

Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
November 21, 2016 7:00 p.m. 1004 Illinois

Call meeting to order and determine a quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Heidi Lowthorp. Directors present were Heidi Lowthorp, Alisha Ettleman, Erika Graham, Mike Daly, and Matt McLaren. Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, 7-12 Principal Bill Huntington, PK-6 Principal Carolyn Maher, Business Manager Jennifer Maher, Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Recognition of guests and public comment

There were eleven guests and no public comment.

Approve agenda

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

Approve October minutes

Motion to approve the October regular meeting minutes was made by Director Daly with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Consider bill to be paid

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

Financials

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

Audiences

Elementary teachers Allison Gregg, Libby Weber, Meagan Poe, and Tammy Lee were present to demonstrate the Smart Boards recently installed in their classrooms.

Discussion-facilities

Maintenance Director Ray Moreland shared thoughts on facility repairs, maintenance, and possible major projects with the Board. At the December meeting facility considerations and projects will be prioritized. There was discussion on gathering public input on short term, medium term, and long term facilities priorities.

Jamie Nennemann was present and discussed security cameras and equipment for the elementary gym and the school/community fitness area.

Administrative reports

Mrs. Maher, Elementary Principal, presented her report.

Mr. Huntington, Jr/Sr High Principal, presented his report

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent report.

Discussion

Staffing

Mrs. Maher and Mr. Huntington discussed the future needs for additional teaching and support staff at both buildings for the 2017-18 school year.

The need for a school librarian for the 2017-18 school year was also discussed. Advertising for the position will begin in January.

Advertising for an Elementary Principal for the 2017-18 school year will begin in December.

Discussion/Action

Modified Allowable Growth/Supplemental State Aid—Increasing Enrollment

Motion to ask the School Budget Review Committee for modified allowable growth/supplemental state aid in the amount of \$165,735.30 for the increased enrollment of 25.1 students for fiscal year of 2017 was made by Director Graham with second by Director Daly. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Fremont County Conference Board Appointment

Motion to appoint Matt McLaren to the Fremont County Conference Board was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Ipad Proposal

Motion to purchase an additional Ipad 20 device station for the Title 1 classroom at a cost of \$7,480 was made by Director Daly with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Collective Bargaining

Motion to recognize the Sidney Education Association as the collective bargaining unit for certified staff was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion to appoint Mike Daly and Alisha Ettleman to the Board Negotiations Team was made by Director Graham with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Action

Employment of Personnel

Motion to hire Steve Thatcher as JH/HS Special Education Teacher Associate was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Resignation

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Gloria Kemper effective December 9, 2016 was made by Director Ettleman with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Board Comment

Director Lowthorp will not be able to attend the December or January Hamburg Board meetings.

Celebrations

Congratulations to:

- Elementary PBIS program was highlighted in the *Sidney Argus Herald* and *Shenandoah Valley News*.
- Junior High Football finished with a 6-0 undefeated season.
- State Cross Country Qualifiers: Adam Thompson (finished 41st) and Vanessa Belt.
- High School Football finished with a 6-3 season.
- District Football 1st Team picks were Bryce Moran, Sergio Rodriguez, Bryson Duncan and Cameron Whitehead; 2nd Team pick was Trevor Wolford; Honorable Mention picks were Brady Lorimor, Thomas Wilson and Brad Clark.
- High School Volleyball 2nd straight Regional Champions and State Volleyball Qualifiers.
- Corner Conference Volleyball 1st Team picks were Jaden Daffer (Elite), Camryn McClintock (Elite) and Olivia Larsen; 2nd Team picks were Kelsey Hobbie and Cassidy Hobbie.
- Masen Maher selected to the Elite Team Cinch in barrel racing to represent Iowa in the national finals.
- Business Professionals of America finishers at IWCC competition were 3rd place Jaden Wallace for APPerel App; 2nd place Presley Brumbaugh and Myrna Rodriguez for a virtual reality app for concerts; 1st place Cody Dupre and Olivia Larsen with Miniscus (an insole in shoes that creates energy as you walk).
- Cancer Awareness Dance at the High School raised \$350.00.
- Iowa Honor Cheer Squad participants Kirsten Hall and Christine Rost performed at state football championships.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. was made by Director Daly with second by Director Ettleman. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on December 19, 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.