

**Sidney Community School District
Board of Director Regular Monthly Board Meeting, July 20, 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 and Elementary Principal Shannon Wehling.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Recognition of guests and public comment

There were four guests present. No public comments were made.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Reviewed June board meeting minutes. Christy Briley presented the bills, financial reports, and open enrollments to the board. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Graham. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports

Elementary Principal Report: Mrs. Wehling presented a joint report for Elementary and High School. Open enrollments are the same as last month. Registration Aug 4th -7th for all students. We have one open position for HS Language Art teacher. As for future dates teachers will report to school on August 18th, Back-to-School Night is Monday, August 24th, and first day of classes Tuesday, August 25th.

Athletic Director Report: Mr. Lang told the board all summer sports have wrapped up and summer weights and open gym were also finishing. August 10th is the first day of official practice. He discussed the changes in Athletic Rules from the State. There is also new ruling about Eight Grade players possibly being eligible to participate in high school sports. More information will be shared with parents and student the first week of August.

Transportation Report: Buses and vans have been inspected, tires have been replaced on two buses and safety recalls have been completed on of the vans. All fire extinguishers have been inspected on all vehicles and reinstalled.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brown presented the Maintenance and the Superintendent Reports. Custodial positions interviews are taking place and hopefully will be filled shortly. The new sign at the high school will be built in the front yard and completed before school starts. Fire suppression system is almost completed, still waiting on the installation of the pumps and tank. Other projects happening are sealing the HS gym floor, concrete curb installation, striping of parking lots, and Geothermal repair at high school. The traffic flow at the high school is changing to be one way in and one way out. The Legislature has been busy updating policies which are up for review later in the meeting.

Approval of Personnel

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

Hire of Jaclyn Stevens, HS Secretary, HS Nurse Assistant, and Website Coordinator 26-27 School Year.

Hire Guillermo Herrera Sierra, HS Spanish Teacher 26-27 School Year.

Hire Melissa Vollman, HS Paraprofessional 26-27 School Year.

Resignation of Roger Salinas, Maintenance Director 26-27 School Year.

Old Business

Discussion and Approval of Array (Formerly US Cellular) Cell Tower Lease. Motion to was made to accept the lease agreement of \$6000 per year for rental of the cell tower site at the high school by Director Franks and seconded by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

New Business

Discussion and Approval of milk bids for the 26-27 school year. Motion to approve to Anderson Erickson as the milk supplier for the 26-27 school year was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of breakfast and lunch prices for the 26-27 school year. Motion was to table to pending discussion with Child Nutrition Director and State was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of Athletic Trainer Agreement with Shenandoah Medical Center for the 26-27 School Year. 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 nullify 26-27 HS Football Coop Agreement with Hamburg Charter School for the 26-27 School Year. Motion to nullify was made by Director Le with a second by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion pursuant to the terms of HF2754, students attending Hamburg Charter School may participate in Sidney HS Football Program for the 2026 Football Season.

Discussion and Approval to repair the Geothermal HVAC system at the High School per quote from A One Geothermal. Motion to approve was made by Director Graham with a second by Vice President Travis. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of Jones Mechanical's quote to install and program controllers to centralize for heat pump units to one thermostat in the High School gym to help control humidity levels. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Travis with a second by Director Franks. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approve of Student Handbooks, Certified Employee Handbook, Para Professional Handbook, and Activities Handbook for the 26-27 School Year. Motion to approve the handbooks pending meal prices and policy 504.6 was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Graham. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion and Approval of Updated Board Policies 201, 210.05, 401.01, 409.02, 501.15, 502.03, 503.01, 503.11, 503.11 R1-R (1), 503.11 R (2), 504.06, 507.02, 507.09, 603.03, 603.06, 603.10, 604.01, 604.03, 604.03-R (1), 604.05, 605.04, 607.01, 713, 804.05, & 901; and Rescind policies 603.01 and 603.1. Motion to approve and rescind the policies as listed was made by Director Franks with a second by Director Le. Motion carries 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Board Comments

Board Meeting Dates:

August 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 6pm, Sidney JR/SR High School Library, Sidney, IA.

Students 1st day of school is Tuesday, August 25th.

Celebrations

Sidney 4th Grader Jack Shirley and his Southwest Iowa Heat 9U team! They won the Iowa USSSA AAA Division 1 State Championship in Norwalk. Jack was the MVP honoree in the Tournament.

Bridget Kromminga was selected as 2nd Team All-Conference Softball.

Zach Boyd received Honorable Mention All-Conference Baseball.

Turner Propp played and Coach Wallace coached in the JR High All State game at Grinnell College. Turner's team won "White Team" 29-6. Turner had a sack of a corner blitz to secure the win.

Sophia Driever was for selected for High Merit Winner Spring 2026 Contest.

4H and FFA Students participated in the Fremont County Fair. All participants did a great job presenting all their animals and projects.

Congratulations everyone!

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm 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 August 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer