

AUGUST 21, 2023**CONTINUATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS FROM AUGUST 7, 2023**

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, August 21, 2023, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustee Kelly Dey, acting Chair, Josh McGahan, David Seitz, Alex Villegas and via conference call, Randy Iversen. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Tracy Click, Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple, Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen, Central School Principal- Sara Romo, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell. Absent were: Trustees: Ben Thogersen, Lisa Gorder and Jon Marker; Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall.

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:***Approval of August 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Seitz moved with a second from Mr. McGahan to approve board meeting minutes from August 7, 2023 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

*** CONTINUATION OF 2023-2024 ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #5 AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS:**

- Clerk Click presented the 2023-2024 budgets for consideration:

ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #5

FUND	BUDGET	EST LEVY	MILLS
General Fund (101)	\$6,899,365.78	\$1,956,676.97	79.13
Transportation Fund (110)	\$501,653.56	\$358,984.71	14.52
Bus Depreciation (111)	\$694,448.00	\$100,000.00	4.04
Tuition (113)	\$104,744.24	\$13,265.25	0.54
Retirement (114)	\$1,119,485.67	\$0.00	0.00
Adult Education (117)	\$31,533.46	\$16,152.52	0.65
Technology Fund (128)	\$517,910.39	\$25,000.00	1.01
Flexibility Fund (129)	\$1,171,117.90	\$0.00	0.00
Debt Service (150)	\$30,000.00	\$4808.42	0.19
Building Reserve (161)	\$1,301,039.57	\$75,000.00	3.03
TOTALS	\$12,371,298.60	\$2,549,887.87	103.11

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

FUND	BUDGET	EST LEVY	MILLS
General Fund (201)	\$3,819,451.63	\$1,007,688.14	27.97
Transportation Fund (210)	\$306,704.85	\$227,267.44	5.62
Bus Depreciation (211)	\$804,766.71	\$100,000.00	2.65
Tuition (213)	\$89,402.16	\$15,855.20	0.37
Retirement (214)	\$760,765.98	\$0.00	0.00
Adult Education (217)	\$32,930.28	\$24,134.05	0.55
Technology Fund (228)	\$529,628.65	\$30,000.00	0.80
Flexibility Fund (229)	\$5,390,085.92	\$0.00	0.00
Debt Service (250)	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	0.00
Building Reserve (261)	\$1,072,120.14	\$43,000.00	1.19
TOTALS	\$12,822,856.32	\$1,447,944.83	39.15

Following review of the budgets as listed above, Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. Villegas seconded to adopt the 2023-2024 budgets and levies as presented for Elementary District #5 AND High School District #1. The motion passed unanimously.

***2023-2024 OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS**

Mr. McGahan moved and Mr. Seitz seconded to deny the out of district attendance agreements for the 12th grade student in Savage School District and the 3rd grade student in the Rau School District. The motion passed unanimously.

***APPROVAL OF PRE-K STUDENTS**

Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. Villegas seconded to approve the attendance of the 4 pre-school students, MM, MS, XN, and MB for the 2023-2024 school year as the most appropriate placement at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

*** FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES 2168, 2170P, 2332, 2450, 2600, 3110 AND 3510:**

Policy 2168 – Distance Learning. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [SB 8](#) and [HB 214](#). The policy provides expanded application and definitions for use of remote instruction offered by sources other than the school district.

Policy 2170/2170P – Digital Academy. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [HB 749](#), [SB 8](#) and [HB 214](#). The policy provides for expanded use of the MTDA for personalized learning and authorization to use of the newly established MTDA clearing house.

Policy 2332 – Religion and Religious Activities. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [HB 744](#) and [HB 745](#) as well as the United States Supreme Court Decision in [Kennedy v. Bremerton](#). The policy provides specificity as to when it is applicable for district staff and updates legal references.

Policy 2450 – Indian Education for All. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [HB 338](#). The policy provides for update legal references and authorizes application for the Indian Education for All payment.

Policy 2600 – Work Based Learning. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [SB 444](#). The policy provides for collaboration with families in certain areas when developing the student’s work-based learning plan.

Policy 3110 – Entrance, Placement and Transfer. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [HB 396](#). The policy provides for the admission and assignment of a student on a part time basis.

Policy 3510 – School Sponsored Activities. This policy was updated to reflect changes in law from [SB 518](#). The policy provides for public notification of rights of parents to withdraw a student from an activity.

Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. Seitz seconded the motion to approve the first reading of Board Policies 2168, 2170P, 2332, 2450, 2600, 3110 and 3510. The motion passed unanimously.

***CLARIFICATION OF LENGTH OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. McGahan seconded to approve a 3 year contract for Superintendent Sukut. The motion passed unanimously.

***BUS RENTAL AGREEMENT**

Discussion regarding bus rental for non school activities. No rentals will be allowed until the board and administration have updated agreement for rentals. More discussion at September board meeting.

Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. McGahan seconded to table bus rental agreement discussion until all board members are present and Administration team has had time to discuss the bus rental policy/agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

***APARTMENT COMPLEX SALE**

Discussion regarding purchase of apartment complex. 8 apartments at 300 square feet each. Mr. Sukut recommends tabling discussion until the district has a need to purchase a rental unit.

***HIGH SCHOOL WORK PICKUP**

Green High School work pickup is broken down at this time. Superintendent Sukut recommends purchasing a ½ ton pickup for replacement. Possibly getting 2 bids, one for new and one for used for replacement. Mr. Iversen recommends buying new due to high prices of used pickups. Superintendent Sukut will start the bidding process.

*** RESIGNATIONS (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

- o Christensen, Andrena – Special Education Aide (MS)
- o Keegan, Emily – MS Volleyball Coach
- o Waters, Ryan – MS Football Coach
- o Langan, Alexandria – MS Volleyball Coach

*** NEW HIRES:**

- Barnhart, Lauryn – ½ MS Secretary and ½ Special Education Secretary
- Keene, Mindy – Special Education Aide (WS)
- Zadow, Kali – Food Service Worker
- Herbst, Rilyn – Speech Aide
- Sparks, Rachelle – Speech Aide
- Peachly, Simons – OT/PT Aide
- Harrel, Lisa – MS Volleyball
- Dean, Bree – MS Volleyball
- Riordan, Keri – MS Volleyball
- Swigart, Lonnie – MS Football
- Dynneson, Carl – HS Volunteer Football

Mr. Villegas made the motion to approve the employment of the recommended hires as listed above for the 2023-2024 school year pending the results of fingerprint/background checks. The motion passed 5 to 0 following a second by Mr. McGahan.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT:

None

Topics for next agenda include:

West Side Floor Tile

At 6:12 PM Acting Chairman Dey, with no further business to come before the Trustees, adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk