Sidney Community School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 20, 2020  6:00 pm   2754 Knox Road
Call meeting to order and determine quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ettleman. Directors present were Alisha Ettleman, Matt McLaren, Renee Johnson and Justin Travis. Director Shad Smith was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tim Hood, Secondary Principal Kim Payne, Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling and Board Secretary Jane Lemrick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment

There were six guests present.

Jo Strinz questioned the Board on progress with aligning curriculum and expectations between Hamburg and Sidney so that student transitions were easier.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, minutes from June 15 and June 29 meetings, financials and bills was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4  Nays 0

Reports

Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Wehling presented the Principal reports. Back to school registration will be mostly on-line this year during the week of August 3-7. Payments will also be on-line through JMC parent access.

No Maintenance or Technology Director reports.

Tim Lemrick, Transportation presented his report.

Mr. Hood presented the Superintendent report.

Updates on the Bond progress was discussed.

The tuition agreement between Sidney and Hamburg was discussed.

Return To Learn Plans were discussed. Mr. Hood wanted to thank the participating staff members for all their work over the last several weeks towards developing a plan.

Discussion

A. Discussion of Award of Contract for the Jr/Sr High, Pre-Engineered Metal Building Package

David Dominguez and Rick Hauptman with Boyd Jones were present to go over the bid process on the metal CTE building.

David Dominguez and Rick Hauptman representing Boyd Jones were present to go over the bids received and their recommendations for proceeding.

B. Open Public Hearing on the Plans, Specification, Form of Contract and Estimated Total Cost for the Sidney Community School District Elementary and Jr/Sr High Building Additions and Renovations

Motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:26 pm was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Travis. Motion carried. Ayes 4  Nays 0

This being the time and place fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total costs for the Sidney Community School District Elementary and Jr/Sr High Building Additions and Renovations Project, the President called for any oral objections to the adoption of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total costs. No oral objections were offered and the Secretary reported that no written objections thereto had been filed.

C. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the public hearing at 6:28 pm was made by Director Johnson with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4  Nays 0

The President declared the hearing closed.

D. Instructional Support Levy Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Levy Program

The Board discussed continuing to participate in the Instructional Support Levy Program.

E. AIA Form of Construction Manager Agreement with Boyd Jones

The Board discussed the AIA form of Construction Manager Agreement.

F. IPADS/Chromebooks

It is recommended to purchase 40 additional Chromebooks and 110 IPADs in preparation for returning to school, allowing each child their own device.

G. Promethean/Smart Boards

It was recommended the addition of 2 Promethean boards at the elementary for classroom use.

H. Legislative Priorities
Legislative priorities for the 2020-21 year was discussed.

I. First Reading Board Policy 704.21
   The first reading of policy 704.21 Bond Disclosure was discussed.

J. Superintendent Sharing
   The superintendent shared contract with South Page and East Mills was discussed.

Action Items
   A. Approval of Contract for the Jr/Sr High, Pre-Engineered Metal Building Package
      Motion to award the contract for the Jr/Sr High, Pre-Engineered Metal Building package to Anderson Construction out of Council Bluffs for $603,306 was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

   B. Deliberation/Action on Resolution Formally Approving and Adopting the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and the Estimated Total Cost of the Sidney Community School District Elementary and Jr/Sr High Additions and Renovations
      Upon discussion and deliberation of the information received at the Public Hearing, Board Member Johnson introduced the following Resolution and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member McLaren seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes-Ettleman, McLaren, Johnson, Travis Nays-none
      Whereupon, the President declared the following Resolution duly adopted:
      RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF THE SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT.
      WHEAREAS, on the 20th Day of July, 2020, the tentative plans, specifications, form of contract and the estimated total costs were filed with the Secretary for the construction of certain improvements described in general as the Sidney Community School District Sidney Community School District Elementary and Jr/Sr High Building Addition and Renovations Project; and
      WHEREAS, a notice of hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total cost for said public improvements was published as required by law:
      NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF FREMONT, STATE OF IOWA;
      Section 1. That the said plans, specifications, form of contract and the estimated total cost for the Sidney Community School District Junior/Senior High School Pre-engineered Metal Building Addition are hereby approved and adopted as the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost for said public improvement, as described in the preamble of this Resolution.

