

**APRIL 11, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, David Setiz, Lisa Gorder, Randy Iversen, Kelly Dey (via phone), and Jon Marker. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Tracy Click, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell. Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall, Central School Principal- Sara Romo, Activity Director – Chris Lee. Absent were: Josh McGahan, Alex Villegas, Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen and IT Director – Nathan Roth.

At 5:30 PM, Chairman Thogersen called the meeting to order and welcomed all community members attending or on conference call in. Mr. Thogersen stated an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None in April****SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS, FINANCE REPORTS:**

- **WRITTEN ADMISTRATOR REPORTS FROM:** Mrs. Vandall, Mrs. Romo, Mrs. Copple, Mr. Dynneson/Coryell, Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Monsen
- **FINANCE REPORTS:** February Cash Balances, Revenue & Expenditures, and Investment Reports
- **ENROLLMENT:**
  - o West Side – 321; Central – 245; Middle School – 286; High School – 388 = TOTAL 1240
- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL**
- **DISTRICT PROJECTS:**
  - CENTRAL SCHOOL:**
    - o None
  - HIGH SCHOOL:**
    - o Gym door replacement-completed
    - o Roof repairs-July start date
  - MIDDLE SCHOOL:**
    - o Cement removal and grass replacement-Done
    - o Camera replacement-Done
  - WEST SIDE:**
    - o Playground asphalt repairs-in progress
  - ALL BUILDING:**
    - o PaperCut-All ID badges have been printed and we have launched the program.
    - o Building Keys-completed
- **Safety Meeting with Fire Department, Law Enforcement, EMS:**
  - o Admin team met with local EMS, Fire Department and Law Enforcement March 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss specific roles during catastrophic situations within the school system.
- **Monthly Superintendent Meeting Update:**
  - o Superintendent Sukut will send out updates from Dr. Farr to board members.
- **JOB OPENINGS:**
  - o Reviewed District openings and new hire recommendations

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None****CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes**
- B. Approval of March 2023 Claims Warrants # 233876 - 233907 in the amount of \$337,633.89**
- C. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks:**
  - o Void District Warrant #233463 ACT \$988.00
  - o ASB #26952 \$475.00 did not travel due to weather
  - o ASB #27253 \$1,007.52 duplicate payment

**D. Associated Student Body Information:**

- o Approve the February 2023 Report
- o Transfers:
  - From Central School (408) to Central School MBI (412)      \$1,000.00 (Fundraising Split)
  - From HS StuCo (101) to FCCLA (111)      \$10.81 (Pep Assembly Winners)

**E. Classified Staff Contracts Renewal:**

*ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:*

Michelle Lambert                      Kasey Deschaine                      Maria Neff

*TRANSPORTATION:*

Mark Brodhead	David Christensen	Ty Graves	James Meissel
Nyle Obergfell	Paul Turek	Rodney Wall	Terry Williams
Martin(Junior) Morales	Molly Cook-Fine	Ann Cummings	Tami Edinger
Shelley Moran	Mindy Pritzkau	Frank Difonzo	Matt Buske
Chet Hill	Jesse Williams		

*AIDES/PARAPROFESSIONALS:*

Erica Snow	Jennifer LaDuke	Allyson Petty	Jammie Uran
Kimberly Wenzel	Shelly Averett	Jennifer Lunderby	Jenny Pust
Andrena Christensen	Erick Klempel	Alisha Miner	Brandy Nevers
Trista Papka	Susan Iversen	Karen Munoz	Jenny Hoffman
Carissa Lefurgey	Nicole Darlington	Jamie Jensen	Joy Johnson
Sonia Spaulding	Ashlin Kirn	Cheryl Mastvelten	Jane Olson
Danielle Deshaw	Jenny Pust	Sally Hinkley	

*TITLE I TUTORS:*

Donald (Jim) Bailey	Christina Quick	Renee Troudt	Toni Smelser
Maria Jensen	Rakayle Hier		

*CUSTODIANS:*

Sharwynn Anderson	Chuck Buxbaum	Karen Moerman	Phillip Detienne
Sheila Iszler	Jim Meissel Sr.	Brenda Kiamas	Brian McNutt
Jennifer McGahan	Greg Vannatta	Maria Enriquez	Kelly Wing
Micheal Schwarz	Zechariah Murphy		

*TECHNOLOGY:*

Marcos Morales	Tari Syth	Ken Stennes	Bradley Delfino
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*SECRETARIES/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:*

Julie Batty	Nicole Enriquez	Jennifer Lunderby	Maria Peters
Kathy Nicholson	Kathy Johnson	Marcy Harrison	Kelly Hoff
Kara Triplett			

*FOOD SERVICE:*

Sara Burnison	Irma Gonzalez	Barbara Luke	Linda Page
Jenifer Verhasselt	Barbara Nelson	Kenny Vannatta	Heidi Carver
Margo Rieker			

**F. MTSBA Dues:** Recommend renewing yearly dues with MTSBA.

**G. New Hires:**

- o Papineau, Rebecca – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher 2023-2024
- o Vaira, Samantha – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher 2023-2024
- o Garsjo, Tonya – MS Guidance Counselor
- o Jessen, Raean – Kindergarten Teachers (K2)

Approval of New Hires as presented pending reference/background checks

Mr. Marker moved and Mr. Seitz seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Mr. Iversen and Ms. Dey abstaining from vote.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:**

**\*BUS RENTAL REQUEST:**

In accordance with BP 8132, all non-school requests for district provided transportation must be submitted and approved by Board. Requests submitted will be consistent with the District policies and educational philosophy of

the Board. The entity requesting the use of district transportation must abide by conduct rules and all applicable transportation policies.

**Recommendation:** Due to procedural inaccuracies on the part of the district, I recommend to approve the transportation request for the NDAHA Showcase Hockey Team.

Mr. Iversen moved to approve the above requests for use of District transportation. Motion passed with 6 – 0 with a second by Mr. Marker.

**\*NON-SCHOOL AGENCY TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS:**

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**Recommendation:** Due to the request for providing their own driver, recommend to deny the use of District transportation for Girl Scout Troop 2433.

Motion has been tabled until the next board meeting, pending background check for driver.

**\*WEST SIDE PLAYGROUND:**

Discussion on fixing the asphalt on the West Side playground. Estimate received from Top Gun Asphalt to repair asphalt for \$9,600.00.

Recommend to hire Top Gun Asphalt to repair asphalt.

Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. Marker seconded to approve Top Gun Asphalt to repair asphalt on the West Side playground. Motion passed unanimously.

**\*WINTER COACHING CONTRACTS**

Each year the Sidney Activity Director has two formal meetings (pre-season and post-season) with the varsity coach of each activity. The pre-season meetings are held to discuss goals and expectations for the upcoming season and the post-season meeting is held to discuss the goals from the first meeting and the offseason plan for each activity. These meetings lay out plans for improving the program and what potential changes will be implemented in order to move the program in a direction that will be positive for all students participating. A yearly evaluation of each varsity coach is conducted This evaluation tool has been significantly modified over the past year as the district has transitioned to the Rocky Mountain Evaluation tool.

Activities Director, Chris Lee, provided a synopsis of the above information for each head coach and program.

- BOYS BASKETBALL: **Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings and the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the re-hire of **Chad Quilling as Head Coach** for the 2023-2024 **Boys Basketball** season.

Mr. Marker moved and Mrs. Gorder seconded the motion to re-hire Chad Quilling as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Boys Basketball season. The motion passed 6-0.

- SPEECH, DRAMA, AND DEBATE: **Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the rehire of **Gail Staffanson** as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 **Speech, Drama and Debate** season.

Mrs. Gorder moved to rehire Gail Staffanson as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Speech, Drama and Debate season. The motion passed 6 – 0 with a second by Mr. Seitz.

- WRESTLING: **Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the re-hire of **Guy Melby** as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 **Wrestling** season.

Mr. Seitz moved to re-hire Guy Melby as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Wrestling season. The motion passed 6 – 0 with a second by Mr. Marker.

- GIRLS BASKETBALL: **Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Activity Director Chris Lee recommended the re-hire of Brent Sukut as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 **Girls Basketball** season.

Mrs. Gorder moved and Mr. Iversen seconded the motion to re-hire as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Girls Basketball season.

Discussion concerning the lack of coaching candidates and the need to keep the program consistent.

Above motion passed 5 YEA – Mr. Iversen, Mr. Marker, Mr. Seitz, Mrs. Gorder, Mr. Thogersen, 1 NAY – Ms. Dey.

**\*TRANSFERS:**

- o Damm, Melissa – MS Special Education Teacher to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher 2023-2024

**\* RESIGNATIONS: (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

- o Tribby, Tawnie – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- o Baxter, Alexis – MS Special Education Teacher
- o Hansen, Cheryl – Title I Aide
- o Topp, Shelby – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- o Solberg, Bailey – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher
- o Wesolowski, Sierra – Failure to return contract by due date.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT:**

Ms. Cheyenne Ryan, Consumer Science Teacher at SPS, invited board members to the International Foods Class Oxfam Hunger Banquet on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Additional Information: None**

**Topics for next agenda include:**

At 6:35 PM Chairman Thogersen, with no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board Chair

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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District Clerk