

Sidney Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
April 9, 2024 6:15 pm 2754 Knox Road

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Board Secretary Randy Albright called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice-President Justin Travis, Directors: Darynn Ruiz, Teresa Graham and Megan Franks. Also present were, Superintendent Tim Hood, Secondary Principal Kim Payne, K-6 Principal Shannon Wehling, and Business Manager Bailey McNees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

5 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Graham. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Bailey McNees asked Board members if they had any questions concerning bills and financials. McNees also added that there was a BPA fundraiser. El Portal BPA Service Night in Nebraska City- 10% of all proceeds go to the Sidney BPA for Nationals.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March regular meeting, special meetings, fundraisers, bills, and financials was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Franks. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Mrs. Wehling presented the PK-6 report. Parent/Teacher conferences held on March 27th 8am-8pm. Elementary had 89% attendance rate. ISASP will be administered April 9th – 12th. 2024 Conditions for Learning Survey will be administered on April 19th. All public schools in Iowa use an online survey to assess the conditions for learning in their school for students in grades 3-12. PK3/4 Round Up will be on May 9th from 9-11am. Kindergarten Round Up will be on May 10th from 8:30 – 11 am. Enrollment up 1 student from last month. Discussed Open positions and Future Dates.

Mrs. Payne presented the Junior/Senior High report. Parent/Teacher conferences held on March 27th 8am-8pm. The third quarter attendance rate was 29% compared to 42% in first quarter. This is right on par. Parents have access to grades and assignment through JMC all the time during the school year reason for low attendance at Jr/SR High level. In full swing for ISASP testing will be finishing test the rest of this week. Enrollment is steady. Discussed open positions, happy to announce we hired a full-time HS day custodian. Discussed upcoming extracurricular activities and upcoming dates, excited to show off our new track facility next week.

Dustin Dunkeson presented the Maintenance Report. Water fix in works with Boyd-Jones and Camblin. Hired a new Jr/Sr High day Custodian. Doing a great job. Getting ball fields prepped for season and starting to mow. Had a visit from the Fire Marshall. Did a walk through the buildings and received a Compliance Report on what needs fixed. 50 % on what is on report is already fixed. No major issues. Have submitted the Compliance Report to the Fire Marshall.

Mr. Lemrick presented Transportation Report. Lift bus can't find one that fits with IA codes. Getting lease option bids from Bluebird/Thomas. Electric buses working great. Drivers love the seatbelts and the kids are calmer on the buses.

Mr. Lang presented AD/Extra Curricular report. Spring home events next week. Jr/Sr High Track meets and HS Golf meet. Attended AD convention in Iowa City. Learned a lot. Mr. Lang commented on Mrs. Payne's hard work in receiving the Safety Security Grant. Board congratulated Mrs. Payne on her persistence and effort getting the Grant.

Mr. Tim Hood presented the Superintendent report. Bond Update: None
Pre-school playground Update: Have a couple of avenues in mind gathering information to present to board shortly.

Summer Projects Update: High School will be doing flooring and painting rooms.

Concession Stand Update: Getting bids, project projected to be done October 1st, 2024.

Discussion

No Alternatives/Deductions.

2024 Graduates for Commencement on May 19- Mrs. Payne asked approval of graduation for 28 students pending completing graduation requirements.

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025-Transportation Director with Red Oak- Mr. Hood

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025 East Mills- Media Specialist. East Mills Holds the Contract on Maintenance Director, Superintendent, HR and SBO - Mr. Hood, adding HR and doing away with Maintenance Director Sharing Agreement for 2024-25 School year.

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025 Shenandoah- Automotive- Mr. Hood, putting on hold still working on details of Shared Agreement.

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025 Fremont Mills- Elementary Art and Nursing and Wrestling. FM Holds the Contract on Secondary Art. - Mr. Hood

SIAC Committee Members Discussion to be Approved at May Board Meeting-Mrs.

Wehling/Mrs. Payne needing 2 board members to join the leadership team meeting. Director Franks and Director Graham volunteered to be on Committee.

Resolution to Move Safety Equipment Expenses out of Activity Fund to General Fund. Mr. Hood/Mr. Lang

DCAP Presentation. Mrs. Payne, Offering career opportunities for student 7th – 12th grade.

Sidney received a score of 25 and the average score for IA schools was 22. Need to improve work base learning.

Board Policies: 405.2, 411.2, 507.8R1, 704.1, 704.06R1, 704.6, 706.1, 706.2, 706.3, 706.3. R1, 707.1, 707.1, 707.4, and 707.6.

Rescinded Policies Are: 504.5, 504.5R1, 707.02, 707.03.

Action Items

The following items were approved by the Board: 5 ayes to 0 nays.

The 2nd Public Hearing for 2024-2025 (April 23, 2024 at 6pm) Sidney CSD Budget.

2024 Graduates for Commencement on May 19 for the 28 students pending completion of graduation requirements.

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025-Transportation Director with Red Oak

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025 East Mills- Media Specialist. East Mills Holds the Contract on Superintendent, HR and SBO. Not sharing Maintenance Director.

Sharing Agreement 2024-2025 Shenandoah- Automotive, board in favor, on hold until details of agreement are worked out.

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Approval of Resignation of Personnel

The following resignations were approved by the Board: 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Randall Albright Assistant Football Coach

Rebecca Straw Elementary Para

Approval of Personnel

The following hiring were approved by the Board: 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Stephen Bailey Jr/Sr High Custodian

Board Comments

- 2nd Public Hearing for 2024-2025 (April 23, 2024 at 6pm) Sidney CSD Budget-Mr. Hood/Mrs. McNeas
- May Board Meeting May 14 at 6pm

Celebrations

- Sidney art students did a fantastic job at the Corner Conference Art Fair this year. Received 89 Total ribbons: 26 First place ribbons, 18 Second Place Ribbons, 16 Third place ribbons and 29 Honorable Mention Ribbons.
- Students from Sidney High School and Fremont-Mills High School attended the Women in Business conference at Arbor Bank in Omaha, NE, on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. A BIG Thank You to Arbor Bank, Kassie Jorgenson, and her panel of women in business. It was a great experience for the young ladies.
- The Sidney HS students performed a Musical called “The Newsies Jr.” The cast directed by Nicole Zavadil did a Wonderful job!
- The United Faith Church Fish Fry fundraiser made over \$2900 which the church has graciously donated to the Jr. High/High School.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried. 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 meeting will be held on May 14, 2024.