December 6, 2010

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees as called by the Chairman was held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:45 PM in room 105 of Central School for the purpose of discussing a student’s educational plan and decisions regarding the alternative delivery project for the Middle School second floor remodeling project. Present for the special meeting were Trustees: Dennis Lorenz, Todd Hermanson, Luann Cooley, Kelly Dey and Virginia Oraw. Also in attendance were Superintendent Farr, Clerk Beyer, Middle School Principal- Kelly Johnson.

Chairman Hermanson called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM. At 6:49 PM, Chairman Hermanson 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 discussion regarding a student’s educational plan.

In spite of phone notice, mail notice and hand delivery to the residence, the student and family were not in attendance at this meeting. Following board discussion with administration regarding student conduct, Chairman Hermanson reconvened the meeting at 6:56 PM. Mr. Lorenz moved to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote on a second by Ms. Dey.

The Trustees considered approving the use of the alternative delivery process on the Middle School second floor remodeling project. Time frames were provided as well as copies of documents prepared by the superintendent’s office in conjunction with ABC Building Concepts. Following discussion, the Trustees voted 5 to 0 to proceed with the alternative delivery project process for this project on a motion by Ms. Dey and a second by Mrs. Cooley. Further discussion indicated that Mrs. Oraw, Ms. Dey and Mrs. Cooley will serve as trustee representatives on the interview committee.

Chairman Hermanson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM. The Buildings & Grounds and Finance Committee meetings followed with the following discussion points:

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Attending the Buildings and Grounds meeting were all noted above as well as Nicole Franklin, Barb Dornfeld, Taryn Sivertson, Marissa Holst, Roger Byer with B&B Builders and Dennis Deutsch with ABC Building Concepts

- Roger Byer presented a progress report on the 300 wing and the high school; timeline for punch list items on the 200 wing project; as well as information on the current Middle School project.

- Dennis Deutsch, ABC Building Concepts

- Reviewed plans for the Middle School to be completed with the alternative project delivery

- Reported that he is waiting for firm figures from Prairie Engineering on the ventilation system in the high school shop area

- Reviewed initial plans on the high school 100 wing project including the need to move the server prior to construction. Initial plans are underway with the technology department to complete the process during the Christmas break with as little interruption to service as possible. Alternative project delivery process is slated to begin in January/February.

- Reviewed preliminary plans on the West Side HVAC project. Plans at this time include the installation of an ADA compliant bathroom off of the West Side gymnasium. Time frame for alternative project delivery is January/February.

- When asked, Mr. Deutsch replied that the re-routing of security equipment and technology wiring are not currently included in cost estimates. The consensus was to continue with this project.

- Superintendent Farr

- Provided correspondence from Interstate Engineering regarding a need to label some items on the high school electrical panel and that parking lot work by Franz Construction was about 80% complete. Completion on that as well as the area by the storage building and repairs to aprons previously damaged will be done in the spring.

- Reported that the high school fence damage would be $1,875.00 to fix. School District deductible is $1,000.00. The car that damaged the fence has not yet been located.

- Mrs. Oraw reported that teachers at West Side expressed a desire for new shelving/cabinets in classrooms. It is felt that this will help alleviate storage in the halls and increase available space in the classrooms.

**Finance Committee:**

- Clerk Beyer’s financial reports will be available tomorrow night.

- Superintendent Farr provided the following information:

- Updates on the Montana Quality Education Coalition regarding Mr. Dennison’s newspaper article and MREA’s response. Coordination with lobbyists will be part of the agenda at the December 20th meeting in Helena.

- Copies of the latest MUST health insurance profile for Sidney Schools were distributed. The District’s Insurance Committee met and intend to pursue Request for Proposals regarding health insurance about February.

- January is slated to begin the process of obtaining Requests of Proposals on building insurance and workers compensation renewals. Mrs. Franklin asked the board to look at some form of insurance for non-school activities including travelling teams.

- Budget amendment proclamations were reviewed and will be on the consent agenda on Monday.

- Oil and gas revenue concerns were discussed and a legislative update provided.

- The Trustees will set a date for the Interdistrict Agreement hearing to be held in January. $1,000,000.00 is the amount that is up for approval from the High School direct state aid to the elementary interdistrict fund to assist with construction issues at the elementary level.

- The nutrition bill, a pet project of Michelle Obama, will require training for Pam Radke and crew. It also will disallow bake sales as a form of fundraiser.

- With the passing of Trustee Jay Pfau, the trustees must first declare the seat vacant then proceed to fill it within 60 days. The intent of the Trustees is to advertise the opening, request a letter of interest and conduct interviews to fill the seat until May at which time the appointed Trustee can run for the remainder of Mr. Pfau’s seat. This process is set out in board policy 1113 which was handed out to the Trustees.

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the committee meetings were adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk