

Sidney Community School District

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
October 21st 2024 2754 Knox Road Sidney, IA 51652

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Board Secretary Bailey McNeas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, Directors: Megan Franks, Teresa Graham and Darynn Ruiz. Also present were Superintendent Michael Brown, Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling. Absent was Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

7 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

Addition to the agenda was a new custodial hire – Myles Koontz

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

Mrs. McNeas presented the financials and fundraisers and asked if the board had any questions.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September regular board meeting and special board meeting, bills, fundraisers, and financials were made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Elementary Report. Mrs. Wehling noted that homecoming and homecoming parade went amazing! Thank you to Sidney Fire and Rescue for coming to speak with the students for Fire Safety Week. Parent teacher conferences are approaching quickly and prep has already begun. Fall FAST assessments were completed at the end of September. Still looking for a teacher to fill the TAG position. And Friday marks the end of the quarter already!

Jr/Sr. High Report. No report Mrs. Payne was absent.

Maintenance Report. Mr. Salinas discussed they are starting the winterization process and things are going well. He noted some ways to try to prevent the pipes at the elementary from causing issue again this winter.

AD/Extracurricular Report. Mr. Lang was at the volleyball game – Mr. Lemrick reported that Mr. Lang needed board permission if the volleyball team won their game on Wednesday to have practice over the weekend – the board noted that they agreed it was okay to do so.

Transportation Report. Mr. Lemrick discussed the chargers for the electric busses and the work that is being done on them. He discussed the upcoming needed repairs of one of the current vans. Special Education bus is due to arrive approximately the middle of December.

Mr. Lemrick also discussed that he was asked to speak about the electric busses at a conference and it went well.

Superintendent report. Mr. Brown discussed some of the previous and upcoming conferences that he attended. Reported the updated on certified enrollment - Current 403.20, Previous 438.00, Change -34.80. Noted that the custodial staff is now fully staffed! He gave his recommendation of raising substitute teacher pay effective in January in order to stay competitive with surrounding districts.

Discussion

Board Policies: 106.01-E(1), 106.01, 106.01-R(1),106.01-R(2), 106.01-R(3), 106.01-R(4), 106.01-R(5), 503.8, 503.8R(1) & 603.12. The board discussed the verbiage of policy 503.8R1 and worked through the blanks together to come to an agreement on the policy.

Modified allowable growth for Special Education Deficit (\$294,447.71). The board clarified what exactly this was for and had no further questions or discussion.

Concession Stand Bids. The board discussed all of the needs to complete the concession stand and what the timeline should look like. The board tabled the decision of Sewage Quotes and Sidewalk and patio quotes due to wanting more information. Mr. Brown explained the difference in the quotes for the building and all other quotes.

Appoint a Representative to the Fremont County Conference Board. Director Teresa Graham volunteered to continue as representative.

Raise Substitute Teacher Pay. Mr. Brown noted again his recommendation of \$150 per day to stay competitive with surrounding schools.

Preschool Concrete Bid – Porky's Construction. The board came to a consensus to move forward with the bid prior to board meeting. The discussed the amount of the quote and the status of the preschool playground work.

Action Items

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

Approval of Board Policies: 106.01-E(1), 106.01, 106.01-R(1),106.01-R(2), 106.01-R(3), 106.01-R(4), 106.01-R(5), 503.8, 503.8R(1) & 603.12. With the agreed upon additions to policy 503.8R1. Motion made by Vice President Travis. Second by Director Ruiz.

Approval of Modified allowable growth for Special Education Deficit (\$294,447.71) Motion made by Director Graham. Second by Director Franks.

Approval of Concession Stand Bids

- Approve building bid from AM building for \$43,274.62

- Approve Concrete slab from Porky's for \$9,653.23

- Approve Rough-In Quote from Hamburg Electric for \$3,600

- Motion made by Director Franks. Second by Vice President Travis.

Approval of Teresa Graham as the representative for the Fremont County Conference Board. Motion made by Vice President Travis. Second by Director Ruiz.

Approval to Raise Substitute Teacher Pay to \$150.00 effective 01/01/2025. Motion made by Director Graham. Second by Director Franks.

Approval of Porky's Concrete Bid for Preschool Playground in the amount of \$12,305.
Motion made by Director Graham. Second by Director Franks.

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

No Resignations.

Approval of Personnel

The following hires were approved by the Board: Motion made by Vice-President Travis and seconded by Director Ruiz. 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Myles Koontz – Custodian

Board Comments

November 11th is the next regular board meeting at 6PM in the Sidney Jr/Sr High School Library.

The board also wanted to give a shout out and a thank you to the high school coaches that attended the youth sports games. It was noticed by many and they felt as though it was an awesome way to show support to future athletes. Thank you!

Celebrations

The Sidney Pride Marching Band won 1st Place out of 21 1A Bands at the SWI Band Jamboree in Clarinda on Saturday, October 5th. Based on the scores from all classes (4A-1A), the Sidney Band placed 5th out of 44 bands in the parade. Way to go, Pride!

Congratulations to the 2024 Homecoming King and Queen Kolt Payne and Addy Haning!! Also, congratulations to the Homecoming Court. Everyone looked Great!!

The National Honor Society (NHS) seeks to mobilize community efforts in response to the catastrophic impacts of Hurricane Milton, a historic Category 5 storm threatening Florida. As local resources dwindle due to recent disasters, the Sidney High School NHS aims to coordinate our blood donation to this effort, helping to address the urgent need for blood in affected areas. Blood Drive is October 24. 11:30- 5:30 at the United Faith Church.

The HS Band will be performing their annual Marching Field Show on October 24th at 8:30 a.m. for the Sidney Elementary students and the community. We will also be livestreaming the event.

The Sidney 4th & 5th grade football team were named the Pride of Iowa Champions! Way to go Cowboys!

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm was made by Director Franks. 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 November 11th, 2024

Board President

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Board Secretary

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