

Sidney Community School District

Strategy Session

February 15, 2016 6:30 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

February 15, 2016 7:00 p.m. 2754 Knox Road

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were: Heidi Lowthorp, Erika Graham, and Mike Daly. Directors absent were Alisha Ettleman and Larry Holt. Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Jr./Sr. High Principal Bill Huntington, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Recognition of guests and public comment

There was one guest present. No public comment.

Approve agenda

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

Approve minutes

Motion to approve the January regular meeting minutes was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Consider bills to be paid

Motion to pay the bills as presented with the exception of Martin Brothers Distribution and Haddock Industries was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Financials

Motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Audience

Dave Nelson, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, visited with the Board about curriculum and course offerings. He also described the duties of a Vocational Agriculture Instructor as they relate to an extended contract.

Administrators reports

Mr. Cruickshank presented the elementary principal report.

Mr. Huntington presented the Jr./Sr. High report

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent report.

Discussion

Sharing, partnerships, and programs

▪Automotive Class – Shenandoah is still interested in sharing the position. The Superintendents will be communicating to work out more details.

▪Spanish – Riverside has declined the opportunity to share resources.

▪Farragut Redistricting-the redistricting announcement will be made February 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Farragut to Superintendents from adjoining districts. A community meeting will follow at 5:00.

▪Directors Lowthorp and Graham will meet with Hamburg Board Directors Benefiel and Mincer on February 26.

Open House

An Open House will be held on February 24 for prospective new students/families to the district. Hours will be 6:30-7:30 at the Elementary and 7:00-8:00 at the Jr./Sr. High.

Equity Visit

The report was discussed. Documentation and procedural noncompliance issues will be taken care of in upcoming weeks. Facilities noncompliance issues will be addressed over the next 2-3 years during summer months.

Calendar 16-17

The Corner Conference calendar for the 2016-17 school year was discussed. Schools will have flexibility setting their own Parent-Teacher Conference schedules. East Mills, Fremont-Mills, Sidney, Essex and South Page will follow the Corner Conference calendar.

Discussion/Action

Modified supplemental assistance/at risk-dropout prevention

Motion to allow the Administration to ask for modified supplemental assistance in the amount of \$38,794 for the 2016/17 school year to provide budget authority and funding for services provided for individual student interventions and the Alternative School program was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Audit 2015

Motion to approve the 2015 audit was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Employment of personnel

Motion to hire Dave Nelson as Vocational Agriculture Instructor for the 2016/17 school year was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Consideration of contracts-integrated salary schedule C

Motion to grant Kelli Urton 10 years of experience on the 2015/16 teaching contract was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion to grant Dave Nelson 25 years of experience on the 2016/17 teaching contract was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Board Comment

There were no comments.

Celebrations

Congratulations to:

Kaden Payne on winning the Fremont County American Legion Flag Essay Contest.

Kirsten Hall on 4th place finish in Business Math at Peru State completion.

Girls Basketball Team on second place Corner Conference finish in regular season play.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Nest regular scheduled meeting will be March 21, 2016

This publication of minutes is the unofficial report of action taken. Official minutes are available for review at the Sidney School District after approval at the next regular board meeting.