

JANUARY 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Kelly Dey, Josh McGahan, Randy Iversen, and Alex Villegas. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Tracy Click and West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall; Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen; High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell; Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple; Central School Principal- Sara Romo, IT Director- Nathan Roth, and Athletic Director- Chris Lee. Absent were: Trustee- David Seitz, Trustee Jon Marker, Trustee Lisa Gorder and Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

- WRITTEN ADMISTRATOR REPORTS FROM: Mrs. Vandall, Mrs. Monsen, Mrs. Romo, Mrs. Copple, Mr. Dynneson and Mr. Barnhart
- FINANCE REPORTS:
 - o November District Cash Balances, Revenues and Expenditure Reports.
- ENROLLMENT:
 - o West Side – 329; Central – 248; Middle School – 288; High School – 393 = TOTAL 1258
- REVIEWED CALENDAR OF HOME EVENTS FOR JANUARY THROUGH MID-FEBRUARY
- DISTRICT PROJECTS:
 - o *CENTRAL:*
 - New gym bleachers install-complete
 - Heater repair-done
 - o *HIGH SCHOOL:*
 - Gym door replacement-in progress
 - Roof repair- will have more information after contacting Theil Roofing.
 - o *MIDDLE SCHOOL:*
 - Cement removal and grass replacement-Done
 - Camera replacement- done
 - o *WEST SIDE:*
 - Playground asphalt repairs-will be started in Spring.
 - o *ALL SCHOOLS:*
 - PaperCut-We will be transitioning to this program sometime in February.
- WELLNESS COMMITTEE:
- MENTAL HEALTH/WELLNESS SCREENING:
 - Montana Behavioral Health Institute screening at MS starting Tuesday, January 10, 2023 with 7th graders.
- SIDNEY HERALD:
 - Bi-weekly articles addressing topics and important events happening in our schools. Rotating topics between buildings.
- SCHOOL SAFETY:
 - 2nd round of law enforcement building walk throughs were on December 9, 2022. Key items were discussed. All law enforcement officers now have a key fob to gain entry to all fobbed access points in every building in the district. Changes discussed with the admin team will be made to the Campus Procedure Safety Manual and staff will be trained on January 20th.
- MONTHLY SUPERINTENDENT MEETING:
 - Wednesday, January 11th in Wolf Point.
- CALENDAR COMMITTEE:
 - Waiting on feedback from staff about the changes to the 1st semester dates.
- JOB OPENINGS:

<i>Certified</i>	<i>Classified</i>	<i>Co-Curricular</i>
Elementary Teacher	Custodians	MS Track Coach
CDL Teacher	Food Service Workers	HS Asst Girls Softball Coach
HS Math Teacher	Route Bus Drivers	HS Track Coach
	Special Education Aides	
	Speech Aides	
Activity Drivers, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Teachers		

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Committee Meetings for January

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve December 12, 2022 Minutes**
- B. Approval of December 2022 Claims Warrants #233758 – 233798 in the amount of \$152,592.96**
- C. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks: None**
- D. Associated Student Body Information:**
 - o Approve the November 2022 Report
 - o Transfers: “A” Divisional Tourneys 154 to GBB/BBB 158 \$110.00
 - o New Account Request: MS Science Olympiad
- E. New Hires:**
 - o Detienne, Phillip – HS Custodian
 - o Hoesel, Samantha – MS Science Teacher
 - o Mulkey, J.D. – MS/HS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach
 - o Vitt, Cody – Elementary Girls Basketball Coach

2022-2023 New Hires approved pending reference/background checks

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. Villegas seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- * **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Information from NSERS School Lobby Group
- * **HS ROOF REPAIR:** More information will be provided after update from Theil Roofing.
- * **ELECTION RESOLUTION: Poll Election May 2, 2023 12:00pm to 8:00pm at SPS Administration Office.**
 Ms. Dey moved and Mr. McGahan seconded to approve the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election on May 2, 2023 for the purposes listed in the Resolution. The motion pass unanimously.
- * **FALL COACHING RECAP AND RECOMMENDATION:**
 - o **CROSS COUNTRY**
 Mr. Lee recapped the 22-23 Cross County season. Based upon satisfactory pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Mr. Sukut recommends the rehire of Justin Collins for the 2023-2024 Cross Country season.
Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. Iversen seconded a motion hiring Justin Collins as Head Cross Country Coach for the 23-24 season. The motion passed 5 to 0.
 - o **FOOTBALL**
 Mr. Lee recapped the 22-23 Football season. Based upon satisfactory pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Mr. Sukut recommends the rehire of Roger Merritt for the 2023-2024 Football season.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Villegas seconded a motion hiring Roger Merritt as Head Football Coach for the 23-24 season. The vote was One (1) Nay- Ben Thogersen, Three (3) Yay with Ms. Dey not voting. The motion passed 3 to 1.

o GOLF

Mr. Lee recapped the 22-23 Golf season. Based upon satisfactory pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Mr. Sukut recommends the rehire of Ben Berg for the 2023-2024 Golf season.

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. McGahan seconded a motion hiring Ben Berg as Head Golf Coach for the 23-24 season. The motion passed 5 to 0.

o VOLLEYBALL

Mr. Lee recapped the 22-23 Volleyball season. Based upon satisfactory pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Mr. Sukut recommends the rehire of Anil Kara for the 2023-Volleyball season.

Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. Iversen seconded a motion hiring Anil Kara as Head Volleyball Coach for the 23-24 season. The motion passed 5 to 0.

*** CHROMEBOOK BID-Open the Bids:**

Received one bid from SHI for 350 14” G7 Chromebooks for \$266.50 each, totaling \$93,525.00.

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. McGahan seconded to accept bid from SHI as presented. The motion pass unanimously.

*** MS BOILER:**

New boiler was installed but the other is now leaking. Will look at cost of repairing leaking boiler and compare cost of replacing. Will update when comparison is available.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT: None

Additional Information: None

Topics for next agenda include:

- 1) School Election Resolution
- 2) Tenure Teacher Contracts
- 3) Administrator Contracts

At 6:05 PM, with no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Mr. Tharp requested an opportunity for community comment. Mr. Thogersen reconvened the meeting at 6:05. Mr. Tharp, Richland County Superintendent of Schools, introduced himself to the board.

At 6:10 PM, with no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk