

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

**Call meeting to order and determine quorum**

Board Secretary, Christy Briley, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were President Renee Johnson, Vice President Justin Travis, Directors: Megan Franks, Teresa Graham, 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**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Reviewed February board meeting 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 Director Franks with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

**Reports**

Elementary Principal Report: Mrs. Wehling presented the Elementary Report. Presented current enrollment numbers for PK-6th, Preschool Round Up April 16<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten Round Up May 1<sup>st</sup>, open enrollments for next year, discussed open positions, ISASP testing, PIE Fundraiser for playground equipment, and future dates.

Junior/Senior High Principal Report: Mrs. Payne presented the Junior/Senior High Report. Presented information regarding current enrollment numbers, ISASP testing, 6<sup>th</sup> grade shadow day Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, open positions, Musical "Rock of Ages" Thursday and Friday this week, Easter Break, CPR Training with Seniors, Prom April 11<sup>th</sup>, and other upcoming dates.

Maintenance Report: Mr. Salinas presented the maintenance report. The maintenance department projects include issues heating/cooling with the HS gym, HS gym lights installed, tree removal and site prep for fire tank system, maintenance of elementary playground equipment, preparing the practice field and baseball field, and installation of a memorial bench.

AD/Extra Curricular Report: Mr. Lang presented the AD/Extra Curricular Report.

The Celebration show last week was a hit! The kids did a fabulous job. The Conference Basketball is looking for district's input on conference scheduling through a Google Form. Spring activities of track and golf have started with practices. Golf teams full for boys and girls. HS track has approximately 20 boys and 20 girls participating. Lang will be attending AD convention is March 27-30<sup>th</sup> which allows networking with other ADs and Continuing Education classes offered. Sidney's Activities Council consists of four girls and four boys from the high school. They participated in a Corner Conference event which allowed area school kids to connect with others in the conference. Also looking for ways to continue to grow the girls wrestling program after 5 years.

Transportation Report: Mr. Whitehead presented the transportation report. Terry talked about bus repairs to Bus #193. The 25-26 Iowa School Bus Report every bus and van passed the inspection. Five vehicles were flagged for 30 day repairs all repairs have been completed. Digital communication has been installed in bus #5.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brown presented the Superintendent Report. After ongoing conversation with the school's legal counsel, 2 engineering companies and the Fire Marshal's office, we regretfully are unable to lease the fitness center space. At this time, we will continue to house and maintain the fitness center in its current location. The mayor has been notified of this so the city is aware of this information as well. Exit surveys are being sent to students and parents that are leaving the district upon record request. Mr. Brown gave an update on the health insurance quotes for the 2026-2027 school year, salary negotiations, fire suppression system, and the cooperative agreement with Hamburg CSD for JH/HS sports. The Performance Evaluations for Admin and Directors will take place this month. Mr. Brown discussed the legislative updates were provided at the AEA Superintendent Meeting.

**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 Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Resignation for Jordan West- JH/HS School Nurse and Student Council Sponsor.  
Resignation for Rhonda Almquist - Part-Time JH/HS Science Teacher.

### **New Business:**

Discussion and approval of Fire Suppression Bid Acceptance from Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler \$198,880.00 and Porky's Construction \$26,124.62. Motion to approve was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval of iJag for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion to table to next meeting.  
Discussion and approval of AEA Purchase Agreement 2026-2027. 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 Motion to allow the Superintendent to sell the tractor and provide a list of other surplus equipment. Motion to approve was made by Director Graham with a second by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of Green Hills AEA MOU for services -2026-2027. 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 Iowa LGRP program participation for FY27 - \$50,398.90. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and approval to Board Policies: 102, 102R.1, 102.E1, 102.E2, 102.E3, 102.E4, 102.E5, 102.E6. Motion to approve all other board policies except policy 102R.1 which is tabled to next meeting was made by Director Le with a second by Director Graham. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion of the 2026-2027 Sports Cooperative with Hamburg Schools, JH/HS Football and Wrestling. Pending decision from Hamburg School Board.

Discussion of the FY27 Budget Presentation.

Discussion of the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

### **Board Comments**

Board Meeting Dates:

March 30th - Budget Hearing #1 at 5:45 pm at JR/SR High School Library.

April 13th - Budget Hearing #2 at 5:45 pm at JR/SR High School Library.

April 13th - Calendar Hearing at 5:50pm at JR/SR High School Library.

April 13th - Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm at the JR/SR High School Library.

May 11th at 6 pm at Elementary Building.

### **Celebrations**

Our Business Professional of America (BPA) students traveled to Des Moines for the State Leadership Conference. We are proud to share that 4 of our 11 competitors have qualified for Nationals in Nashville. This is a tremendous opportunity and a true reflection of their hard work and dedication all year long.

BPA National Qualifiers: Chloe Clark (Computer Network Technology), Averie Buttercase (Health Administration Concepts), Jackson Heller (Computer Security), Kullen Ward (Digital Communication and Digital Marketing Concepts).

FFA members Aiden Glenn, Alexa Kromminga, and Zaine Propp were able to attend an Ag Roundtable to discuss ag issues with Senator Chuck Grassley! What a wonderful opportunity for our students and an experience they will never forget.

The future is being built in our Life Skills classroom! Thanks to the generous support of Danny Schepp Memorial Fund, our students have received two new 3D printers! This incredible gift will allow them to learn cutting-edge technology while designing and creating solutions to real-world problems.

It was a great day for Sidney FFA at Districts in Dennison! Ag Impact - 2nd Place Gold and Advancement to State was the team of Avary Gamber, Lelia Glenn, Ellie Thompson and Anna Zavadil. Ag Sales- 3rd Place Gold and Alternate to

State is Lyla Brooks. Alaina Briley served as a voting delegate during the business session. The Ag Impact group will perform at the Iowa FFA State Convention April 20th in Ames. Congratulations Students!

The Sidney High School Students put on two-night fantastic Celebration show! We have a lot of talented students here at Sidney!

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. was made by Director Travis with a second made by Director Franks. 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 April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary/Treasurer