

SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
“We hold tomorrow in our hands.”

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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Boardroom – 2754 Knox Road

1. **Call meeting to order and determine a quorum**
2. **Approve Agenda**
3. **Audience/discussion**
Travis Squires/Piper-Jaffray – facilities and infrastructure financial resource capacity
4. **Recognition of guests and public comment** – the Board may allow up to 5 minutes for citizens to discuss school matters with the Board. More time may be granted at the discretion of the Board. Discussing personnel matters relating to performance and evaluation are prohibited by the Board. Such matters shall be appropriately considered by the administration and resolved according to Board Policy and Iowa Administrative Code.
5. **Approve minutes** – September regular meeting
6. **Consider bills to be paid**
7. **Financials**
8. **Reports**
Elementary Principal
Junior High-High School Principal
Superintendent
9. **Discussion**
 - a. School/community weight room/fitness center update and considerations
 - b. Financial update and enrollment
 - c. Rural School Advocates of Iowa legislative priorities for 2017
10. **Discussion/action**
 - a. Equipment breakdown insurance
 - b. Modified allowable growth/supplemental state aid – special education deficit
 - c. Home school assistance contract
 - d. Class activity accounts
11. **Action**
 - a. Employment of personnel
12. **Board comment**
13. **Celebrations**
14. **Adjournment**

Annotated agenda

Travis Squires/Piper-Jaffray

- Mr. Squires has been moved up on the agenda because he is on a very tight schedule. He is presenting to another school Monday night.
- Mr. Squires will share information on short, medium, and long term financial capacity projections relating to future facilities/infrastructure needs and possible projects.
- Raymond and I had a discussion about facilities and planning in the last few days. He shared his thoughts on priorities. He and I believe a voted PPEL is very important to maintain facilities into the future. Does the board want to have a work session focused on short, medium, and long term facility planning with Raymond and the administration?

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director – enclosed

Junior High/High School Principal – will be emailed and hard copies shared at the meeting.

Superintendent

- **Enclosed** is the presentation Paul Croghan, Essex/East Mills Superintendent, Chris Herrick, Fremont-Mills/Stanton Superintendent, Denise Green, South Page Pk – 12 Principal, and I shared at the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Human Relations Conference. The presentation was also shared at the School Administrators of Iowa Conference in August.
- **Enclosed** is information for school board convention on November 16 and 17, and an IASB board learning opportunity on November 24.
- Heidi and I meet with Dave Mincer and Dr. Wells Tuesday, October 18.

Discussion

School/Community weight room/fitness center update and considerations

- **Enclosed** is a proposal for an air conditioning unit and installation.
- A consideration to increase restroom access, and limit access to the entire building at all hours, is to establish hours the facility is open. A consideration Ray Moreland and I have discussed is to open the facility from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Males and females would have access to gender appropriate restrooms – males in the basement and females on the main floor.
- Other items for discussion?

Financial update and enrollment - enclosed

- An updated unspent authorized budget report and an explanation of the line items. The 2016 number is very close to accurate and based on submission of all financial reports to the Iowa Department of Education. Do not pay attention to 2017 as there is not enough information to make a rough estimate.
- Miscellaneous income and general fund expenditure reports for 2016 and 2015, and special education certification reports for 2016 and 2015. Information from these reports will be cross walked to the unspent authorized budget report.
- Updated enrollment information based on submission of the certified enrollment report will be shared at the meeting. Certified enrollment is due Saturday, October 15 and is not official until all districts have certified. **It appears K – 12 served enrollment increased from 391 students in 2015 – 16 to 471 students in 2016 – 17, an increase of 80.**
- Last month information was shared on funds, their appropriate uses, tax history, General Fund unspent authorized budget history, and General Fund cash balance history. The information from last month and this month will be compiled into a Google folder and a Word folder for Board member reference.

Summary thoughts on General Fund 2015 to 2016

- General fund expenditures increased \$382,562. This was largely due to increased staffing and payroll.
- Despite the increase in expenditures, budget authority increased \$68,509 due to three main reasons.
 1. Line 3 reflects operational sharing funding and funding generated for shared teachers and programs. In 2015 the district was shorted funding for 13 students for operational sharing by the Iowa Department of Education. This was made up to the district in FY 2016 and is reflected on line 24 (\$80,427). This created a **\$169,559 one time increase** in authority (176,549+ 80,427 – 87,417).
 2. Line 18 reflects the district receiving authority because the resident student served enrollment went up 31 students. Funding is received this year (this is reflected in line 1, FY 17 and also rolls in new students through redistricting). **\$181,468 increase**
 3. Line 30, miscellaneous income, **increased \$185,289**. This was largely a result of increased open enrollment.

Rural School Advocates of Iowa legislative priorities for 2017

- RSAI held their annual meeting October 12.
- **Enclosed** are the four legislative priorities for 2017.

Discussion/action

Equipment breakdown insurance

- There was discussion last month about what is covered, especially technology repair.
- **Enclosed** is information that was shared in June.
- It appears technology repairs alone will make this policy a good value for the district.

Modified allowable growth/supplemental state aid - special education deficit

- The summary of the special education balance was included with the financial information.
- Special education deficits are funded with property taxes.
- This gives the district budget authority for the deficit.
- **A motion is needed should the Board so choose to ask the School Budget Review Committee for modified allowable growth/supplemental state aid in the amount of \$324,034.98 for the 2016 special education deficit.**

Home school assistance contract - enclosed

- Mr. Buttry is the home school assistance teacher for three siblings home schooled and open enrolled into the district.
- The district receives .3 funding for each student (\$1,981).
- This is the same contract the district has entered into with Debra Shearer for home school assistance.
- **Motion to approve if the Board so chooses.**

Class activity accounts

- **Information enclosed** from Jennifer.

Action

Employment of personnel

- Stacey Moreland, Teacher Associate. **Motion to approve.**
- Blaine Moreland, Part-time Custodian. **Motion to approve.**

Board Comment

Celebrations

Adjournment