

APRIL 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 6:30PM Tuesday, April 8, 2024, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, David Setiz, Lisa Gorder, Randy Iversen, Kelly Dey, Alex Villegas, and Jon Marker. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Tracy Click, Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell. Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall, Central School Principal- Sara Romo, : Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen and Activity Director – Chris Lee. Absent: Josh McGahan, IT Director – Nathan Roth.

At 5:30 PM, Chairman Thogersen called Executive session for Student hearing.

At 6:30PM 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.

Moved to winter coaching contracts and Discussion Agenda at 6:30pm.
Returned to Superintendent report at 7:20pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None in April**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS, FINANCE REPORTS:**

- **WRITTEN ADMISTRATOR REPORTS FROM:** Mrs. Vandall, Mrs. Romo, Mr. Dynneson/Coryell, and Mr. Barnhart.
- **FINANCE REPORTS:** February Cash Balances, Revenue & Expenditures, and Investment Reports
- **ENROLLMENT:**
 - o West Side – 315; Central – 254; Middle School – 284; High School – 369 = TOTAL 1222
- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL**
- **DISTRICT PROJECTS:**
 - CENTRAL SCHOOL:**
 - o Cameras-Nathan has some numbers for utilizing our current Verkada cameras. We will continue to look for options.
 - HIGH SCHOOL:**
 - o Weight room and concessions roof-Thiel Bros.-Started March 11th. This project is complete.
 - o AC Unit for HS Gym- No contact with engineer to date.
 - MIDDLE SCHOOL:**
 - o Camera Systems
 - WEST SIDE:**
 - o Hallway and classroom flooring-asbestos tile-purchased sander for floor prep.
 - o Intercom/Bell System-finalizing plans for this. Nathan is looking at options for this.
 - ADMIN BUILDING:**
 - o None
 - ALL BUILDINGS:**
 - o Chromebook bids going out and will be ready for the May meeting.
 - o Safety projects form last year are complete.
- **Technology Committee Meeting:**
 - o Bids for cameras, bell/intercom systems and Chromebooks. Nathan is also working on a long-term district technology plan. Nathan and Mr. Sukut will meet to discuss long term technology plan.
- **OPI Accreditation Process:**
 - o Mr. Sukut and Mr. Barnhart completed and submitted the accreditation requirements for OPI on March 27th. SMART Goals and listing of data collection resources to measure the goals are required in all of the narratives. Community involvement at all levels are a requirement. Graduate profile was created using the district strategic plan.
- **Apptegy:**
 - o Training for the remainder of our staff will be on April 19th.

- Land Swap Meeting:

- Mr. Sukut is scheduled to meet with County Commissioner, Shane Gorder, April 10th at 9:00am.

- NMASS:

- Met April 3rd. Guest speaker Jeff Weldon discussed new open enrollment law offering great advice on how to allow schools to keep some control of enrollment within the district. Sherly Allen, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke about administrative changes that would happen under her leadership. Vice President of Williston State College, Zahi Atallah also spoke about learning pathways and the ability to get offsite associates degree opportunities through WSC.

- LMC Meeting:

- No LMC meeting in March.

- Job Openings:

<i>Certified</i>	<i>Classified</i>	<i>Co-Curricular</i>
Business Teacher	Bus Route Drivers	HS Head Football Coach (2024-2025)
CDL Teacher	Custodians	
CTE Teacher	Social Media Specialist	
Elementary Librarian (24-25 SY)	Special Education Aides	
(3) (K-5) Elementary Teachers (24-25 SY)	Title Aides (24-25 SY)	
(1) MS FCS Teacher (24-25 SY)		
Activity Drivers, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Teachers		

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve March 18, 2024 Minutes.

B. Approval of March 2024 Claims Warrants # 234326 - 234363 in the amount of \$237,818.42

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

- Void ASB check 27885 – Cancelled Ref.
- Void ASB check 27860 – Eastern A entry fee

D. Associated Student Body Information:

- Approve the March 2024 Report
- Combine Acct 196 with Acct 195. Little Eagles B Basketball.
- Transfers:
 - From Senior Class to Athletics- \$500.00 for cash from cash box for Prom.

E. Classified Staff Contracts Renewal:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

Michelle Lambert Kasey Deschaine Crystal Quiroz Nicole Beyer

TRANSPORTATION:

Mark Brodhead David Christensen Ty Graves James Meissel
 Nyle Oberfell Paul Turek Rodney Wall Terry Williams
 Martin(Junior) Morales Molly Cook-Fine Ann Cummings Tami Edinger
 Shelley Moran Mindy Pritzkau Frank Difonzo Matt Buske
 Chet Hill James Edinger

AIDES/PARAPROFESSIONALS:

Shelly Averett Macyn Flatmoe Kaylee Kardell Jennifer Laduke
 Allyson Petty Erika Snow Jammie Uran Sally Hinkley
 Kimberly Wenzel Erika Klempel Alisha Miner Trista Papka
 Tanya Van Rooyen Susan Iversen Karen Munoz Quinn Nagel
 Brandy Nevers Madison Sparks Lynsey Backes Railyn Herbst

