

**Sidney Community School District  
Board of Directors Strategy Session  
January 24, 2016 6:45 p.m. 2754 Knox Road**

Negotiations with the Sidney Education Association were discussed. The meeting was exempt from Iowa Open Meeting Law.

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
January 24, 2016 7:00 p.m. 2754 Knox Road**

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

The regular meeting of the Sidney Community School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, Larry Holt and Mike Daly. Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, PK-6 Principal Linda Spencer, Board Secretary Janet Lemrick. Jr/Sr. High Principal Bill Huntington arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Recognition of guests and public comment

There were seven guests present. No public comment.

Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Approve minutes

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

Consider bills to pay

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

Financials

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

Audiences

Michelle and Mallory Beard approached the Board with the request to allow Mallory participate in the commencement ceremony with the graduating class of 2016. The Board gave permission by consensus.

Sidney Hometown Pride representatives Steve Meyer, Jonna Loewe, and Aaron Loewe asked to use the elementary facilities for the Trail of Treasurers event scheduled for July 29 and 30, 2016. The elementary parking lot, playground, Cowboy Café and gym would all possibly be used. The Board agreed to allow the use of the facilities for this event.

Lisa Daniels with Benefit Professionals visited with the Board regarding the Affordable Health Care Act. The district is required to offer health insurance to all full-time employees with the renewal period beginning March 1, 2016.

Administrators report

Mrs. Spencer presented the Pk-6 Principal report.

Mr. Huntington presented the 7-12 Principal report.

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent report.

Discussion

Sharing, partnerships, and programs

The Board discussed the feasibility of hiring a full time Vocational Agriculture instructor for the 2016/17 school year.

Mr. Cruickshank has been in contract with area school districts to gauge interest in sharing an Automotives program. Shenandoah has expressed an interest. Mr. Cruickshank, Automotives Instructor Robert Urton, and Shenandoah Superintendent Dr. Kerri Nelson are meeting January 26.

The Farragut district has equipment for both Automotive and Vocational Agriculture programs. It has yet to be determined how the equipment will be sold or disbursed.

Riverside is considering joining Sidney, Essex and South Page as a sharing partner for the Spanish program.

The Board would like to schedule a joint board meeting with the Fremont-Mills Board to review current sharing and discuss other potential sharing opportunities.

Voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy was discussed.

The Board agreed to host Open Houses at the Elementary and Junior High/High School buildings in February.

Discussion/Action

Vocational Agriculture program/staffing

Motion to advertise and hire a full-time Vocational Agriculture Instructor for 2016/17 was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Action

Resignation of personnel

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Melissa Godfread, Counselor/School Based Interventionist, was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Nicole Fox, 5/6<sup>th</sup> Social Studies and Science Instructor, was made by Director Holt with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Melinda Spencer, Color Guard Coach and Wrestling Cheerleader Coach, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Employment of personnel

Motion to employ Kelli Urton, 7-12 Guidance Counselor/School Based Interventionist, pending completion of background check and Iowa license being issued, was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to hire Jeannine Rook, Part-time Cook, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Board Comment

No comments

Celebrations

Congratulations to:

Great Beginnings Preschool 5 Star Rating from the State of Iowa

Girls Basketball Team on winning the Corner Conference Tournament.

Lexy Larson selected as KMA's MVP of the FM/Sidney Tournament game.

Maryn Phillips selected as KMA's MVP of the Tournament Final game against Essex.

SWI Honor Choir participants: Autumn Graham, Jake Smith, Dakota Lang, Cary Lang, Jared Crom and Genna Crom.

Successful Winter Ball

FFA representatives at the Denver Stock Show: Quinn Sheldon, Cary Lang, Jake Smith and Masen Maher

National Honor Society Inductees: Maryn Phillips, Autumn Graham, Lindie Strickler, Chaston Reed, Jolene McClane, Cameron Whitehead, McKenzie Hulsing and Halie Dean-Buttry.

Dave Dowling selected as "Gem of the Week" by KMA

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. was made by Director Holt with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next regular scheduled meeting will be February 15, 2016

*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.*