

AUGUST 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM August 9, 2021, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Jon Marker, David Seitz, Kelly Dey, Josh McGahan, Lisa Gorder, Randy Iversen and Alex Villegas. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut, District Clerk- Nicki Beyer, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson and Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple.

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

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Petitioner not present

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT:

- RESIGNATIONS:

- Tami Christmann – Special Education Aide
- Kay Trail – School Nurse

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve July 26, 2021 Minutes

B. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks: None

C. Approval of July Claims Warrants # 233055 through 233095 in the amount of \$332,962.36

C. 2021-2022 Out of District Attendance Agreements

- Approved Parental Requests (No tuition charged)
 - Brorson (MT) (1- Gr 5)
 - Savage (MT) (1- Gr 10)
 - Fairview (MT) (1- Gr 8)

D. First Reading of Board Policy 1400

- Change time of Board meetings from 7:00 PM to 5:30 PM

E. Approve Resolution for Sale of Obsolete Property for 2021-2022

F. Approve 2021-2022 Change Accounts and Petty Cash

Activity Gate Receipts Change: Middle School & High School Combined \$3000 for all gates and two Talon locations

Petty Cash for High School: \$200.00

G. 2021-2022 Fuel Bids (Removed from Consent Agenda to Discussion Agenda)

H. Staff 2021-2022 COVID Leave Proposal

- Up to 2 weeks of paid leave at regular pay
 - 8 Days in ½ day or full day increments for certified staff
 - 2 weeks (or part-time employees equivalent) for classified staff
 - For COVID related leave including: self-quarantine; quarantine of person in your care

I. Approval of 2021-2022 Bus Routes

- Dedicated Route “T” for transfer of students between schools
- Renumber Route 8 to Route 6
- No change in routes anticipated for 2021-2022

F. New Hires

- Lisa Harrel – Food Service Worker
- Sue Sult - Assistant Food Service Manager/Head Cook
- Sally Hinkley – High School Study Hall Aide
- Sandra Goulette – Central Special Education Aide
- Charles John Cleis, Jr – Route Bus Driver
- Mylinda Pritzkau – Route Bus Driver
- Ashley Harris – Middle School Special Education Aide
- Cheyenne Kraft – Speech Aide
- Nicole Darlington – OT/PT Aide

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. Marker seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the removal of G. 2021-2022 Fuel Bids to the Discussion Agenda. The motion passed 8 to 0.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

****2021-2022 FUEL BIDS***

- Only one proper bid was received. Town Pump bid a discount of \$.14 per gallon off of the posted street price. The District would need to renew their Conoco WEX Universal cards for the discount to be applied. The discount is applicable anywhere across the state with use of the WEX card

**** 2021-2022 PRELIMINARY/FINAL BUDGETS***

- Clerk Beyer presented information on the 2021-2022 Taxable Valuations received from the Assessors Office. The High School District saw a small increase in the taxable valuation while the Elementary District experienced a slight decrease
- Mrs. Beyer also presented information on the first quarter oil and gas payment and requested input on budgeting this revenue source in 2021-2022. Trustees opted to apply the necessary oil and gas revenue to the General Funds as noted in the preliminary budget with any additional receipts applied to the respective Flex Funds
- The consensus of the Trustees was to continue the Bus Depreciation levies of \$100,000 rather than assessing the full amount of annual depreciation on all buses
- Mrs. Beyer reviewed the budgets completed so far and requested a continuation of the Budget Hearings for both High School District #1 and Elementary District #5 for August 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Mr. Seitz moved to continue the 2021-2022 Final Budget Hearings for Sidney High School District #1 and Sidney Elementary District #5 until Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Ms. Dey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**** 2021-2022 OUT-OF-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS FOR SIDNEY STUDENTS TO ATTEND LAMBERT SCHOOLS:***

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. Marker seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the 12 parental requests for students residing in the Sidney School District to attend Lambert Schools with no tuition paid or transportation provided. The motion passed unanimously.

