**May 18, 2020**

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Administration Office, 101 S Central Avenue on posted notice by the clerk for the purpose of

Covid-19 Policies, purchase of laptops, purchase of Acellus Learning and New Hires. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Kelly Dey (via phone), Randy Iversen, Lisa Gorder, Craig Steinbeisser, Jon Marker and David Seitz (via phone), Alex Villeagas was not present. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Monte Silk, Assistant Clerk- Michelle Lambert and Athletic Director – Chris Lee.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Thogersen called the meeting to order welcoming the visitors in attendance: Travis Devlin from the Sidney Herald.

**Consideration and Possible Suspension of District Policy 1310**

-MTSBA has stated, in order to adopt any (Covid-19) Policies after one reading, the Board must temporarily suspend Policy 1310 (which normally requires two readings).

-Once Policy 1901 is adopted, the Board will not need to suspend Policy 1310 because Policy 1901 addresses the adoption and amendment of all Policies related to Covid-19.

Mr. Steinbeisser moved to suspend Policy 1310. The motion passed 6 to 0 following a second by Mr. Iversen.

**Discussion and Possible Adoption of Policies 1901, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910 and 1911**

-Mr. Silk recommended adoption of Covid-19 Emergency Policies: 1901-Emergecy Policy and Procedures, 1903-School District Meetings, Gatherings, Events and Visitors, 1905-Student, Staff and Community Health and Safety, 1906-Student Instruction and Services, 1906P-Student Instruction Resources, and Best Practices, 1907-School District Declaration of Emergency, 1909-Human Resources and Personnel, 1910-Personal Use of Leave and 1911-School District Budge Adoption, Amendment and Audit.

-Mr. Silk read through and explained each policy.

-These Policies would be adopted for the current school year (June 30, 2020) and would need a second approval to be considered for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Iversen moved to adopted Policies 1901, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910 and 1911. The motion passed 6 to 0 on a second by Mr. Steinbeisser

**Discussion and Possible Purchase of 80 Laptops**

-These laptops would replace current laptops that have been used for 5 years.

-30 laptops and 1 cart for the Middle School

-50 laptops and 2 carts for the High School to be used primarily for Math and Science

-Monies will come from the Interlocal Fund earmarked for technology

Mr. Iversen moved for the purchase of all 80 laptops and 3 carts. The motion passed 6 to 0 on second by Mr. Steinbeisser.

**Discussion and Possible Purchase of Acellus Learning System**

**-**Acellus Learning would replace Odysseyware

**-**Acellus Learning would have 250 student licenses, 368 courses, it will also include STEM courses, 5 teacher quick-start trainings, 1 Administrator training as opposed to Odysseyware’s 12 Student Licenses, 296 courses and Web Hours.

Mr. Iversen moved to approve the purchase of Acellus Learning System. The motion passed 6 to 0 on a second by Mr. Steinbeisser.

**New Hires**

-Emily Brown – 2020-2021 Kindergarten

-Hailey Steinbeisser – 2020-2021 West Side PE

Mr. Marker moved to approve the hiring of Ms. Brown and Ms Steinbeisser. The motion passed 5 to 0 with a second by Mr. Steinbeisser. Miss Dey abstained due to a conflict of interest.

**Discussion**

- Activities Director, Chris Lee discussed the re-opening of the Sidney High School Gym to staff and also to have coaches oversee “open gym” with athletes for one hour sessions, to include a sign-up sheet to track attendance. Attendance would be limited to 30 people, with two staff members (Danny Coryell and Jerome Hoffman) responsible for monitoring the weight room. The Board tabled a decision on this topic with further discussion set for the next meeting.

-Mr. Lee also shared with the Board the results of the proportionality testing per Title IX regulations regarding the need to add Power Lifting as a boys sport to offset the addition of Girls Wrestling. Male vs. female numbers are within Title IX guidelines without adding an additional boys sport in the 2020-2021 season.

Chairman Thogersen provided an opportunity for Community Comment on non-agenda items: None

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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 Board Chair

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Assistant District Clerk