**Sidney Community School District**

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**

**December 21, 2016 7:00 p.m. 2754 Knox Road**

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lowthorp. Directors present were President Heidi Lowthorp, Erika Graham, Mike Daly and Matt McLaren. Director absent was Vice President Alisha Ettleman.

Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, 7-12 Principal Bill Huntington, PK-6 Principal Carolyn Maher, Business Manager Jennifer Maher and Board Secretary Janet Lemrick.

Recognition of guests and public comment

There were 6 guests present.

Iowa House Representative David Sieck, from Glenwood, visited with the Board concerning legislative priorities for the 2017 session.

Approve agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Daly with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Approve minutes

Motion to approve the November regular meeting minutes was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Consider bills to be paid

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

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Financials

Legal action against delinquent family meal account balances was discussed. The Board gave permission, by consensus, for the Business Manager to notify families of pending legal action if accounts are not kept paid.

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Director Graham with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Reports

Mrs. Maher presented the PK-6 report

Mr. Huntington presented the 7-12 report.

Mr. Cruickshank presented the Superintendent report.

Discussion

Staffing

Candidates have been interviewed for the 20 hour per week kitchen worker and the job has been offered to a candidate.

An additional JH/HS Special Education instructor will need to be hired for the 2017-18 year. Advertising for the position has begun.

Two associates have been hired, one for the elementary and one for the junior high/high school

Technology/Librarian Susy Clayton may be interested in continuing to work past this year.

The High School Speech Coach position is still open. An option is a shared program with Fremont-Mills.

The 2017-18 Elementary Principal position has advertisements running in Teach Iowa and Iowa REAP. Applications will be taken until December 23, 2016. Board members will each review applicants and select finalists to interview. Three to four interview groups will need to be selected and a timeline for interviews and procedures was discussed.

Facilities

The Board continued discussion on annual facility upgrades that can be paid through State Penny and Board approved PPEL revenues. Larger upgrades that will require a bond issue and/or Voter approved PPEL also discussed. Community input on priorities/considerations and funding sources for facility upgrades was also discussed. The Board decided to run a Voted PPEL referendum on April 4. A community meeting will be held sometime in March in conjunction with the annual SIAC meeting.

Troy Graen, Riser, Inc., sent information on the JH/HS bleachers. The Board approved by consensus to install hand rails on the high school gym bleachers at $200 each for 16-18 handrails.

Discussion/Action

Modified supplemental amount-at risk and dropout prevention

Motion to ask the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount (funding and budget authority) of $62,744 for at risk and dropout prevention programs for 2017-18 was made by Director Graham with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Elementary Gym Security

Motion to accept the $13,550 proposal from Bitwind (James Nennemann) for security cameras for the elementary gym was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Policy Review

Motion to approve review of policies 100, 101, 103, 200, 202, 204, 205, and 206 was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Action

Employment of personnel

Motion to hire Randy Beck as Elementary Special Education Associate was made by Director Graham with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to hire Casey Cruickshank as Junior/Senior High Special Education Associate was made by Director Daly with second by Director Graham. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to hire Jeanine Rook as a Part Time Cook was made by Director Daly with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to approve Dustin Sheldon as a Volunteer High School Girls Basketball Coach was made by Director Graham with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Board Comment

The January regular meeting date will be Monday, January 23, 2017.

Celebrations

Masen Maher was selected from 1500 applicants to participate in the Elite Rodeo Clinic at Sky Ranch in Texas.

Congratulations to the Elementary and High School Choir and Bands on their Christmas Concert performances. Special thanks to Nicole Zavadil and Pam Lewis for leading our students.

Thank you to the students performing the National Anthem during home games.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. was made by Director Daly with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4

Nays 0

Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on January 23, 2017

*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.*