

DECEMBER 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, December 11, 2023 at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Randy Iversen, Josh McGahan, Jon Marker, Kelly Dey and Lisa Gorder. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Tracy Click, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, Central School Principal- Sara Romo, Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple, West Side Principal- Sharri and Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen. Absent were: Trustees: David Seitz, Alex Villegas; Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell.

At 5:30 PM, Chairman Thogersen called the meeting to order and welcomed all community members attending in person or on conference call-in. Mr. Thogersen stated any community member wishing to comment during the meeting present a completed Audience Participation Form to the Clerk indicating the issue they wish to address. An opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items will be provided at the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE**ADMINISTRATORS', SUPERINTENDENT'S, FINANCIAL AND STUDENT REPORTS:**

- **WRITTEN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS FROM:** Mrs. Vandall, Mrs. Romo, Mrs. Copple, Mr. Dynneson/ Coryell, Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Monsen with highlights reviewed by Superintendent Sukut

- **TRANSFERS:** Robinson, Amanda – WS/HS Special Education Aide to WS Special Education Aide

- **RESIGNATIONS:** None

- **ENROLLMENT:**

- o West Side – 314; Central – 257; Middle School – 285; High School – 377 = TOTAL 1233

- **PROVIDED CALENDAR OF UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

- **DISTRICT PROJECTS:**

- o Central School
 - Fire alarm panel – working again.
- o High School
 - Weight room and concession roof- no update and work has not been started.
 - AC unit for HS gym- Engineer is working on specs. Will start bid process as soon as specs are completed.
- o West Side
 - Hallway and classroom flooring- Asbestos tile- Discussion/Action Agenda
- o Middle School
 - Intercom System- Continuing to research companies.
- o Admin Building
 - Core was in on 11/29/23 and made some small adjustments to the system-working well.
- o All Schools
 - Safety needs for each building.

- **NEMASS Meeting Update:** Update given by Mr. Sukut.

- **CALENDAR SURVEY RESULTS:** Update given by Mr. Sukut. Survey information will be given to the Calendar Committee for final decision in January.

- **DISTRICT WEBSITE & APP DECISION:** District is focusing on improving communication with families and stakeholders. Current website company, Blackboard has been bought out by Finalsity. Also looking at another company, Aptegy. Either program would improve our ability to get information out to the community. Admin team will meet December 12th to discuss.

- **UPDATE HS PROJECTS:**

- o HS HVAC- Mr. Sukut will have update at the January meeting.
- o HS Roof- Thiel Brothers will be starting in the spring.

- **STAFF SPOTLIGHT:**

- o Chuck Buxbaum- Custodian
- o Sarah Diede- 3rd Grade Teacher
- o Ericka Snow- OT/PT Aide

- REVIEWED CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

- FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- o October District Cash Balances, Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- o County October Investment Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve November 13th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks: None

C. Approval of November 2023 Claims Warrants # 234196 - 234225 in the amount of \$244,723.71

D. Associated Student Body Information:

- o Approve the October 2023 Report
- o Approve the following Transfer:
 - From 123 Athletics to 195 Little Eagles BBall - \$3,360.00 sub-fund for Elementary Basketball camps to fund purchases that will benefit both Boys and Girls HS Basketball programs.
 - From 129 Key Club to 123 Athletics - \$1.33 earned interest deposited into account that is closed.

E. TR-1 Bus Route

F. Safe School Reopening Plan

G. Neighboring School District Attendance Request

- Acknowledge the attendance request for the in-district student to attend Lambert Public Schools.

H. 1st Reading Board Policies- Required Changes:

- o 1400, 1420, 1511, 1610, 2320, 3141, 3305, 3310P, 3410F, 3410, 3413F, 3431, 3600F1, 3600F2, 3600P, 5121, 5223, 5330, 7320, 8110, 8125, 8132, and 8210.

I. New Hires:

- o Findlay, Emily- Special Education Teacher
- o Jensen, Marce- Special Education Aide
- o Kirn, Misty- Speech Aide

Approval of the recommended new hires for the 2023-2024 school year pending reference and background checks

J. Resignations:

- o Norby, Brett- MS Boys' Basketball Coach
- o Pollari, Andy- MS Boys' Basketball Coach

Ms. Gorder moved and Mr. Iversen seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

*** BUS RENTAL AGREEMENTS:**

Mr. Sukut discussed information sent from MHSA and MMA Northwest. Mr. Sukut would like to get information. Will present at January meeting.

*** WEST SIDE FLOORING OPTIONS- ADVERTISE SPECS FOR BIDS**

Ms. Dey moved with a second from Mr. Iversen to collect bids for the West Side School flooring project to be opened at the January Board meeting.

*** HOLIDAY PLAN FOR STAFF**

Discussion on giving Chamber of Commerce Chamber Bucks for Winter bonuses to staff.

Mr. Iversen moved with a second from Ms. Dey approve to utilize the E-Gift Card Program with an amount of \$250.00. All employees with the exception of part time activity drivers will receive the same amount. If approved, I recommend to give part time activity drivers a \$50 E-Card.

*** DISTRICT WORK PICKUP BIDS:**

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| o Gem City Motors: | 1 NEW 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 | \$52,994 |
| o Gem City Motors: | 1 2020 Chevy 1500 Crew 69,200 miles | \$35,250 |
| o Gem City Motors: | 1 2021 Chevy 2500 Crew 43,248 miles | \$47,650 |
| o Action Auto | 1 2020 Ram 1500 Crew 58925 miles | \$35,800 |
| o Action Auto | 1 NEW 2024 Ram 2500 Crew | \$48,249 |
| o Action Auto | 1 NEW 2022 Ram 1500 Crew | \$48,750 |

Following review of the provided quotes, Mr. Iversen moved to purchase the 2024 Ram 2500 Crew Cab Action Auto at a cost of \$48,249. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Ms. Dey.

*** MCI COST AND BID DECISION:**

Martin Morales will move forward with the bidding process and will review the costs to replace bus with Mr. Sukut. Mr. Iversen requests a list of what MCI buses the district has now with mileage. Mr. McGahan moved with a second from Mr. Marker to move on with the bidding process for replacement for the January board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

Additional Information:

Topics for next agenda include: Scheduled for January 15th,

- 1) Superintendent Evaluation

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk