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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 19, 2015 - 7 p.m.
Sidney Elementary School – 1004 Illinois Street

1. **Call meeting to order and determine a quorum**
2. **Recognition of guests and public comment** – the Board may allow up to 5 minutes for citizens to discuss school matters with the Board. More time may be granted at the discretion of the Board. Discussing personnel matters relating to performance and evaluation are prohibited by the Board. Such matters shall be appropriately considered by the administration and resolved according to Board Policy and Iowa Administrative Code.
3. **Approve agenda**
4. **Approve minutes** – September regular meeting
5. **Consider bills to be paid**
6. **Financials**
7. **Audiences**
Theresa Bryant/Nutrition Director – nutrition staffing and programming
Angie Sheldon, Libby Weber, and Aleria Alexander – technology presentation
8. **Reports**
Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director
Junior High-High School Principal
Superintendent
9. **Discussion**
 - a. Enrollment and financial considerations
 - b. Facilities, transportation, technology considerations and resources
10. **Discussion/action**
 - a. Instructional Support Levy/Program Resolution to Participate
 - b. Sharing/partnerships
 - c. Modified Allowable Growth/Supplemental State Aid – special education deficit
11. **Action**
 - a. Employment of personnel
12. **Board comment**
13. **Celebrations**
14. **Adjournment**

Bills and Financials – A \$15,000 loan was made from the General Fund to the Nutrition Fund. The loan needs to be paid back to General by June 30, 2106. Jennifer will share the reasons for this and trends she and I will be tracking as more lunch fees and federal reimbursements are receipted. Theresa Bryant shared the Martin Brothers bill is running \$500 a month higher than last year.

Audiences

Theresa Bryant/Nutrition Director – information enclosed.

Angie Sheldon, Libby Weber, Aleria Alexander – technology presentation

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director – enclosed.

Junior High/High School Principal – will be emailed and hard copies shared at the meeting.

Superintendent

- IASB annual convention is November 18 and 19 at Des Moines with a Board President workshop on November 20. Board members may attend one day or multiple days.
Information enclosed.

Discussion

Enrollment and financial considerations – enclosed and time for discussion

- Eleven year enrollment history.
- Unspent budget history 2012 – 2016 with a close estimate for 2015 and a projected estimate for 2016.
- Miscellaneous income and actual expenditure report.
- Special education deficit.
- Description of Funds that receive property tax, uses, and a 10 year history of tax rates, unexpended fund balance (cash in the General Fund) and unspent authorized budget authority (spending authority in the General Fund).

Facilities, transportation, technology considerations and resources

- Regarding facilities
 - ***Enclosed** – a proposal from Ray Moreland for 2 new mowers. The current mowers were purchased used and are 2001 and 1995 models with over 3,000 hours.
Shared at the September meeting
 - *Attendance enters are in good shape. The old Ag shop is adequately serving multiple purposes and seems suitable for the Ag/Auto programs.
 - *The football field, track, and elementary gym are serving their purpose but also showing their age.
 - *State Penny and PPEL generate about \$315,000 a year. A significant amount is purposed for technology. The laptop lease is \$95,000 a year. A voted PPEL could generate an additional \$170,000 a year. Expenditures from State Penny and PPEL for the previous five years will be shared at the October meeting.
 - *The additional maximum taxing rate on a voted PPEL is 1.34. The Board approved PPEL is .33. The district has two payments left on the JH/HS debt. The payment due June 1, 2016 is \$220,170.00 and the payment due June 1, 2017 is \$260,865.
- Regarding transportation

*Enclosed - proposal from Transportation Director Pat Barrett for the purchase of a new bus for 2016 – 17 and the transportation fleet and mileage.

- Regarding technology – over the last several years the district has made a significant investment in technology for students and staff. Here is information taken from the financial software management program Jennifer uses. It shows the resources received from State Penny over the last 5 years and the revenue expensed to technology.

Year	State Penny Revenue	Expensed to Technology	% Expensed to Technology
2010-11	\$214,594.20	\$124,058.14	57.81
2011-12	\$266,404.42	\$86,472.00*	32.46
2012-13	\$291,423.90	\$176,178.09	60.45
2013-14	\$291,233.35	\$232,404.41	79.80
2014-15	\$328,750.00	\$201,568.16	61.31
Total	\$1,392,405.87	\$820,680.80	58.94

- *In 2011-12 the lease payment for the laptop program was paid from the Microsoft settlement program with the state of Iowa.
- Both the bus and mower can be financed over 4 years.
- **Focused equity visit from the Department of Education is December 9 and 10. The results of this visit will help determine priorities for facilities projects.**
- **At present the district has resources to maintain and remodel/repurpose facilities and space, but not do major projects.**
- **Questions for the Board**
 Do you want to see the continued commitment to technology sustained?
 Do you want more information regarding a voted PPEL?
 Do you want more information regarding bonding capacity as it relates to issuing general obligation bonds, a voted PPEL, and State Penny?
 Do you want to have conversations with architects/construction project engineers regarding possible future facility needs?

Discussion/action

Instructional Support Levy/Program Resolution to Participate

- Enclosed and time for discussion.
- **A motion is needed if you so choose to participate in the Instructional Support Levy for a period of five years from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.**

Sharing/partnerships

- **Enclosed** is the article from the Valley News on tuition discussions with Shenandoah and Nishnabotna. October 28 before the Corner Conference Superintendent’s meeting I am meeting with Mr. Hinrichs and Dr. Wells. Are there any thoughts you would like me to share with Mr. Hinrichs and Dr. Wells?
- Mr. Hinrichs asked if Sidney would consider allowing Nishnabotna junior high girls to participate in the Sidney JH girls basketball program. He said they would have a maximum of six girls participating. I shared this with Mr. Huntington and Mr. Larsen and they support the sharing.
- Timelines for JH sports sharing are more flexible than HS sports. This would be approved by the Iowa Girls Athletic Union.
- **Time for discussion and a motion is needed should you so choose to approve.**

Modified Allowable Growth/Supplemental State Aid - Special Education Deficit

- The information is enclosed with the enrollment and financial considerations.
- Special education deficits are financed with property taxes.
- This gives the district budget authority for the deficit.
- A motion is needed should you so choose to ask the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Allowable Growth/Supplemental State Aid in the amount \$260,600.73 for the 2015 special education deficit.

Action

Employment of personnel – separate motions to approve

- Coaches based on recommendation by Mr. Huntington and Mr. Larsen
 - JH Head Boys Basketball – Luke Buttry
 - JH Assistant Boys Basketball – Alissa Moreland
 - Assistant JH Girls Basketball – Kent Larsen
 - Head HS Girls Basketball – Bill Huntington
 - Assistant HS Boys Basketball – Teri Whitehead
 - Volunteer Assistant HS Girls Basketball – Mike Daly (Director Daly will need to abstain)
- Teacher Associates
 - Elementary – Iesha Connelly
 - Secondary – Cameron Johnson

Board Comment

Celebrations

Adjournment