

Sidney Community School District

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting & Instructional Support Levy Public Hearing
January 13th 2025 2754 Knox Road Sidney, IA 51652

Public Hearing for Resolution to Continue Participation in the ISL Program

President Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken, all directors were present. President Johnson asked if anyone had contacted the office, board members, and/or visitors with questions or comments regarding the Resolution to Continue Participation in the ISL Program. No one received any comments or questions. President Johnson declared the public hearing as closed at 6:02 pm.

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Board Secretary Bailey McNees called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Roll Call was taken. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, Directors: Megan Franks, Teresa Graham and Darynn Ruiz. Also present were Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling, Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne. Absent was Superintendent Michael Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

3 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

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.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. McNees asked the board if there were any questions regarding the bills that were sent out and gave an update on where they are in the FY24 Audit process.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick presented the updated financials to the board.

The board asked about Open Enrollments on the consent agenda. They noted that the new Open Enrollment Deadline for 1st through 12th grade is March 1st.

There were no fundraisers to be approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December regular board meeting minutes, bills, 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 presented. Reported the Elementary enrollment numbers, FAST assessments, and Iowa School Performance Profiles. Mrs. Wehling was also very excited to talk about Officer Robert's new K9 companion Sally! Sally made her debut on Friday and everyone was so excited to get to know her. Sally is still working on some

training and learning the lay of the land, but is a wonderful addition to the Fremont County Sheriff's Department as the new Crisis Response Therapy K9!

Jr/Sr. High Report. Mrs. Payne presented. Reported the high school enrollment numbers for this month and the upcoming dates for activities. March 26th is the Career Fair and Mrs. Payne noted that if the board had any suggestions for presenters to send them her way!

Maintenance Report. Mr. Whitehead presented for Mr. Salinas in his absence. Reported updates on the water pressure, weight room, Geothermal System, the drainage project at the football field, and radon testing.

AD/Extracurricular Report. Absent. No Report.

Transportation Report. Mr. Lemrick presented. Reported that the new Special Education Lift Bus has been delayed again and the new Special Education van went into operations this week and is working out well!

Superintendent report. Absent.

Approval of Personnel

The following hire was approved by the Board: Motion made by Vice-President Travis with a Second by Director Graham. 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Eva Seering - Custodian

New Business

Board Policies: 102, 401.1, & 401.6 - The board reviewed and discussed the changes to the policies. Motion to approve made by Director Graham with a by Second Director Ruiz. 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Modified Allowable Growth for At-Risk in the amount of \$126,178. Motion to approve made by Vice President Travis with a Second by Director Franks. 5 ayes to 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program. The board discussed the ISL program. President Johnson read the resolution. Motion to approve made by Director Franks with a Second by Director Ruiz. The roll call vote went as follows: President Johnson – Yes, Vice President Travis – Yes, Director Franks – Yes, Director Graham – Yes, Director Ruiz – Yes. Motion Carried.

Board Comments

February board meeting has been moved to February 10th at 6:00 pm in the High School Library.

Celebrations

Mrs. McNees read a letter from Mr. Donnie Sears thanking the board for the opportunity to participate and allow our students to participate in Teammates Mentoring. He feels it is a fantastic program for our students!

Sidney HS art students recently participated in the annual Fall Celebrating Art Contest. This national 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: Brayden Inman, acrylic painting "Drippin' Swag", Macey Graham, pencil drawing "Calla Lily", Harlie Willis, pencil drawing "Virgil", Emma Grasso, oil pastel drawing "Succulent", Kaiden Stockstell, acrylic painting "Not Afraid", Braelyn Wilson watercolor painting, "Martini" and Alisyn Sowell, charcoal drawing "Angel Wings".

Congratulations Students!

The SkillsUSA Sidney Chapter had two students go and compete at the SkillsUSA Welding Competition held December 6th at SWCC. Andreas Buttry received 4th place and Flynt Bell received 5th place in Mig Welding Contest. Both students are eligible to compete in the state competition held in Ankeny this spring.

Congratulations welders!

Congratulations to all of our students who made the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Honor Roll for the 1st Semester! Can see list on School website and Facebook.

Adjournment

Director Franks left at 6:58 pm. Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm was made by Director Graham with a Second by Vice President Travis.

4 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 February 10th at 6:00 pm.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

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