bids Jr/Sr High- Mr. Hood asked Board for approval to go with lowest Flooring bid.

Also, would like to get bids for painting hallways and rooms at Jr/Sr High School.

End of Year Calendar Discussion (No Change)-Mr. Hood

Lunch Prices and Student/Activity Fees for the 2024-2025 School Year (No Change for Fees)

(No Change for Lunches Other than Adult Lunch Prices to \$4.70). This is lower than last year's Adult Lunch price.

GHAEA Technology (IT) Managed Service Agreement Mr. Hood, continue service.

Technology Update/Summer Projects Mr. Lang/Mr. Hood- update cable, battery backup, and Chrome books at the High school.

Agreement for School Based Interventionist (SBI) Services and Additional Days with the GHAEA. Mr. Hood continue service.

Board Policies 705.1, 705.1R1 and 705.1R2 Series-Mr. Hood

Miss Sierra Schebaum to get her Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement. Mr. Hood/Mrs. Wehling

Action Items

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

Flooring Bids Jr/Sr High- Board approve to go with Floors Inc.

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Miss Sierra Schebaum to get her Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement with a 3-year contract.

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

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

Megan Comparore Title 1 Reading K-6, PK-3, and 4 Sp Ed and ELL (FM and SP)

Jessica Jones Elementary Para

Brittany Hossle 1st Grade Teacher

Approval of Personnel

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

Jessica Jones Elementary Para

Board Comments

- Moving June Board Meeting to June 11th at 5:00pm.
- Budget Amendment Meeting May 28th at 1pm.

Celebrations

- School Board Appreciation Month. Thanked board member for all they do for the School District and the Community. Received certificates, pies, and pizza.
- Earth Day Activity- Biology students in Rhonda Almquist's Classroom participated in an Earth Day activity. Students met at a site South of Hamburg to remove wire cages from trees and then went to a water structure by Percival to remove trash. The efforts generated a full trailer of trash and several dumpsters of wire. The event ended with some information about wildlife in the area.
- SAC Museum- Mrs. Beck's 9th Grade class took a field trip to the SAC Museum. The students learned about forces and energy from the Leonardo DaVinci exhibit of machines. The kids learned a lot and had a great time!
- Physics Class to Gun Range- Mrs. Beck's Physics students went out to the gun range in Shenandoah with SRO Logan Roberts for a lab. The purpose of the lab is to use the motion of a projectile to determine its initial velocity. Officer Roberts fired a round from a weapon into a baseball. The students then measured the distance the ball travels vertically and horizontally. When the students got back to the classroom they were able to determine the initial velocity of the bullet using kinematic equations.
- i-JAG SMC Field Trip- A group of Sidney i-JAG students participated in an amazing opportunity with a hands-on tour of the Shenandoah Medical Center. The group got to explore the Ambulance Services, Emergency Department, Lab/ Pharmacy Department, Radiology Department, Cancer Center, and The Wellness Center. It showed them a variety of opportunities and they not only want to explore job shadowing at the Shenandoah Medical Center but how to grow their education in these fields and opportunities for future scholarships.
- The Sidney Band and Choir attended Large Group Festival in Lenox. Each group received a 1 (Superior) rating. Congratulations Mrs. Zavadil, Band, and Choir members on your successful performances!
- Regional Job Olympics: The Lifeskills Classroom competed at the Regional Job Olympics Tournament at ISD in Council Bluffs. Audrey Goodman scored 3rd in Use of Tools and 1st in the Job Interview category. Koltin Greenwood took home 3 ribbons; 3rd place in Money Handling, 2nd place in the Job Interview, and 1st in Stocking Shelves. Destinee Lester placed 3rd in Measuring (Cooking), and 1st in Money Handling. Xavier Ratliff came in 2nd place in Use of Tools and 1st place in Ordering from a Menu. Helaena Wheeler took home two 3rd place ribbons, one for Janitorial and

the other for the Job Interview category, and won 1st place in the Use of Tools category. We are proud of all of our competitors! They did an excellent job representing Sidney JH/HS.

- Spring Celebrating Art Winners: Sidney JH & HS art students participated in the annual Spring Celebrating Art Contest. This online art competition, sponsored by Blick Art Materials, invites selected students to have their artwork published in their book. Only about 30% of entries received are invited to be published. This year's winners are: Alisyn Sowell, Kyla Spurlock, Terra Francis, Katie Glenn, Lauren Inman, Bridget Kromminga, Jazlyn Alvarez, Ellah Pummel, Koltin Greenwood, Shayne Sowell, Raeleane Gallardo, Nataleigh Androy, Sophie Shirley, Kailey Blocker and Kealey Blocker.
- Congratulations to Lilly Peters and Will Bryant for qualifying for State Track Meet. Lilly qualified in the shot put and disc. Will qualified in the 400-meter run.
- Congratulations to the Boys golf team for making it to State. First time Boys golf team has ever qualified for state.

Closed Session

Closed Session: Motion to Go into Closed Session Under 21.5 (1) (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Motion to go into closed session at 7pm was made by Vice-President Travis with a second by Director Ruiz.

Board member came to a consensus to come out of closed session at 7:27pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm was made by Vice-President Travis 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 June 11th, 2024.