

**Sidney Community School District
Board of Director's Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015 7:30 p.m. 2754 Knox Road
Call meeting to order and determine quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Erika Graham and Brad Johnson. Also present were Jr/Sr High Principal Bill Huntington, Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, PK-6 Principal/Curriculum Director Linda Spencer and Board Treasurer Jennifer Maher.

Recognition of guests

There were three guests present.

Approve agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Director Alisha Ettleman arrived at 7:33pm.

Approve minutes

Changes to the June 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes - Jennifer Maher is Board Treasurer not Board Manager. Emma Nennemann was left off the celebration list for National Volleyball. Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15, 2015 with changes, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Consider bills to pay

Motion to approve the bills for payment was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Financials

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audiences

Instructors Aaron Lang and Dyan Larsen discussed the need for new or reconditioned used Math text books for Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry.. The current books are over 10 years old and in poor shape. New books would be better aligned with the Iowa Core.

Instructor Nancy Rocker asked the Board for consideration in adding to the current Early Literacy curriculum. She also thanked the Board for the Lexia purchase. She stated they were utilizing it at Summer School and it was going well.

Administrators reports

Mrs. Spencer presented the Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director report.

Mr. Huntington presented the JH/HS Principal report.

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent report

Discussion

Sharing partners and a recent meeting with Nishnabotna Superintendents and Board Presidents were discussed. The Superintendents will be meeting again to discuss sharing opportunities further.

First reading and review of changes to the Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment policies was held. Second reading will be in August.

Instructional Support Levy was reviewed. Resolution of intent will be on the August agenda.

Discussion/Action

Early Literacy Curriculum

Motion to approve the purchase of the Early Literacy curriculum for \$5400 as presented was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Math Textbooks

Motion to approve the purchase of reconditioned used Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Geometry textbooks for \$6,655 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

IASB Legislative Priorities

Motion to adopt the following 4 priorities was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

- 1- Supports the legislature in setting supplemental state aid in as prescribed by law.
- 2- Supports continuation of sufficient incentives and assistance to encourage sharing of academic learning opportunities.
- 3 - Supports the continuation of programs currently funded by the early intervention block grant.
- 4 - Supports a funding mechanism to equalize school district transportation costs.

Milk Bid

Motion to approve the milk bid from Anderson Erickson was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Elementary Music Teacher Contract - Experience Credit

Motion to approve all credit years of service for the Elementary Music teacher contract issued to Pam Lewis was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Action

Policy

Motion to approve the new school calendar policy 601.1 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Employment of personnel

Motion to hire the following teacher associates was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Andera Hensley - Pre-school

Jessica Herring - Pre-School

Amy Head - Elementary 1 to 1

Donna Fichter - JH/HS 1 to 1

Jill Finnell - JH/HS Life Skills

Diane Shaff - JH/HS Life Skills

Shawn Thompson - Elementary Associate/Teammates Coordinator

Motion to hire the following part-time cooks/20 hours a week was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Leah Ney

Kristen Parrott

Kathy Matthews

Motion to hire Alissa Moreland for Assistant JH Volleyball Coach was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Motion to hire Bill Huntington for High School Student Council Sponsor was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4

Neys 0

Board Secretary Appointment

Motion to appoint Janet Lemrick Board Secretary for 2015/16 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Board Treasurer Appointment

Motion to appoint Jennifer Maher Board Treasurer for 2015/16 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Board Attorney Appointment

Motion to appoint John Johnson and Rick Franck as Board Attorneys for 2015/16 was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Neys 0 Director Johnson refrained from voting.

Bank Depositories

Motion to designate Arobr Bank, Great Western Bank and PMA as the official depositories for 2015/16 with a limit of \$4 million was made by Director Graham with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Official Publication Designation

Motion to designate Sidney Argus-Herald as the official publication outlet for 2015/16 was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Neys 0

Board Comment

- Look into the possibilities of an event to get all kids in the county together.
- Look into the renovation of the football field concession stand/restrooms.
- Request to seek information from other schools on community service requirements.
- New Cheer sponsors held tryouts and are doing a great job.

Celebrations

Students in 4H who qualified for State Fair are Jolean McClane, Alexis Hall, Kalista Schroeder, Jonathan Adkisson, Bailey Wilson, Aspen Ross, Mallory Beard, Chloe Burge and Abby Whitehead.

Baseball and Softball teams had successful seasons! Corner Conference First Team Baseball - Sergio Rodriguez, Michael Coates, Jacob Cain and Erick Rodriguez, Second Team Baseball - Cary Lang and Emmet Gilson, and Honorable Mention Baseball - Cameron Whitehead.

Corner Conference First Team Softball - Quinn Sheldon, Shea Sears, Lexy Larson, Second Team Softball - Camryn McClintock, Liz Lang, Zoe England and Honorable Mention Softball - Autumn Graham.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:54p.m. was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Board President

Board Secretary