**** 2021-2022 HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN PAY AND CUSTODIAN ACTIVITY PAY:***

Following an explanation regarding the understaffed high school and the required hours to cover activities, Ms. Dey made a motion to adjust the building differential paid to High School custodians back to the original \$.50 per hour increasing the current differential of \$.25. Mrs. Gorder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

To encourage individuals to work extra curricular events, Mr. Setiz moved and Mr. Marker seconded a motion to pay all custodians working activities an extra \$3.00 per hour for working those events at understaffed buildings (currently the High School only) through the 2021-2022 school year to expire June 30, 2022. The motion passed 8 to 0.

**** FACILITY USE REQUESTS BY OUTSIDE GROUPS***

Mr. Sukut reviewed the custodian shortage throughout the District and the impact this may have on the allowing outside use of District facilities. The possibility of requiring deposits and providing checklists of expectations to groups wishing to use facilities were suggested. This topic will be discussed more thoroughly at the September committee meetings.

**** FACILITY UPDATE BY SUPERINTENDENT SUKUT***

- ADMINISTRATION BUILDING/CENTRAL SCHOOL

- o McKinstry will be in the District this week to work with custodians on the new Central HVAC system and will assess the air conditioning and heating issues in the Administration Office in preparation of providing recommendations for system improvement and cost estimates

- WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY

- o Yellowstone Painting LLC continue the outside gym wall painting project
- o The City of Sidney is completing street work near the cement project completed by Corland

*** 2021-2022 WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS ASSISTANT COACHING CONTRACTS:**

GIRLS BASKETBALL: *HS Assistants:* Harry Owczarek & Kayla Rushing; *Grades 7 & 8:* Marie Holler & Stacey McNally; *Elementary (Gr 5 & 6):* David Huskamp

BOYS BASKETBALL: *HS Assistants:* James Meissel & Shane Monsen; *Grades 7 & 8:* Jared Jurgens, Trev Stewart & Ike Hill; *Elementary (Gr 5 & 6):* Trevor Campbell

GIRLS SOFTBALL: *HS Assistants:* Jennifer McLaughlin & Kelly Berndt

TRACK: *HS Assistants:* Roger Merritt, Justin Collins, Levi Weltikol & Hailey Steinbeisser; *Middle School:* Bee Morales, Ryan Waters, Kilee Sundt & Jordan Nesper

WRESTLING: *HS Assistants:* Ty Graves & Nick Lonski; *Middle School:* Shane Gorder & Ethan Graves

CHEERLEADING: *Middle School Assistant:* Raelee Henline

SPEECH & DRAMA: *HS Assistants:* Christy Pierce & Hunter Gordon

***2021-2022 ACTIVITY ADVISOR CONTRACTS:**

MUSIC: *HS Band:* Kilee Sundt; *HS & MS Choral:* Cedric Halvorson; *MS Band:* Jacob Hook; *Elem Choral:* Lana Hekkel

ACADEMICS: *HS:* Dan Hart; *MS:* Marie Holler

VO-ED: FCCLA: Cheyenne Ryan; **FFA:** Kelly Alvstad; **SKILLS:** Roger Merritt; **Business:** Russell Biniek

FOREIGN EXCHANGE: Co-Advisors: Nicole Franklin & Peggy Ann Strupp

TALON: Pam Radke **PLAY ADVISOR:** Christy Pierce **SCIENCE CLUB:** David McDonald

TITLE IX: Janet Brannan **MENTOR PROGRAM:** Karen Pollari **LINK CREW:** Hunter Gordon

MS STUDENT COUNCIL: Lacey Nevins

Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. Marker seconded the motion to approve the winter and spring assistant coaches and the activity advisors for 2021-2022. The motion passed 7 to 0 with Ms. Dey abstaining.

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

Additional Informaion:

- Mr. Thogersen appointed the following Trustees as liaisons to schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

Central: Mr. McGahan & Ms. Dey *West Side:* Mr. Villegas & Mr. Marker

Middle School: Mr. Seitz *High School:* Mrs. Gorder

All Schools: Mr. Thogersen & Mr. Iversen

- Mr. Sukut provided an update on the pilot program the District will promote beginning in January following an inquiry by Mr. Iversen.

Topics for next agenda include:

1) Continuation of 2021-2022 Final Budgets August 28, 2021 at 5:30 PM

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk