

**Sidney Community School District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2015 2764 Knox Road 7:30 p.m.**

A strategy session was held at 7:00 p.m. to discuss classified staff salary/benefits negotiations.

The meeting was exempt from Iowa Open Meeting Law.

**Call meeting to order and determine quorum**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, Brad Johnson and Larry Holt. Also present were Superintendent/7-12 Principal Gregg Cruickshank, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Linda Spencer, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

**Recognition of guests and public comment**

There were eight guests present.

**Approve agenda**

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Approve minutes**

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 20 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Consider bill to be paid**

Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Financials**

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Board Recognition**

May is National School Board Recognition Month. In honor of this event the Board was presented with Elementary Yearbooks signed by students and staffs, High School Library books were dedicated in their honor, certificates from the Iowa State Department of Education in appreciation of their volunteer hours, and shirts with this year's logo "School Boards Strengthen Education, Stand Up for Public Education"! At the June meeting, fresh baked pies will be delivered to each Board member.

**Audiences**

Nicole Zavadil approached the Board with information on the Orlando Florida Trip she would like music/band students to attend in June 2016. Mrs. Zavadil discussed fundraising plans and the costs per student to participate. The Board encouraged Mrs. Zavadil to proceed with the planning of this worthwhile event.

Gary Whipple, Dennis Golden and Terry Graham were present to discuss bus driver route pay and other benefits for the 2015-16 school year.

Kala Clark with Southwest Iowa Home Health presented information on middle school and high school character education curriculum.

Aaron Lang and James Nennemann updated the Board on the need to upgrade the W-Fi system in the district.

**Administrator's reports**

Mrs. Spencer presented the Pk-6 Principal/Curriculum Director report.

Mr. Cruickshank presented the 7-12 Principal/Superintendent report.

•School Board elections will be September 8. Board seats up for election are currently held by Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, and Brad Johnson.

**Discussion**

Sharing discussions- Fremont-Mills may have a need to share Business Education and Essex has interest in becoming part of the Spanish sharing with Sidney, Nishnabotna, and South Page.

Review of proposed sharing 2015-16- Transportation Director, Nurse, K-12 Art, 9-12 Woods/Drafting, 9 – 12 Vocational Agriculture, 9-12 Family Consumer Science, K-6 Guidance, 7-12 Wrestling, 9-12 Cross Country, 9-12 Golf with Fremont Mills; 9-12 Vocational Agriculture, 9-12 Automotives, 9-12 Woods/Drafting, 9-12 Spanish with Nishnabotna; 9-12 Automotives, 9-12 Spanish and Superintendent with South Page; and Maintenance Director and Librarian with East Mills.

JH/HS Gym floor will be resurfaced July 20-August 4.

Long term classified staff substitute policy-discussion will continue at June regular meeting.

**Discussion/Action items**

**Wi-Fi Upgrade**

Motion to award the bid of \$12,720 to Bitwind Communications for the district wi-fi upgrade was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Classified staff salary and benefits 2015-16**

Action was tabled. A strategy session and special meeting was scheduled for June 2 at 7 p.m.

**Substitute Teacher pay**

Motion to pay substitute teachers \$115 per day for the 2015-16 school year was made by Director Holt with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### JH/HS football cheer coach

Motion to approve Chelsey Kozisek and Alissa Moreland as Co – JH and HS Cheerleading Coaches was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### Software/hardware to support Early Literacy Initiative

Motion to approve purchase of one year unlimited access to Lexia educational software for \$8500 and three 65” Promethean Boards for Kindergarten and First grade classrooms at \$7,698 each was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Costs to be paid for from Early Literacy Initiative funding, Microsoft funding, and State Penny/PPEL. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### Audit services for 2015 audit

Motion to accept the bid of \$6200 from Nolte-Corman-Johnson PPC for 2015 audit services was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### Iowa Western Community College concurrent enrollment for 2015/16

Motion to approve the concurrent enrollment agreement with Iowa Western Community College for 2015-16 was made by Director Holt with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### Nutrition prices 2015-16

Motion to charge full priced lunch prices for 2015-16 as follows: Junior High/High School \$2.25, Elementary \$2.15, and Adult \$3.35 as per guidelines established by the federal nutrition program was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### **Action**

##### Resignation of personnel

Motion to approve the resignation with regrets of Josh McDougall, Elementary Music Teacher, was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to approve the resignation with regrets of Sherry Bohlen, Custodian, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to approve the resignation with regrets of Sharon Starnier, Cook, was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to approve the resignation with regrets of Cayla McCullum, Elementary Associate, was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to approve the resignation with regrets of Konnie Bartley, High School Associate, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

##### Certified Staff collective bargaining agreement

Motion to approve the certified staff collective bargaining agreement with a 2.67% total package increase was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### **Board comment**

The Board said graduation ceremonies went well.

Student conduct on athletic/activity buses was discussed.

Prom attendance by homeschoolers was discussed.

Eye screening at the elementary level was discussed.

Open enrollments expected for 2015-16 was discussed.

Sponsor for Student Council was discussed.

#### **Celebrations**

Graduating Class of 2015.

Large Group Choir and Band earned 2 ratings at the State Large Group Contest.

Southwest Iowa Golf won the first Corner Conference Golf Meet. Team members are Sabriana Hernandez, Joleane McClane, Amanda Mullins, Makaila Dockweiler, Carly Almquist and Olivia Ware.

State Track Qualifiers are: Lexy Larsen (100 & 200 dash); Mackenzie Daffer (400 dash & 400 hurdles); 4x800 relay of Lexy Larsen, Mackenzie Hulsing, McKenzie Wake, Mackenzie Daffer; Sprint Medley of Lindie Strickler, Bailey Wilson, Lexy Larsen and Mackenzie Daffer.

Corner Conference Art Show: Best of Show-Makaila Dockweiler, Hannah Sederburg, Abriana Hendrix; First Place – Kenna Nennemann, Makaila Dockweiler, Bailey Wilson, Hannah Sederburg (3), Jolene McClane, Brittany Fichter, Lindi Strickler; Second Place – Sabrina Hendrix, Mariama Dicko, Kenna Nennemann (3), Aidan Case, Jake Cain, Bailey Wilson, Cassie Timmons, Jolene McClane, Tyler Richards, Lane Bateman, Hannah Sederburg; Third Place- Caleb Behrends, Tyler Richards(2), Halie Buttry, Johathan riebe, Jolene McClane, Lindi Strickler, Art 1 Group Project, Kenna Nennemann (2), Jake Cain, Sabrina Hendrix(2), Aidan Case, Bailey Wilson, Makaila Dockweiler; Honorable Mention- Mariama Dicko, David Janendo, Jolene McClane (3),Kali Barrett, Cary Lang, Sarah Welch, Cheyenne Vaughn, Griffin Spencer, Mackenzie Daffer, Hannah Sederburg, Erick Rodriguez, Cassie Timmons, Tyler Richards, Abby Whitehead, Elise Chapman, Dane Moyer.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. was made by Director Holt with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next regular scheduled meeting will by June 15, 2015

*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.*

