

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Josh McGahan, Randy Iversen, David Seitz, Lisa Gorder, Kelly Dey and Alex Villegas. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Tracy Click and High School Principal- Cary Dynneson, Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen; Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple; Central School Principal- Sara Romo. Absent were: Trustee- Jon Marker, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall, IT Director- Nathan Roth and Athletic Director- Chris Lee.

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: Presented by Tayton Bright

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 December District Cash Balances, Revenues and Expenditure Reports.

- ENROLLMENT:

- o West Side – 316; Central – 257; Middle School – 287; High School – 374 = TOTAL 1234

- REVIEWED CALENDAR OF HOME EVENTS THROUGH MID-FEBRUARY.

- DISTRICT PROJECTS:

- o *CENTRAL:*
 - Fire Alarm panel working again.
- o *HIGH SCHOOL:*
 - Weight room and concession roof-Thiel Bros. No update and work has not started.
 - Fire suppression system
 - New boiler has been installed.
 - AC Unit for HS Gym-Have engineer working on specs. Engineer will be contacted to check progress. Will start bid process as soon as we have specs.
- o *MIDDLE SCHOOL:*
 - Intercom System-Continuing to research companies.
- o *WEST SIDE:*
 - Hallway and classroom flooring-asbestos tiles-Mrs. Vandall and Bruco have been working together on getting this started.
- 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.

- INFINIT-I:

Tami Edinger presented information about a program that would allow us to train individuals in bus driving and allow them to obtain CDL licensure with a passenger endorsement. We will be registering to become a private training location. Tami, Martin and Martin Junior will all be registered as trainers with this program. More information about this program will be provided when received.

- Montana School Health Insurance Trust Summit:

On January 30 and 31, 77 school leaders met to discuss how to create high quality, stable, affordable health benefits through a statewide public school health trust as authorized by HB 332. Updates will be provided as more information is received.

- LMC Meeting:

Labor Management Committee met to discuss stipend for the Science Olympiad Coach. This position is not in the Master Agreement and would require an MOU and be agreed upon by the Board. Science Club advisor currently receives approximately \$1400.00. Mr. Sukut does not recommend opening the Master Agreement.

Discussion concerning having Principals present at calendar committee meetings. Mr. Sukut will not be including the Principals at those meetings moving forward but will be gathering information from them about calendar options.

- JOB OPENINGS:

<i>Certified</i>	<i>Classified</i>	<i>Co-Curricular</i>
CDL Teacher	Route Bus Drivers	MS Asst Track & Field Coach
CTE Teacher	Special Education Aides	HS Girls Assistant Softball Coach
Special Education Teacher(s)	Social Media Specialist	HS Head Football Coach (24-25)
Custodians		
Activity Drivers, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Teachers		

- Transfers:

- Tonya Garsjo-HS Special Ed Teacher to High School Guidance Counselor(2024-25 SY)
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COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Committee Meetings

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve January 15, 2024 Minutes

B. Approval of January Claims Warrants #234271 – 234297 in the amount of \$333,952.50.

C. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks:

- Payroll warrant-#701031236 printing error.
- Claim warrant-#27689 Huntley Project HS Wrestling Invite paid twice.

D. Associated Student Body Information:

- Approve the December 2023 Report
- Voids: Ck # 27789 Cheerfest-wrong amount.

E. Renewal of Administrators Contracts for 2024-2025

Thomas Barnhart	Ashley Copple	Daniel Coryell
Carl Dynneson	Sara Romo	Sharri Vandall

F. Renewal of Tenured Teachers’ Contracts for 2023-2024

Tammara Beyer	Emily Brown	Hailey Buxbaum	Megan Coryell
Evonne Fulgham	Jordanne Huffman	Amy Larson	Tanya Lauckner
Tamara Linder	Jessica Mathern-Netzer	Amber Pust	Katlyn Schilling
Lindsay Wagner	Kylie Young	Alexis Baxter	Janet Brannan
Kelsee Campbell	Warren Clark	Sarah Diede	Lana Hekkel
Brittany Johnson	Justine Klempel	Jennifer McLaughlin	Carrie Peters
Lorraine Allen	Marnee Averett	Erika Euston	Cedric Halvorson
Marie Holler	Tia Lewis	Cara Lokken-Frandsen	Jennifer Lovegren
Jodi Mueller	Lacey Nevins	Jenna Noble	Andrea Palm
McKen-z Pennington	Marvin Schulz	Sandra Sullivan	Katrina Werner-Johnson
Kelly Alvstad	Kaitlin Bell	Russel Biniek	Stacey Collins
Brad Faulhaber	Erin Faulhaber	Penny Filler	Amber Foust
Colin Gartner	Hunter Gordon	Daniel Hart	Shane Jensen

Emily Keegan	David McDonald	Joy-Lyn McDonald	Guy Melby
Roger Merritt	Maribel Morales	Karen Pollari	Holly Redman
Chelsea Steinbeisser	Crystal Weltikol	Kimberley Youngquist	Kilee Sundt
Lina Buchanan			

G. 2024-2025 Director/Supervisors:

Chris Lee	Martin Morales	Pam Radke	Nathan Roth
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H. 2024-2025 4th Year Contracts:

Onalee Flynn	Sue Satra	Alexa Shipp	Katrina Wortman
Christine Tharp	Melissa Damm	Jaime Lemay	Jayd Rice
Cheyenne Ryan			

I. 2024-2025 Extended Day Contract:

- Kelly Alvstad – 10 day FFA
- Stacey Collins – 10 day Counselor-Reg/Seniors
- Penny Filler – 5 Annual
- Roger Merritt – 6 day IA/AG Equipment Maintenance
- Tonya Garsjo – 5 day Counselor-Registration
- Tia Lewis – 5 day Counselor-Registration
- Onalee Flynn – 5 day Counselor-Registration
- Lacey Nevins - MS Alt Ed. Teacher – 16 day Student Days

Approve the 2024-2025 Administrative, Tenure, 4th Year and Extended Day Contracts.

J. 2024-2025 Fall Sub Varsity Coaching Contract Renewal:

Cross Country:	Stacey Collins	Kilee Sundt		
Golf:	Carla Berg			
Volleyball:	Hailey Buxbaum	Paige Metz	Lisa Harrel	Jackie Miller
	Bree Paige	Keri Riordan	Marie Holler	

With the resignation of the Varsity Football position, approval is for all Fall activity coaches, excluding Football.

K. NEIGHBORING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUEST:

Acknowledge and approve the attendance requests for the in district student to attend Rau Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.

L. OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT:

Approve the out of district attendance agreements for the 7th and 8th grade students from the Rau Elementary District.

M. New Hires:

- Pewonka, Kira – Talon Advisor
- Howell, Elizabeth – WS Administrative Secretary
- Backes, Lynsey – MS Special Education Aide
- Quiroz, Crystal – Administrative Assistant to Superintendent’s Office

Approve the employment of the recommended hire(s) for the 2023-2024 school year pending reference/background checks.

N. RESIGNATIONS:

- Batty Julie – WS Administrative Secretary
- Pfau, Mary – HS Guidance Counselor (effective end of 23-24 SY)

Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. McGahan seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 6-0 with Kelly Dey abstaining.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

*** 2024-2025 District Calendar Approval:**

The calendar committee met has met three times over the past two months to decide on calendar options for the 2024-2025 school year. After sending out surveys to the staff, the committee reviewed the results to help make these decisions. We will once again finish the 1st semester the day before the start of the Winter break. This is the 1st year that we will not have a full week off for Spring Break. This was mainly due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on a Wednesday. Instead, there are a few more days off during the week in the 2nd semester of the year. This was necessary to make the total semester days more even. This calendar also allows for extra instruction hours due to the event of an unforeseen school closure or early dismissals.

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. Seitz seconded to approve Calendar A for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

*** Football Coach Interviews:**

Five applications have been received. Closing the position February 15th. Chris Lee, one board member, Ben Thogersen and Mr. Melby will be the interview committee. Hoping to have coach hired by beginning of March.

*** District Bank Account Signature Updates:**

Due to the resignation of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Maria Neff, updated signatures were needed on District bank accounts effective February 12, 2024.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Seitz seconded approve District bank account signatures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

*** Graduation Hats:**

Discussion concerning decorating graduation caps. Lexie Ray present guidelines with contract for students who wish to decorate caps. Mr. Dynneson spoke to MTSBA concerning this issue and presented concerns. Mr. Thogersen and Mr. Seitz spoke to the many issues that could arise if this were to be allowed. Board thanked students for the presentation but will not be taking any actions on this issue at this time.

*** Bus Rental Agreement:**

Mr. Seitz discussed bus rental agreement and insurance. Sidney Wrestling Club's insurance will cover the extra coverage needed to rent SPS buses. Rau School would like SPS to consider allowing them to use the buses for field trips. Mr. Sukut will check rates for private busing contracts and what we would charge.

*** District Clerk Evaluation- move to executive session.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT: None

Additional Information: None

Topics for next agenda include:

At 6:37 PM, with no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

At 6:38 PM, Chairman Thogersen called the meeting to order and 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 the District Clerk's Annual Evaluation.

At 6:53PM, Chairman Thogersen reconvened the meeting. With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk