

## **Sidney Community School District**

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

March 17th, 2025 2754 Knox Road Sidney, IA 51652

### **Call meeting to order and determine quorum**

Board Secretary Bailey McNeese 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, Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne, Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Recognition of guests and public comment**

10 Guests. 2 public comments by Madison Degase and Jeff Jorgenson.

### **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**

Reviewed February Regular Meeting and Workshop minutes.

Mrs. McNeese presented the bills, financial reports, fundraisers, and open enrollments to the board. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Director Ruiz with a second by Director Graham. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

### **Reports**

Joint Elementary & JH/HS Report: Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Wehling reported a joint report. ISASP preparations have started. Two open positions have been filled at the Elementary. Good number of applications and interest for positions at the Secondary building. Both spoke on upcoming dates occurring between the two buildings.

Maintenance Report: Mr. Salinas presented the maintenance report. He noted again that they were making great progress on the work orders from the beginning of the year. Working towards receiving bids for projects that will take place this summer. Spoke on the HVAC issues at the Elementary Building and the options to fix moving forward. Updated the board on the water pressure questions.

AD/Extra Curricular Report: Mr. Lang presented the AD report. Winter sports wrapped up and noted great numbers for spring sports. Coach Bales started a leadership class in the mornings with a few other coaches and that is looking great.

Transportation Report: Mr. Lemrick presented the transportation report. He gave an update that the lift bus was completed and ready for delivery.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brown presented the superintendent report. Mr. Brown spoke about the current bills potentially coming through the legislature, updates on the elementary HVAC, and updates on the concession stand.

### **Approval of Resignation/Retirement of Personnel**

The following resignations and retirements were approved by the board. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice-President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Carrie Hansen - Elementary Art

Julie Clark - Elementary Teacher

Luke Buttry - High School Teacher

Rhonda Almquist - High School Teacher

Chelsie Reynolds - High School Teacher

### **Approval of Personnel**

The following resignations and retirements were approved by the board. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Diane Denniston - Elementary Teacher

Tanner Alsup - Custodial

Patricia Myers - Elementary Teacher

### **New Business**

Discussion and Approval of FY 26 AEA Purchase Agreement. Motion to approve was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of School Bus Lease - Wells Fargo. The board looked over the different quote options and agreed on the 5 year lease payment. Motion to approve was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Franks. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of ERate Project Bid. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Graham. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of Concession Stand - Sidewalk and Patio Bids - Porky's Construction. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

### **Communications**

2025 - 2026 School Calendar Presentation. Mr. Brown spoke on the bills that are in the legislature about school start date. Mrs. Payne presented the two calendar options that are available - one with the current start date regulations and one if the legislature makes changes. Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Wehling both spoke on the positives that they are hearing and seeing regarding the 4 day week.

FY 26 Budget Presentation. Mr. Brown and Mrs. McNees presented the FY 26 Presentation.

### **Board Comments**

Officer Roberts spoke about the investigation and assured the safety of the school and students following the incident over the weekend. The AEA has been contacted to provide a Crisis Response Team for staff and students.

The Board thanked Mr. Buttry for his time at the district and congratulated him on his new position.

### **Celebrations**

All Corner Conference Boys and Girls Basketball teams have been released. Addyson Foster made 2nd team All Corner Conference. Braedon Godfread was a 1st team All Corner Conference (Unanimous selection). Michael Hensley and Grant Whitehead were 2nd Team All Corner Conference selections. Congratulations to all!!

What a wonderful 2 nights of Celebration. We have some really talented students at Sidney. All the students did great and put on an outstanding show!! Congratulations Band/Choir Students! Great job Mrs. Zavadil!

BPA Community Night Fundraiser for Nationals. At El Portal in Nebraska City from 5-9pm. Helaena Wheeler traveled to Iowa City over the weekend to participate in the State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. She placed 3rd amidst some tough opponents. We are so proud of her! Way to represent Sidney Community Schools!

KMAland Corner Conference Basketball Awards: Luke Buttry- Coach of the Year, Braedon Godfread- Elite, All-Senior and All-Defense teams. Carter Buttry and Carter Jorgenson All-Sophomore Team. LaDarius Albright All-Reserve team.

The HS and JH Quiz Bowl teams competed in the Corner Conference Quiz Bowl held in Stanton. Mrs. Beck commented that she was proud of all the students who competed and

was extremely proud of the JH students who competed against HS competition and held their own. Awesome jobs Students!

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion Carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

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 23rd at 6:00 pm.

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