

## **Sidney Community School District**

### **Budget Hearing 2016-17**

**April 10, 2016 7:00 p.m. Board Room, 2754 Knox Road**

#### Call meeting to order and determine a quorum

The budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham and Mike Daly. Director Larry Holt arrived at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, JH/HS Principal Bill Huntington, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

#### Recognition of guests

There were three guests present.

#### Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Daly. Motion carried.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

#### Budget 2016-17 Public Comment

Mr. Cruickshank shared with the Board different scenarios for the adoption of budget and tax rates.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was made by Director Daly with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

### **Strategy Session**

**April 10, 2016 – Immediately following Public Hearing**

**Board Room, 2754 Knox Road**

A strategy session was held to discuss collective bargaining with the Sidney Education Association. The meeting was exempt from Iowa Open Meeting Law.

### **Special Meeting/Work Session**

**April 10, 2016 – Immediately following Strategy Session**

**Board Room 2754 Knox Road**

#### Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 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, JH/HS Principal Bill Huntington, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

#### Recognition of guests and public comment

There were three guests present.

#### Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### Discussion/Action

- a. Administrative configuration and staffing 2016/17

Principal considerations at the elementary building were discussed for 2016/17 school year.

A possible three way share of the superintendent position between Sidney, South Page and Griswold was discussed.

- b. Staffing

Additional staffing needs at the Jr./Sr. High were discussed. Math classes and Physical Education classes indicated a need for either additional part-time or full-time instructors.

The Board would like to continue with the Externship Program and the Sr. High. Consensus was given for John Davis to coordinate the program and continue as mentor to Guidance Counselor Kelli Urton.

Mr. Huntington discussed with the Board the possible need for two paid Assistant Softball Coaches for the summer. He also visited with the Board about the Assistant Baseball Coach opening and the Co-Head Football and Basketball Cheer Coach opening.

- c. Busses

Farragut District has a 2013 65 passenger bus and a 2013 84 passenger bus with cargo space available for purchase.

- d. Space Utilization

Mr. Huntington discussed possible ways to use available space to accommodate the classroom needs for next year.

- e. Meeting with Hamburg Board

A joint meeting of the Sidney and Hamburg Boards will be held to discuss attendance centers for 2016-17.

f. Budget 2016/17

Motion to approve the 2016/17 Budget with a maximum rate of 14.4894 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

g. Other items

Discussion about extra equipment inventory in the athletic department and transportation as it pertains to open enrollment.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:27 p.m. was made by Director Daly with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0