Hollye Blekestad	Jenny Hoffman	Jamie Jensen	Marce Jensen
Mindy Keene	Misty Kirn	Ashlee Lefors	
Rachelle Lawrance-Sparks	Cheryl Mastvelten	Jane Olson	Jenny Pust
Amanda Robinson			
<i>TITLE I TUTORS:</i>			
Donald (Jim) Bailey	Christina Quick	Renee Troudt	Maria Jensen
Rakayle Hier			
<i>CUSTODIANS:</i>			
Sharwynn Anderson	Chuck Buxbaum	Karen Moerman	Phillip Detienne
Sheila Iszler	Jim Meissel Sr.	Brenda Kiamas	Brian McNutt
Jennifer McGahan	Greg Vannatta	Maria Enriquez	Kelly Wick
Micheal Schwarz	Zechariah Murphy	Frank Swisse	Sara Burnison
<i>TECHNOLOGY:</i>			
Marcos Morales	Tari Syth	Ken Stennes	Bradley Delfino
<i>SECRETARIES/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:</i>			
Elizabeth Howell	Nicole Enriquez	Maria Peters	Lauryn Barnhart
Kathy Nicholson	Kathy Johnson	Marcy Harrison	Kelly Hoff
<i>FOOD SERVICE:</i>			
Irma Gonzalez	Barbara Luke	Carla Verhasselt	Kali Zadow
Jenifer Verhasselt	Barbara Nelson	Kenny Vannatta	Heidi Carver
Margo Rieker	Ella Tiutiunyk	Renita Welnel	

F. Resignations:

- o Bassett, Nancy – Speech Language Pathologist
- o Campbell, Kelsee – CS Librarian
- o Metz, Paige – HS Asst Volleyball Coach
- o Smelser, Toni – WS Title Aide
- o Tripplett, Kara – HS Office Manager

G. New Hires:

- o Shaw, Ashlee – Special Education Teacher (24-25 SY)
- o Sparks, Madison – MS Special Education Aide
- o Thiessen, Madison – Speech Language Pathologist (24-25 SY)

Recommend approval of New Hires as presented pending reference/background checks

Mr. Marker moved and Mr. Seitz seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Mr. Iversen and Ms. Dey abstaining from vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

***WINTER COACHING CONTRACTS:**

Each year the Sidney Activity Director has two formal meetings (pre-season and post-season) with the varsity coach of each activity. The pre-season meetings are held to discuss goals and expectations for the upcoming season and the post-season meeting is held to discuss the goals from the first meeting and the offseason plan for each activity. These meetings lay out plans for improving the program and what potential changes will be implemented in order to move the program in a direction that will be positive for all students participating. A yearly evaluation of each varsity coach is conducted This evaluation tool has been significantly modified over the past year as the district has transitioned to the Rocky Mountain Evaluation tool.

Activities Director, Chris Lee, provided a synopsis of the above information for each head coach and program.

- Cheerleading/Dance: **Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings and the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the re-hire of **Alyssa Cadwalader as Head Coach** for the 2024-2025 **Cheerleading** season and **Weslie Zoanni as Head Coach** for the 2024-2025 **Dance** season

Mrs. Gorder moved and Mr. Marker seconded the motion to re-hire Alyssa Cadwalader as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 Cheerleading season and Weslie Zoannie as Head Coach for the 24-25 Dance season. The motion passed 6-0.

- **BOYS BASKETBALL: Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings and the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the re-hire of **Chad Quilling as Head Coach** for the 2024-2025 **Boys Basketball** season.

Mr. Thogerson questioned summer involvement for players. Mr. Lee would like to see more but not a requirement from SPS for coaches.

Mr. Marker moved and Mr. Villegas seconded the motion to re-hire Chad Quilling as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 Boys Basketball season. The motion passed 5-0 with nay from Mr. Seitz.

- **SPEECH, DRAMA, AND DEBATE: Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the rehire of **Christy Pierce** as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 **Speech, Drama and Debate** season.

Mrs. Gorder moved to rehire Christy Pierce as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 Speech, Drama and Debate season. The motion passed 6 – 0 with a second by Mr. Seitz.

- **WRESTLING: Recommendation:** Based upon pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Superintendent Sukut recommended the re-hire of **Guy Melby** as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 **Wrestling** season.

Mrs. Dey moved to re-hire Guy Melby as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 Wrestling season. The motion passed 6 – 0 with a second by Mr. Seitz.

***GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHING RENEWALS:**

Recommendation: Based upon pre and post-season meetings as well as the evaluation process, Activity Director Chris Lee recommended the re-hire of Brent Sukut as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 **Girls Basketball** season.

Mr. Sukut discussed coaching girls basketball.

Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. Iversen seconded the motion to re-hire Brent Sukut as Head Coach for the 2024-2025 Girls Basketball season. Motion passed 6-0.

***BUS RENTAL AGREEMENT PRICES AND WORDING:**

Mr. Sukut presented updated Board Policy 8132 for 1st reading.

Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. Iversen seconded to accept 1st reading of Bus Rental Form with any agreed upon changes. Motion passed 6-0.

***STRATEGIC PLAN, GRADUATE PROFILES, OPI ACCREDITATION UPDATE:**

Mr. Sukut present board with Sidney Public School Graduate Profile.

***MTSBA DUES:**

Our dues for the 2023-2024 school year were \$9,148. For 24-25, our dues are \$9,119, so the amount for next school is actually slightly less than last year.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Villegas seconded to renew membership with MTSBA. Motion passed 6-0.

*** HS FLOORING OPTIONS:**

Mr. Dynneson presented board with flooring options for flooring in locker room and gym area. Will post bid for HS gym flooring to be presented at May meeting.

*** CHROMEBOOK BIDS:**

Notice for bids for Chromebooks for 24-25 SY

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT:

Additional Information: None

Topics for next agenda include:

At 7:40 PM Chairman Thogersen, with no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Board Chair

Attest:

District Clerk