

Sidney Community School

Strategy Session

Monday, March 21, 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.

Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

The regular meeting 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 Gregg Cruickshank, Superintendent, Bill Huntington, 7-12 Principal, Linda Spencer PK-6 Principal, Jennifer Maher, Business Manager, and Janet Lemrick, Board Secretary.

Recognition of guests

Seven guests were present.

Approve agenda

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

Approve minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 regular meeting and March 7 work session was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Consider bills to be paid

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

Financials

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

Audiences

Sidney Hometown Pride-fitness center/weight room

Hometown Pride, received a \$14,050 grant to be used for equipment and improvements to the fitness center/weight room. Aaron and Jonna Loewe shared information on the grant award and some thoughts on improvements to the facility.

Technology

Aaron Lang discussed quotes to improve the current firewall filter for the district. The Board agreed to update the system to meet the demands caused by more digital devices in use.

KPE Engineering

Mike McLennan and Trevor Huffaker, representatives of KPE Engineering, were present to review plans to renovate and repurpose existing facilities. The Board will continue to consider all options before making a decision on expansion.

Director Ettleman left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Administrator's reports

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

Details on teacher costs and proposed agreement for the shared automotive services with Shenandoah were discussed

Equipment for the Vocational Agriculture and Automotive departments have yet to be distributed.

Spanish sharing agreement is with Sidney, Essex, South Page for 2016/17. There is a possibility to add a fourth school.

Discussions with the Hamburg School District were reviewed. Dates for a joint Board meeting were discussed.

Fremont-Mills sharing agreements were discussed. A joint Board meeting will be scheduled late April.

Staffing

Applications for elementary teachers in 1st, 2nd and 6th grade have been received. Interviews will be scheduled soon.

Susy Clayton is interested in continuing to work one day a week for the 2016/17 year as Librarian and Tech coordinator.

Aaron Lang is interested in continuing as Tech coordinator and would also like to pursue a Librarian degree.

Staffing needs at the Jr/Sr High are still difficult to estimate for the 2016/17 school year.

Calendar 2016-17

Mid-quarter conferences will be part of the 2016/17 calendar. The calendar will be presented for approval at the April meeting.

Externship program

Mr. Huntington and Mr. Davis, Guidance Counselor, presented a general overview of a program that would provide real world exposure in various career pathways. The Board would like to pursue offering this option to students and asked them to start contacting businesses for participation.

Equipment repair insurance

Information was discussed. Premiums would be paid out of the Management Fund, which frees up more resources in the General Fund.

Equity report and accessibility considerations

Compliance issues at the Jr/Sr High will be addressed this summer. The plan is to address complained issues within a two year time frame.

TLC Update

A launch event in Des Moines will be attended by principals and teachers involved.

Budget 2016/17

Due to redistricting, the property evaluations have not yet been released. The budget will need to be completed by April 15.

Discussion/Action

Driver Education

Motion to charge \$300 per full paying student and \$250 per reduced paying student and pay instructor, Donnie Sears, \$200 per student for summer Driver's Education was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Budget guarantee resolution

Motion to resolve that the Sidney Board of Directors of Sidney Community School District will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2016/17 for the regular program adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa was made by Director Daly with second by Director Holt. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Bus Considerations

Director Daly moved to purchase two Farragut buses, if their balloon payments could be assumed by the Sidney District, at \$80,000 to be paid off over the next four years at slightly over \$20,000 per year. Director Graham seconded. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Sharing programs with Fremont-Mills

Motion to approve the sharing agreements of K-12 Art, Industrial Arts/Computer Drafting, Family Consumer Science, Elementary Guidance, Nurse, Cross Country, Golf, Wrestling and Automotives was made by Director Holt with second by Director Graham. Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion carried.

Set date, time and location for budget hearing and pre-budget hearing

This item was tabled to a later date.

Action

Resignation of personnel

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Luke Buttry, Cross Country Coach, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Melinda Spencer, Elementary Para, was made by Director Daly with second by Director Holt. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Linda Spencer, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director, was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Board comment

No comments.

Celebrations

Congratulations to the following:

Performers of the High School Play and Mrs. Zavadil

Business Professionals of America National Qualifiers in Boston, Massachusetts: Lexy Larson-Administrative Support Team, Genna Crom-Administrative Support Team and Administrative Support Concepts, Shea Sears – Administrative Support Team, Mac Daffer – Administrative Support Team, Lindie Strickler – Medical Office Procedures.

Special Olympic State Basketball Qualifiers: Devin Fichter – 1st, Logan Jurey – 2nd, Jay Morgan – 4th

Hometown Pride Grant of \$14, 050.

Fremont County Spelling Bee Winners – 4th grade Seth Ettleman (2nd), Jazelyn Alvarez (3rd); 6th grade Tayleigh Huntley (2nd); 7th grade Tia McClane (2nd) Overall Runner-up; 8th grade Abrianna Hendrix(1st) Fremont County Champion.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:31 p.m. was made by Director Daly with second by Director Holt. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be April 18, 2016

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