

**Sidney Community School District
Board of Director Monthly Meeting, February 16, 2026
2754 Knox Road Sidney, IA 51652**

Call meeting to order and determine quorum

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, Directors: Megan Franks, Teresa Graham (via Google Meet), and Mai Le. Also present were Superintendent Michael Brown, Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling and Secondary Principal Kimberly Payne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

13 Guests. No public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Amended Agenda was approved. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Reviewed January board meeting minutes and February board work session minutes. Mr. Brown presented the bills, financial reports, fundraisers, and open enrollments to the board. Motion to approve the consent agenda with the recommendations of Superintendent Brown was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Franks. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Elementary Principal Report: Mrs. Wehling presented the Elementary Report. Presented current enrollment numbers for PK-6th, discussed Winter Fast Assessments, open positions, and future dates.

Junior/Senior High Principal Report: Mrs. Payne presented the Junior/Senior High Report. Presented information regarding Winter FAST Assessments, current enrollment numbers, open positions, and upcoming dates.

Maintenance Report: Mr. Salinas presented the maintenance report. The maintenance department is trying to do more in house projects rather than sending them out to be worked on. Rock was added at the red barn so we can park vehicles there. The lights in the high school gym are being replaced to make sure all lights are working properly. The elementary playground will be getting more grass in the coming weeks. The old concession stand at the football field will become storage and this will be complete soon. We will have the football, baseball, and softball fields overseeded and fertilized.

AD/Extra Curricular Report: Mr. Lang presented the AD/Extra Curricular Report. Winter sports are wrapping up at this time. There has been a lot of improvement throughout the seasons. Spring activities will be starting soon. BPA students are at the state BPA competition, we will know results on Tuesday to see who qualifies for National BPA. We received a grant towards athlete recovery from Shenandoah Medical Center. We received two items from this grant today with a few more items coming into the district in the near future. We are working on summer schedules in hopes of getting this information out to families before summer starts.

Transportation Report: Mr. Whitehead presented the transportation report. Terry talked about a few bus repairs that will need to take place. The state inspection for the fleet will take place on February 25th. The temperature for the e-buses is 15 degrees, if it gets below this temperature we will run the regular buses.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brown presented the Superintendent Report. Bids for the fire suppression system will be opened on Thursday, February 19th. The Budget Workshop will be in Ankeny on February 18th and 19th. The climate surveys have been created and discussions are being held on the surveys. Mr. Brown talked about health insurance quotes for the 2026-2027 school year. The initial bargaining meeting with the teacher's union was held this morning. All of the district policies have been updated and are posted on the district website.

Approval of Personnel

The following resignations and new hires were approved by the board. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis and seconded by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Contract for Christy Briley-School Business Official
Contract for Karen Latimer-1:1 Special Education Para Professional
Contract for Alexis Schebaum-1:1 Special Education Para Professional
Resignation for Alexis Schebaum-1:1 Special Education Para Professional
Resignation for Michael Brown-Board Secretary/Treasurer
Resignation for Nancy Boyle-Elementary Teacher

New Business:

Discussion and approval of Budget Guarantee Resolution - Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of iJag for the 2026-2027 School Year - Tabled to March Meeting

Discussion and approval of 2026 Fair Partnership Agreement with Fremont County Extension - Motion to approve was made by Director Le with a second by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of Sidney CSD At-Risk Plan - Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of Appointment of Christy Briley as Board Secretary/Treasurer - Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays. President Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Christy Briley.

Discussion and approval of removing Randy Albright as a signatory at Arbor Bank - Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval to add Christy Briley as a signatory at Arbor Bank - Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of adding Christy Briley as a signatory at First Interstate Bank - Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Graham. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of Board Policies and Codes: (Policies) 202.2, 406.5, 406.6, 407.5, 501.15, and 802.2 - Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of paying Darla Kirkpatrick per diem for her School Business Official days - Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of bullying report form and exit surveys for students/staff/parents - Motion to approve was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of moving forward with sports cooperative negotiations - Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion of public hearings for budget approval (1st - March 30th and 2nd - April 13th)

Board Comments

Updated Board Meeting Dates:

March 30th at 5:45 pm at JH/HS (Budget Hearing)

April 13th at 5:45 pm at JH/HS (Budget Approval and Regular Meeting)

May 11th at 6 pm at Elementary

Celebrations

- Sidney Jr./Sr. High was honored to welcome Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird to our school! During her visit, students had the opportunity to learn about important issues impacting youth today, including vaping, fentanyl, online safety, and distracted driving. Thank you to Attorney General Bird for taking the time to visit and engage with our students!
- At Sidney, our staff are at the heart of everything we do. Their passion and dedication create a supportive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed. Over the next few weeks, we're proud to celebrate the Cowboys and Cowgirls who make a difference in our school each day. Check them out on the School website and Social Media.
- Congratulations to Myler Maher on receiving her Iowa FFA Degree! The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be bestowed upon an FFA member by the Iowa FFA Association each year. Only 5% of the FFA members in Iowa receive the degree each year.
- Sidney FFA Members attended sub district contests in Essex. Lyla Brooks placed 1st in Ag Sales and Ben Kingsolver placed 2nd in Arc/Mig Welding. Both advanced to Districts in Denison on March 7th. Congratulations and Good Luck Students!

- Special Olympics State Basketball qualifiers are Mallari Olson and Helaena Wheeler.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. was made by Director Franks with a second made by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

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 regular board meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer