

MARCH 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, David Setiz, Kelly Dey, Josh McGahan, Jon Marker and Alex Villegas. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Nicki Beyer, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall, Central School Principal- Sara Romo and Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart. Absent were: Trustees- Lisa Gorder and Randy Iversen, Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen and Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple.

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 March**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS, FINANCE REPORTS:**

- **WRITTEN ADMISTRATOR REPORTS FROM:** Mrs. Vandall, Mrs. Romo, Mrs. Copple, Mr. Dynneson and Mr. Barnhart
- **FINANCE REPORTS:** January Cash Balances, Revenue & Expenditures, and Investment Reports
- **ENROLLMENT:**
 - o West Side – 335; Central – 266; Middle School – 300; High School – 388 = TOTAL 1289
- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/APRIL:**
 - o Mr. Seitz asked staff to see if Sidney can again host the Class C Divisional track meet back
- **DISTRICT PROJECTS:**
 - CENTRAL SCHOOL:**
 - o All agreements have been signed for the Johnson Controls HVAC/Interface Upgrade
 - HIGH SCHOOL:**
 - o Gym heater replacement with potential air conditioning estimated cost at \$100,000- nothing new
 - o Weight room air conditioning estimated cost \$7000- nothing new
 - MIDDLE SCHOOL:**
 - o Greg Vannatta, head custodian, and Marv Schulz are working on the west entrance stair replacement
 - ALL SCHOOLS:**
 - o Working with IT on specifications for the intercom system to begin bid process
 - ADMIN BUILDING:**
 - o Received blue prints from Stockman Bank and have just received the digital copy from Elk River. These will be forwarded to McKinistry to begin on the specifications to bid the HVAC system
- **FEBRUARY STAFF HIGHLIGHTS:**
 - o Classified Staff: High School Head Custodian- Brenda Kiamas
 - o Certified Staff: High School Business Teacher- Russell Biniek
- **DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE:**
 - o Admin Team met on 3/4/2022 and concentrated on the communication piece
 - o Mr. Sukut mentioned preliminary consideration of a ½ time position to work the communications piece to make this part of the plan successful
 - o The next meeting will be 4/1/22 to complete the final phase and put together a comprehensive document
- **LEAD TESTING**
 - o Results have been received. Those water sources that tested positive for lead were immediately shut down or blocked and will be re-tested utilizing a different company prior to incurring the expense of replacement
- **OIL AND GAS IMPACT:**
 - o The unexpected increase in oil and gas revenue delays the need for a technology levy election
 - o Budget a portion of the 2022-23 anticipated oil and gas revenue in the technology funds to free up ESSR funds for other District needs
- **JOB OPENINGS:**
 - o Reviewed District openings and new hire recommendations
- **COVID UPDATE 3/10/22:** Active Positive Cases = 1; Staff in Quarantine = 2; Students in Quarantine = 1
YTD: Student Positive Cases = 134; Staff Positive Cases 37; TOTAL 171

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve February 14th, 2022 Minutes**
- B. Approval of February 2022 Claims Warrants # 233348 - 233382 in the amount of \$307,661.07**
- C. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks: None**
- D. Associated Student Body Information:**
 - o Approve the January 2022 Report
 - o Transfers: None
- E. Approve 2022-23 Non-Tenured Teacher Contract Renewals:** Moved to Discussion/Action Agenda following Board consensus due to a conflict of interest for Ms. Dey
- F. Approve 2022-23 Extended Day Tenured Teacher Contract Renewals:**

Alvstad, Kelly	Ag Ed/FFA	10 Days
Flynn, Onalee	WS Counselor – Registration	5 Days
- G. 2021-2022 Out-of-District Attendance Agreement**
Parental request for Grade 1 Student from the Fairview District to finish out the 21-22 school year
- H. New Hires:**
 - o Martha Hurley – Kindergarten (K2) Teacher 2022-2023
 - o Renita Welnel – Food Service Worker
 - o Sierra Wesolowski – Middle School Title I Tutor

Approval of New Hires as presented pending reference/background checks

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. Marker seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 6 to 0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

E. 2022-23 Non-Tenured Teacher Contract Renewals:

4th Contract with the District (Tenured Contract)

Biniek, Russell	Halvorson, Cedric	Hekkel, Lana	Keegan, Emily
Lewis, Tia	Lund, Karen	Pennington, McKen-Z	Steinbeisser, Chelsea
Young, Kylie			

Non-Tenured Contracts

Alvstad, Kelly	Brown, Emily	Buxbaum, Hailey	Campbell, Kelsee
Cline, Jeanne	Damm, Melissa	Ekness, Sophia	Flynn, Onalee
Gartner, Colin	Grubich, Kennedy	LeMay, Jaime	Maki, Sherri
Polkow, Taylor	Rice, Jayd	Ryan Cheyenne	Satra, Susan
Schilling, Katlyn	Shipp, Alexa	Solberg, Bailey	Tharp, Christine
Tribby, Tawnie	Wortman, Katrina	Youngquist, Kimberly	

Approved the contract renewals of the 2022-23 non-tenured teachers as presented on a motion by Mr. Villegas and a second by Mr. McGahan. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Dey abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

*** FIRST READING BOARD POLICY (BP) 2600, 2600P AND 2600F:**

BP 2600 = Work Based Learning Program; 2600P = Work Based Learning Program- Insurance; 2600F = Work Based Learning Affiliation Agreement and Parent/Guardian Consent For Work Based Learning Experience

- o The policies cover the transformational learning the District is exploring
- o Govern the relationship between the school district, the work-based learning provider or site and student compliance with workers compensation laws
- o Work-based learning opportunities may now be used for ANB funding calculations

Ms. Dey made the motion to approve the first reading of Board Policies 2600, 2600P and 2600F. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Mr. Seitz.

*** APPROVE THE 2022-2023 Elementary District #5 Permissive Levy Resolution (Attached)**

- Indicates estimated levies at 101.87 based on 2021 taxable valuation an increase of approximately .26 Mills
- Listed the following as possible projects utilizing the permissive building reserve (Fund 61) levy

District-wide bell/intercom system
HVAC system in Admin Building

Updates to elementary playground surfaces

Ms. Dey moved to approve the 2022-23 Elementary District #5 Permissive Levy Resolution as presented. The motion passed 6 to 0 following a second by Mr. Marker.

*** APPROVE THE 2022-2023 High School District #1 Permissive Levy Resolution (Attached)**

- Indicates estimated levies at 38.03 based on 2021 taxable valuation a decrease of approximately 2.5 Mills
- Listed the following as possible projects utilizing the permissive building reserve (Fund 61) levy
 - District-wide bell/intercom system
 - Updates to HVAC systems/roofs including the HVAC systems in the HS Gym and Admin Building

Mr. Seitz moved to approve the 2022-23 High School District #1 Permissive Levy Resolution as presented. The motion passed 6 to 0 following a second by Ms. Dey.

*** RESIGNATIONS: (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

- Tommy Baldwin – Grade 4 Teacher effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- Kelly Berndt – Assistant Girls Softball Coach
- Holly Blekestad – High School Special Education Aide
- Terry Bolen – Central Guidance Counselor effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- Ronnika Kendall – Kindergarten (K2) Teacher effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- Marilyn Lorenz – Middle School Special Education Aide effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- Melissa Shiffer – Grade 5 Teacher effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- Carla Verhasselt – West Side Administrative Secretary effective June 30, 2022

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT: None

Additional Information: None

Topics for next agenda include:

- 1) Winter Coaching Contracts
- 2) Classified Staff Contracts and Salary Schedule
- 5) Second Reading of Board Policy 2600, 2600P and 2600F

At 5:58 PM, Chairman Thogersen announced that the next matter to come before the board was a personal matter and that he had determined as follows: 1) that the matter of the individual’s privacy is involved; 2) that such privacy demands protection of the individual for the sake of reputation, and otherwise, little, if anything, could be gained by publicly disclosing the information to be discussed; and 3) that the demand for privacy in this matter clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure. Therefore, he called for an executive session for the purpose of the District Clerk’s Annual Evaluation.

At 6:28 Chairman Thogersen reconvened the meeting. With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk