

Sidney Community School District

Board of Directors Annual/Organizational/Regular Monthly Meeting
December 16th, 2024 2754 Knox Road Sidney, IA 51652

Annual Meeting

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Superintendent Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, and Directors: Megan Franks and Teresa Graham. Director Darynn Ruiz arrived at 5:04 pm. Also present were Superintendent Michael Brown, Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling, Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne, and Board Secretary Bailey McNees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

2 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the updated agenda was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. 4 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mrs. McNees presented the financials and fundraisers.

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

Mrs. McNees presented the financial statements/annual reports for the year ending June 30, 2024.

Motion to adjourn at 5:16 pm was made by Director Ruiz. Second by Director Franks. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Organizational Meeting

President Johnson called the Organizational Meeting to order at 5:16 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, Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne, and Board Secretary Bailey McNees.

Director Franks motioned to appoint Board Secretary Bailey McNees as temporary chairman. Vice President Travis seconded. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

McNees asked for nominations for the board president through November of 2025.

Nominations ceased. Director Franks made a motion to nominate Renee Johnson. Director Ruiz seconded. The vote for Johnson as President was 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Board Secretary McNeas gave the oath of office to Johnson, after which she began the duties of the chair. President Johnson asked for nominations for Board Vice President. President Johnson called for nominations for vice president through November 2025. Director Franks nominated Justin Travis. Nominations ceased and Director Ruiz motioned to elect Travis as Vice President with a second by Director Franks. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Director Franks made a motion to appoint Bailey McNeas as Board Secretary/Treasurer. Vice President Travis seconded. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried. President Johnson administered the oath of office to Vice President Travis and Secretary/Treasurer McNeas.

Established the board meeting dates as the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Sidney Jr. High/High School Media Center.

Director Franks moved that it be resolved that in order to meet due dates, prevent penalties, or pay registration or entry fees for events, the Business Manager or Accounts Payables Clerk, with Superintendent approval, is allowed to pay bills when the Board is not in session. Any bills paid in this fashion will be presented to the Board for formal approval at their next regular meeting. Director Ruiz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays. Director Franks moved that it be resolved that the Business Manager is authorized to automatically disburse the regular monthly payroll. Payroll will not be included in the monthly bills submitted for Board approval. A roster of current employees as of December 16, 2024, was included in the motion. Any additional employees hired by the Board, as well as substitutes, will be added to the monthly payroll. Director Graham seconded the motion. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vice President Travis moved to approve the financial institutions and depositories for school district funds with the limits as stated-Arbor Bank \$50,000,000; UMB \$5,000,000; ISJIT \$25,000,000; and First Interstate Bank \$5,000,000. Director Ruiz seconded the motion. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried. Director Franks moved that it be resolved that the Board authorizes the Business Manager/District Treasurer and Accounts Payables Clerk to print checks using electronic check signatures. Director Graham seconded the motion. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried. Vice President Travis moved that it be resolved that the official publication for Sidney Community School District during the 2024-2025 school year be the Southwest Iowa Herald in Shenandoah, Iowa. Director Ruiz seconded the motion. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried. Director Franks made a motion that the district will continue to use Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Law Firm as the district's legal counsel with Johnson Law in Sidney as a Secondary. Vice President Travis seconded the motion. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Director Ruiz made a motion to appoint Shannon Wehling as the Jr/Sr High School Level I investigator, and Kimberly Payne as the Elementary Level I investigator. Vice President Travis

seconded the motion. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Director Franks made a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting, seconded by Director Ruiz at 5:27 pm. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Superintendent Brown called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, and Directors: Megan Franks, Teresa Graham, and Darynn Ruiz. Also present were Superintendent Michael Brown, Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling, Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne, and Board Secretary Bailey McNeese.

Approval of agenda

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

Reports

Elementary Report. Mrs. Wehling presented. Mrs. Wehling gave updated elementary enrollment numbers. Discussed the state wide new attendance law and what the district has been doing to be aligned with the law. There will be some code changes in JMC to be more uniform. Discussed open elementary positions.

Jr/Sr. High Report. Mrs. Payne presented. Mrs. Payne gave updated JH/HS enrollment numbers. Discussed the state wide new attendance law and what the district has been doing to be aligned with the law. There will be some code changes in JMC to be more uniform. Discussed open secondary positions.

Maintenance Report. Mr. Salinas presented. Discussed the sprinkler system and report from the Fire Department. Discussed work plans for winter break. Spoke about the gym by the elementary school and potential plans moving forward. Discussed the old playground and the equipment and the potential plan moving forward.

AD/Extracurricular Report. Mrs. Payne present the AD/Extra Curricular Report. There were updates on basketball and wrestling. Thank you to the maintenance staff for all of their work in keeping the facilities in great condition. There was also an update on the camera system and door system.

Transportation Report. Mr. Lemrick presented. Report on Driver's Education van. We can replace this van with a van from Shore Motor Company. The van could be used for Special Education as well. The board said to move forward.

Superintendent report. Mr. Brown presented. Gave updates that he received from the AEA superintendent meeting. Discussed concession stand updates and the updated state competitive bidding processes.

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

The following resignations were approved by the Board: Motion made by Vice-President Travis. Seconded by Director Ruiz. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.
Myles Koontz - Custodial

Approval of Personnel

The following personnel were approved by the Board: Motion made by Director Graham. Seconded by Director Ruiz. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Amber Walters – PK3 Para

Jake Shull – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Dave Dowling - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Isaac Bales – Wrestling Volunteer Coach

Kyle Kesterson – Assistant Wrestling Coach

Old Business

Director Franks approved the preventative maintenance bid from Jones Mechanical. Director Graham seconded. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action

Board Policies: 501.15, 506.1E7, 506.1E7, 506.1E8, 506.1R1, 506.2, 506.2E1, 506.2R1, 507.9R1, 708,710.01E1, 710.01E2, 710.R1, and 711.1.. The board reviewed and discussed the policies. Motion made by Director Ruiz. Seconded by Vice President Travis. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and approval of resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program was made by Director Franks and seconded by Vice President Travis. The roll call vote went as follows: Yes – President Johnson, Yes – Vice President Travis, Yes – Director Franks, Yes – Director Graham, and Yes – Director Ruiz. Motion Caries.

Discussion and approval IASB Policy Manual Review was tabled.

Discussion and Approval of Modified Supplemental Amount for Increased Open Enrollment Out not on Previous Year's Certified Enrollment was made by Vice President Travis and seconded by Director Franks. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Football Field Drainage Bid - Mr. Brown presented the information as to the details of the bid from Mount Farm Drainage. Motion to approve from Vice President Travis with a second by Director Franks. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Concession Stand Electrical bid - Mr. Brown presented the information as to the details of the bid from Hamburg Electric. Motion to approve from Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Concession Stand Sewer bid - Grinder Pump Bid – Mr. Brown discussed the different options that were bid and what would be best for the concession stand. Motion to approve from Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Special Education Vehicle. Motion to approve from Vice President Travis with a second by Director Franks. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Board Comments

January regular board meeting will be held on January 13th at 6 pm.

Celebrations

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm was made by Director Franks. Seconded by Director Ruiz. 5 ayes – 0 nays. 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 January 13th, 2025 at 6 pm.