   C. Approval of Instructional Levy Resolution to Continue in the ISL Program
      The President of the Board called up for consideration the Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program which requires that a public hearing be held on this proposal. Director McLaren introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Travis seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes-Ettleman, McLaren, Johnson, Travis Nays-none
      The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:
      RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM
      WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that to continue the current level of services and to fund the ongoing program of the School District, continuation of participation in the Instructional Support Program for a period of five years is necessary and in the best interests of the District and its residents and students; and
      WHEARAS, the Board of Directors wishes to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa; and
      WHEREAS, the authorization for the current Instructional Support Program will expire on June 30, 2021; and
      WHEREAS, this Resolution sets forth the proposal of the Board of Directors, including the method that will be used to fund the program; and
      WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public hearing must be published:
      NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:
      1. The Board of Directors wishes to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa for a period of five years, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
      2. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year shall be determined annually and shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program.

   D. Approval of AIA Form for Construction manager Agreement with Boyd-Jones
Motion to approve the AIA Form for construction manager agreement with Boyd-Jones was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

E. Approval of IPADS/Chromebooks
Motion to approve the purchase of 40 Chromebooks and 110 IPADS for student use was made by Director Travis with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

F. Approval of Promethean/Smart Boards
Motion to purchase 2 Promethean Boards for instructional use at the elementary was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Travis. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

G. Approval Legislative Priorities
Motion to submit to the Legislation the following priorities for the 2020-21 year was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Travis. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0
1) Preschool-supports continued funding to ensure that all 4 and 5 years olds have access to the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program
2) Mental Health-supports efforts to establish comprehensive community health systems to offer preventative and treatment services and comprehensive school mental health programs.
3) Teacher Recruitment & Licensure-supports additional tools to attract individuals to the teaching profession, especially for teacher shortage areas.
4) School Funding Policy-supports a school foundation formula

H. Approval of Activity Class Fund Transfer
Motion to approve the transfer of class activity funds was made by Director Travis with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

I. Approval of Level I Investigator
Motion to approve Jessica Athen and Ashton Luke as Level I investigators for the 2020-21 school year was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Travis. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

J. Approval of Level II Investigator
Motion to approve the Fremont County Sheriff’s office as Level II investigators for the 2020-21 school year was made by Director Travis with second by Director McLaren. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

K. Approval of Homeless Coordinator
Motion to approve Jessica Athen as Homeless Coordinator for 2020-21 school year was made by Director Johnson with second by Director Travis. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

L. Approval of Superintendent Sharing
Motion to approve a three year shared superintendent contract with South Page and East Mills was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

M. Resignation of Personnel
No resignations for approval.

N. Approval of Personnel
No hires for approval.

Board Comments
Alumni Roger Van Ness donated to the school a 1940 Annual (yearbook) that belong to his father.

Celebrations
Baseball team was Corner Conference Champions
Baseball team was Runner-Up District Champions
Baseball Corner Conference Selections – 1st Team: Cole Stenzel (Elite), Leighton Whipple; 2nd Team: Garett Phillips, Brett Gruber, Will Oswald; Honorable Mention: Brydon Huntley
Softball Corner Conference Selections – 1st Team: Jolie Sheldon (Elite), Olivia Larsen (Elite), Danica Laumann (Elite); 2nd Team: Makenna Laumann, Fallon Sheldon; Honorable Mention: Sidnie Baier

Successful bidding of first bond for school upgrades.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm was made by Director McLaren with second by Director Travis. Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

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.

Next regular scheduled board meeting will be held on August 17, 2020