

**Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Calendar Hearing
Monday, April 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. 2754 Knox Road**

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

President Heidi Lowthorp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, Larry Holt and Mike Daly (by telephone). Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, 7-12 Principal Bill Huntington, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Approve agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Holt. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.
- Public Hearing and Comment – 2016/17 Calendar.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda

Immediately Following Calendar Hearing

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

President Heidi Lowthorp called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, Larry Holt and Mike Daly (by telephone). Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, 7-12 Principal Bill Huntington, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Recognition of guests and public comment

There were seven guests present. No public comment.

Approve agenda

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

Approve minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from March regular meeting and April 10 budget hearing/strategy session/special meeting was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Consider bills to be paid

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

Financials

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

Audience

Scott Hummel – Property, casualty, workman’s comp insurance policies

Mr. Hummel was present and discussed with the Board option for insurance renewal for 2016/17. He shared new information on cyber insurance policies.

Reports

Due to the absence of Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Shannon Wehling presented the PK-6 Principal report.

Mr. Huntington presented the 7-12 Principal report.

Mr. Curickshank presented the Superintendent report:

Discussion

Sharing, partnerships, programs

Dissolution of Farragut assets, liabilities and equipment will be discussed at a meeting between Sidney, Shenandoah, Hamburg Superintendents and Dr. Plugge on April 22. Open enrollment issues will be discussed.

Spanish sharing between Sidney, Essex and South Page is confirmed for 2016/17. There is interest from Underwood, CAM and Mormon Trail to also share Spanish.

Board presidents and superintendents from Sidney and Hamburg met to discuss a high school program for 2016-17.

Joint meeting with Fremont-Mills and Sidney has yet to be set.

Staffing

Interviews for elementary teachers will begin April 18.

Additional physical education, JH math, technology and high school core teachers (math, science, social studies, language arts) positions were discussed.

Space Utilization

Mr. Huntington presented plans to utilize available space as classrooms for Vog-Ag, Automotive and Wrestling. The Board also agreed to proceed with plans to obtain a portable classroom for additional space.

Fire Alarm Panel JH/HS

The control panel was damaged beyond repair during the recent power outage by Atchinson-Holt Electric. Feld Security Systems has installed a temporary panel, but a new panel needs to be purchased. A claim has been submitted to Hummel/EMC Insurance to see if replacement can be partially covered.

Discussion/Action

Administrations considerations 2016/17

Motion to advertise for 3/5 time Elementary Interim Principal for the 2016/17 school year and hire Shannon Wehling as full time head teacher was made by Director Ettlman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

The Board approved by consensus to begin advertising for Elementary Special Education Instructor.

It was determined to discontinue discussion with Griswold concerning sharing of Superintendents for 2016/17.

Human Resource Sharing

Motion to advertise for 25-40 hour position to maintain school website, assist Business Manager and perform clerical duties was made by Director Ettlman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Automotives sharing 28E

Motion to approve a 28E agreement with the Shenandoah District for Automotives Program for 2016/17 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Bus purchase

Motion to approve a four year loan from Great Western Bank for \$100,000 at 3.26% interest to purchase two buses from the Farragut School District was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion to accept the proposed agreement with the Sidney Education Association for a base salary increase of \$1,000 to \$40,825 with a total package increase of \$72,466 and a 3.089% increase was made by Director Holt with second by Director Ettlman. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Educational Transitions Contracted Service

Motion to accept the proposed contract with John Davis as Externship Consultant for the Educational Transitions program for three days a month at \$1200 per month was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

IASB Membership

Motion to renew membership with the Iowa Association of School Boards for the 2016/17 school year at a cost of \$1,922 was made by Director Ettlman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Calendar 2016/17

Motion to accept the 2016/17 School Calendar as proposed was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Summer Coaching

Motion to hire one High School Assistant Softball Coach for summer 2016 was made by Director Daly with second by Director Ettlman. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

The Board declined to hire coaches for Junior High Baseball and Softball for the summer 2016.

Action

Resignation of personnel

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Rachel Marion as National Honor Society Sponsor and Junior High Student Council Sponsor was made by Director Ettlman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Heather Slater as Individual and Large Group Speech Coach was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Employment

Motion to hire Cameron Johnson as National Honor Society Sponsor, Junior High Student Council Sponsor and Marching Band Flag Coordinator was made by Director Ettlman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to hire Suzanne Hall as High School Football and Basketball Co-Cheer Coach was made by Director Graham with second by Director Holt. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to hire Carrie Hardy as High School Wrestling Cheer Coach was made by Director Ettlman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to hire Mason Sheldon as Assistant High School Baseball Coach was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Motion to hire Lindsey Holt at Assistant Softball Coach was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Accessibility lift JH/HS

Decision to purchase a lift was tabled due to pending purchase of a portable lift.

Board Comment

The Board was reminded of the Junior High/Senior High School Rodeo being held at the Legion Rodeo Grounds April 22-24.

Celebrations

Congratulations to:

Elementary Science Club was awarded "Engineering is Elementary" program from STEM Scale Up Grant.

Thank you to Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Zavadil for entertaining Elementary Spring Concert

92% Attendance at the Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you to Dawn Miller, Sidney Public Librarian, for all of her hard work towards the success of the "Grand" Event Scholastic Book Fair held at the elementary.

Battle of the Books competition at the elementary between Sidney, Fremont-Mills and Nishnabotna 4-6th graders. Sidney's team of Ray Feek, Kelly Holt, Ryan Holt and Seth Ettlman placed third in the championship round.

Preschool Round-Up 2016 was well attended.

Todd Becker presentation to high school students and community.

Successful Prom and After-Prom 2016

Lexy Larson competed on the 1A Grey Team in basketball at the IGCA Larry Niemeyer All Star Game.

Girls are track champions at the Red Oak and Griswold Track & Field Relays.

Lexy Larsen set Shenandoah track record in the 100 meter dash.

MacKenzie Daffer set the Shenandoah record in the 400 m low hurdles.

Jaden Daffer set the Sidney Schools record in the 100 m hurdles.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Board of Directors Strategy Session

Immediately following Regular Meeting

Negotiations with the Sidney classified staff were discussed. This meeting is exempt from Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on May 16, 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.