

Sidney Community School District

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

April 23rd, 2025 2754 Knox Road Sidney, IA 51652

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Board Secretary Bailey McNees called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, Directors: Megan Franks, Teresa Graham and Darynn Ruiz. Also present were Superintendent Michael Brown, and Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling. Absent was Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

8 guests. No public comment.

Public Presenters

Rhett and Mindy Goy with Nishna Insurance presented a mock insurance package to the board.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Reviewed March board meeting minutes.

Mrs. McNees presented the bills, financial reports, fundraisers, and open enrollments to the board. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice-President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Joint Elementary & JH/HS Report: Mrs. Wehling reported both the elementary and secondary reports in Mrs. Payne's absence. She spoke on the attendance numbers for spring parent teacher conferences. ISASP scores are starting to come in, and will report on those when they are all in. High School finished testing before spring break. Mrs. Wehling covered the open positions at both buildings and a few plans moving forward for some open positions. She informed the board of the upcoming dates for both buildings.

Maintenance Report: Mr. Salinas presented the maintenance report. He let the board know that he is working on bids for repairs on the elementary. Concession stand progress is looking good. Starting preparations on the baseball field and practice fields.

Transportation Report: Mr. Lemrick presented the transportation report. Got through the majority of the major repairs on buses and vans. Discussed the need for new tires coming up and a few repairs that need to be done on van 3.

AD/Extra Curricular Report: Mr. Lang presented the AD report. Mr. Lang personally thanked Roger, Tim, and Troy for all of their hard work in preparing the track for the track meets that are taking place. Mentioned some beneficial things that he took away from the AD conference - will have more information moving forward after further research. Track and Golf are doing great. Mr. Lang also noted the great news of athletes that have been signing to play at the collegiate level.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brown presented the superintendent report. Mr. Brown spoke about the current bills potentially coming through the legislature, updates on the elementary HVAC, updates on the concession stand, great progress and communication happening with the city regarding the water pressure, updates on the negotiations process with SEA, and asked the board if they were okay with Mr. Brown researching funding options for a potential Daycare/Childcare center.

Approval of Personnel

The following resignations, retirements, and hires were approved by the board. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice-President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Resignation - Jenaë Shough - Elementary

Contract - Samuel Cheadle - High School Social Studies

Contract - Marcia Sunderman - Fourth Grade

Contract - Terry Whitehead - .5 FTE Transportation Director & .5 FTE Auto Teacher

Contract - Kathryn Johnson - 2 FTE Work Based Learning Coordinator

New Business

Discussion and Approval of 2025 Graduates for Commencement on May 18 pending the completion of graduation credits. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of Sharing Agreement for 2025-2026 with East Mills-Superintendent, HR and SBO. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Graham. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of Sharing Agreement for 2025-2026 with Fremont Mills- Elementary Nursing, High School Math, High School Art and Wrestling. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of Electronic Device Handbook Addendum. Motion to approve was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Franks. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of FY26 certified budget setting the levy rate at 13.89. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of 2025-2026 school calendar with the addition of April 20th as a possible snow day and potential early outs on August 25th and August 29th - 2:00 dismissal. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of GHAEA Memorandum of Understanding - Tabled.

Discussion and approval of IWCC Educational Service Agreement. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Ruiz. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of Board Policy updates: 402.2, 501.8, 503.09, 503.09R1, 506.1, 708, 901, 804.2, and 804.06. Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Graham. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Board Comments

Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 12th, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Celebrations

Congratulations to the 2025 Prom King and Queen, Hayden Thompson and Macey Graham!

Mr. Whitehead took students to the SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference held on April 11th at DMACC in Ankeny. Ireland Fry and Mavryc Morgan competed in the Welding Sculpture Division. Ben Kingsolver, Flynt Bell, and Andreas Buttry competed in the Welding Individual Skills Division. Great Job Students!

Sidney High School recently hosted the Corner Conference Art show. Sidney art students did an outstanding job and received a total of 85 ribbons and awards! Kaiden Stockstell received a Best of Show Ribbon in the Advanced Photography division and Macey Graham was selected for the Paul Andrew Clapper Excellence in Art Award for the Beginning

