November 8, 2010

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees as called by the Chairman was held on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:30 PM in room 105 of Central School for the purpose of discussing a student’s educational plan. The regular monthly meeting followed at 7:00 PM on published notice by the Clerk. Present for the special meeting were Trustees: Dennis Lorenz, Todd Hermanson, Luann Cooley, and Virginia Oraw. Also in attendance were Superintendent Farr, Clerk Beyer, High School Assistant Principal- Sue Andersen, High School Principal- Dan Peters, Middle School Principal- Kelly Johnson, the student and the student’s mother. Absent were Trustees Kelly Dey and Jay Pfau.

At 6:31 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.

Chairman Hermanson called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 PM. In attendance were administrators and Trustees noted above as well as Trustee Kelly Dey, Gary Arnold- Federal Programs/Testing Coordinator and Mark Halvorson with the SEA. Absent were Trustee-Jay Pfau; Student Representative- Hailee Tighe; and Sidney Elementary Principal- Bill Nankivel.

Chairman Hermanson welcomed the visitors in attendance, reminded them to sign in and stated that an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to address the board were asked to fill out the Audience Participation form and give it to the clerk to be recognized.

Chairman Hermanson then called for a motion on the student hearing. Mr. Lorenz moved to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. Mrs. Cooley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Ms. Dey abstaining as she was absent for the hearing.

October 2010 claim warrants 218982 to 219057 in the amount of $258,049.47 and the minutes of October 11, 2010 were approved 5 to 0 on a motion by Mr. Lorenz and a second by Ms. Dey.

Clerk Beyer presented accounts payable warrant #219078 to School Administrators of Montana in the amount of $165.00 (duplicate payment) and ASB check # 16388 to Jock Stop in the amount of $37.50 (duplicate payment) to be cancelled. The warrants were canceled 5 to 0 on a motion by Ms. Dey and a second by Mrs. Oraw.

October ASB transfers were approved 5 to 0 on a motion by Ms. Dey and a second by Mrs. Cooley.

 From Athletics to HS Volleyball $264.00 – Correct Posting Error

 From HS Volleyball to BPA $ 10.00 – Purchase of Balloons

 From Leo Club to BPA $ 7.50 – Purchase of Poster

 From FLA to Resources Unlimited $ 6.00 – Purchase of Balloons

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Superintendent Farr apprised the Trustees on the following items:

- MHSA Correspondence was read congratulating the District on its sportsmanship and having an ejection free year;

- The community crossover activity focusing on extra-curricular activities will be November 16th at 6:30 PM in the high school library;

- The Eastern A conference basketball tournament has been awarded to Glendive;

- Mrs. Stedman was recognized as one of fifty applicants to receive a grant from the Qwest Foundation in the amount of $6848 to help fund equipment for her new digital photography & editing class;

- Upcoming meetings and activities include:

 *Sidney Community Education Foundation- Tuesday, November 9, 2010 @ 5:30 PM*

 *Labor Management Committee- Thursday, November 11, 2010 @ 5:30 PM*

 *Early Release for curriculum work – Wednesday, November 10, 2010 @ 1:00 PM* and

- Deb Prevost, Katrina Werner and Janet MacDonald updated the Trustees on the MBI process in use at the Middle School- including a power point presentation written and acted out by students. Staff members feel that the process is making a big impact on behavior at the Middle School.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**  Hailee Tighe was absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: November 2, 2010***

Mrs. Oraw recapped committee discussions:

- Michelle Monsen, Special Ed Director, provided a summary of the District program;

- Sue Andersen, High School Assistant Principal, and Kelly Johnson, Middle School Principal updated Trustees on many items including the newly formed Rachel’s Challenge programs at both schools, tardy policies as well as a need for increased room for the high school alternative education program;

- The only vacancy reported was the Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach;

- Resignations and New Hires are on the consent agenda;

- Mr. Farr presented a recommendation resulting from research regarding speech aide salary- in particular, Nicole Johnson. This item is on the consent agenda;

- Research on both alternative education and secretarial staff salaries continues;

- Two new Alta-Care staff have been added to provide service to the Middle School and High School;

- Preliminary discussions on upcoming negotiations and the strategic goal exercise were conducted; and

- Staff turnover in the Food Service continues to be a concern.

***TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: November 2, 2010***

Mr. Lorenz reported that February is the expected delivery date for the 20 passenger route bus.

***BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: November 1, 2010***

Mr. Lorenz highlighted the following Building and Grounds topics:

- Dennis Deutsch, ABC Building Concepts, updated Trustees on the following items:

*- Progress on the 300 Wing/Cafeteria/Kitchen project- work on the commons area is underway;*

*- Problems continue to crop up in the kitchen;*

*- The ventilation system in the high school shop area will be an upcoming project; and*

*- Discussion on the upcoming Middle School project resulted in the Trustee consensus to advertise as an alternative project delivery process in December with the West Side heating system and High School 100 wing process to begin in early 2011;*

- Big Sky Custodial has agreed to correct the Middle School gym floor refinishing over Christmas break; and

- The peeling paint on the goal posts has been repaired.

***FINANCE COMMITTEE: November 1, 2010***

 Ms. Dey summarized the following Finance Committee agenda items:

- Review of the monthly clerk’s reports including the September revenue, expenditure, fund balance and lunch reports were conducted as well as claims review for October;

- Trustees were asked to review use of membership dues by the Montana Quality Education Coalition ;

- Dr. Farr reported that currently there were 124 proposed bills that may impact education under consideration;

- MUST’s financial status is better than anticipated. As such, the District may receive $11,000.00 of its assessment back. The District is exploring the possibility of applying this refund to premiums;

- In regards to oil and gas issues, the Trustees were asked to approve the District’s share in hiring lobbyists Gary Amestoy and Willie Duffield; and

- The Interdistrict Agreement process was reviewed.

***CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE: November 2, 2010***

Mrs. Cooley imparted the following information:

- Effectiveness reports have been submitted to the state;

- The Montana Digital Academy Interlocal Agreement and the Interlocal Dual Enrollment Agreement with Dawson Community College are on the consent agenda; and

- The committee reviewed MHSA correspondence, the Distance Learning Policy and were updated on meetings with college officials regarding higher education opportunities in Sidney.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resignations**

Vanessa Stevens – Food Service

Rhonda Lawhead – Food Service

**New Hires**

Sheila Iszler – High School Custodian

Josh Prevost – MS Wrestling Coach

Chad Quilling – MS Girls Basketball

Vanessa Stevens – MS Girls Basketball

**ABC Building Concepts Architectural Services Agreements**

- Design services for remodel/renovation of Sidney High School 100 wing;

- Design services to upgrade mechanical and electrical systems with general construction to accommodate new systems at West Side Elementary;

**2011 Montana State Legislature Lobbyist Service Agreement Contracts**

- William Duffield - $1000.00

- Gary Amestoy - $3,000.00

**Nicole Johnson – Tier II Speech Aide Salary to be set at $12.00/hour retroactive to time of transfer**

**2010-2011 Interlocal Agreements**

- Montana Digital Academy and Sidney Schools – allows teacher compensation for participating instructors – Sidney has one

- Dawson Community College and Sidney Schools – allows for dual enrollment opportunities for Sidney High School juniors and seniors

**2010-2011 Student Attendance Agreements**

- Attendance at Sidney High School – Parental Requests – no tuition charged

 *- Christopher Knels Grade 11 Fairview District Julie Klein Parent*

 *- Desiree Gohde Grade 10 Fairview District Joan Marx Parent*

- Parental requests of Sidney students to attend Lambert Public Schools

 *- Joshua & Jessie Larson Grade 9 & 12 Sidney District Shelly Larson Parent*

 *- Braden Verhasselt Grade K Sidney District Amy Verhasselt Parent*

 *- Roxanne Desjarlis Grade K Sidney District Brandi Wevley Parent*

Approval of the parental requests to attend Sidney Schools with no tuition charged and acknowledgement of receipt of the parent requests for Sidney students to attend Lambert Public schools with no tuition or transportation expenses to be incurred by the Sidney School District. Permission for Lambert to claim the students as eligible transportees will not be granted at this time but would be considered if any of the requests meet the definition for mandatory attendance at Lambert.

Mr. Lorenz moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Dey seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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 Board Chair

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District Clerk