August 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM in Room 104 of Central School on published notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Dexter Thiel, Kelly Dey, Luann Cooley, Serina Everett. Craig Steinbeisser and Dennis Lorenz arrived before the Superintendent’s report.. Also in attendance were Superintendent Farr, Asst. Clerk Vaira, High School Assistant Principal Loretta Thiel, High School Principal Dan Peters, West Side Principal Sue Andersen and Student Representative Tori Hill, Athletic Director Ross Hall and SEA representative Gary Schaff. Absent were Middle School Principal-Kelly Johnson and Federal Programs/Testing Coordinator – Gary Arnold.

Chairman Dey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the visitors in attendance. Ms. Dey stated that an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting.

* Serena moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 and June 27, 2012 meetings and the July 2012 claim warrants #220548 to #220600 in the amount of $320,661.87. Mrs. Cooley seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

The July 2012 Associated Student Body report and transfers were approved on a motion by Mrs. Everett with a second by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed 4 to 0.

*From FCCLA to Busy Beavers $200.00 (Blue Rock Share)*

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Superintendent Farr recapped the following information for the Trustees:

- Correspondence: 1) Thank you from Tammy Beyer for allowing staff attendance at MBI. 2) Charles Cummings thank you for allowing him and Ann to attend MAPT transportation conference. Charles also noted that he thought it would be beneficial for all drivers to attend next year.

- 2012-2013 Transfers: Chad Quilling to HS boys basketball and Ruben Moreno to 8th grade boys basketball

- Addition to the Consent Agenda

**Resignations**: *Brittany DeBoer*

**New Hires**: *Jenna Kagen (special education aide)*

**-** Student Attendance Agreement: Handout will be presented with consent agenda.

- Boys Cross Country – Dr. Farr introduced Ross Hall the new Activities Director, and stated that there has been interest in a boys cross country program. Currently there are 6 girls sports and 5 boys sports. Mr. Hall has researched the possibility of adding this program. MHSA is agreeable to the program and Mr. Hall feels there would be little added expense as the coach would be the same for girls and boys and also the travel. He can get some uniforms at a good price from Universal. Dr. Farr and the board discussed the discrepancy between girl participants and boy participants and that we need to be aware of Title IX. The board gave consent to start practice tomorrow, but board approval would have to happen at the August 23rd meeting.

- Eagle Foundation, INC/Sidney Education & Alumni Foundation – Dr. Farr handed out the new brochures for the foundation and explained that they have changed the media name to “Eagle Foundation” to differentiate themselves from the other local “Sidney xxxx Foundations”. They are open to new ideas to bring the foundations efforts to the public and raise awareness for donations.

- FFA-Revised Proposal: Dr. Farr mentioned the past committee meeting whereas Mr. Schaff brought the issue of the district providing travel funding for CTE/FFA travel. Dr. Farr stated it will be added to the September committee meetings.

- Back to School Legal Primer, Sept. 11, 2012 at Sidney Multipurpose Room – Kelly Dey, LuAnn Cooley, Serina Everett and Craig Steinbeisser are able to attend. Dennis and Dexter will not be able to commit until closer to the date.

- Dr. Farr stated that Tony Hollacheck from MREA will be presenting updates and issues concerning the 2013 Legislature at a free dinner Wednesday, September 5th at the Sidney Country Club. Dexter and LuAnn stated they could go.

- Dr. Farr handed out a list of Scheduled Meetings and the yearly Emergency Coverage list.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**  No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: August 6, 2012***

Mr. Thiel recapped some of the items discussed at the meeting:

* Reviewed High School, Middle School and West Side projects.
* They were updated on the West Side and Middle School scoreboards.
* Committee was kept abreast of the new HS Scoreboard and the safety pads ordered for the High School.
* Water easements were discussed.
* Committee toured Central’s second floor and discussed the remodel.
* Reviewed the capacity studies.
* Talked about the West Side housing project, zoning and leasing.

Mr. Thiel asked Dr. Farr if the lease with MSpace included $25,000 teardown costs. Dr. Farr stated that the lease with MSpace is 3 years and that there is a teardown cost, but the housing may be needed longer. Mr. Thiel informed the board that some of the duties for the city planner has been turned over to engineers. He has been informed that there are subdivisions with 120, 80 and 150 multi family developments that should be ready by April 2013. Dr. Farr said that we may be looking at St. Matthews, classroom modules and other areas for space in the future. They talked about the need to find Bond Capacity.

***CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE: August 7, 2012***

Mrs. Cooley reported the following:

* Mr. Schaff presented a request of Equality between District support of CTE and FFA Program travel in relationship to MSHA travel.
* PIR Schedule for August 20th was reviewed=final draft is on consent agenda.
* Writing assessments were discussed in relationship to the Montana University System.
* AYP Final Status was reported
* Graduation requirements will be worked on throughout this school year.
* Boys & Girls Club rent – on consent agenda.
* Dr. Farr updated the committee on the local University program.

***FINANCE COMMITTEE: August 6, 2012***

Mr. Lorenz highlighted the finance committee agenda items:

* Claims were reviewed
* Taxes receivable were discussed along with the Preliminary Budget
* Final Budget talks will be extended
* Taxable Valuations were examined noting that the values were up in the Elementary District and down in the High School District
* Change of accounts – on consent agenda
* MQEC updates were given

***PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: August 7, 2012***

Mrs. Everett explained the PR & Personnel agenda:

* There are many open positions in the district
* Hire and resignations are on consent agenda
* The sick leave report was reviewed
* Superintendent goals and training were discussed

***TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: August 7, 2012***

Mr. Steinbeisser summarized the Transportation agenda:

* A letter from Savage schools to extend their route to Crane was discussed and not approved.
* Bus safety inspections were reviewed.
* August 20th safety training for transportation staff was discussed along with the use of notebooks for the drivers.
* Mr. Verhasselt reported that ¾ of the bus cameras are installed.
* The district is in need of substitute bus drivers.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resignations**

* Lori Alexander—HS Special Education Aide
* Lynette Hoon—Special Education Aide
* Brittany DeBoer—Special Education Aide
* Karlene Dunagan—MS Custodian

**New Hires**

* Crystal Gauthier—Central Secretary
* Patricia Lorenzen—Central Custodian
* Lawrence (Larry) Woolard—WS Custodian
* Jane Olson—Special Education Aide
* Virginia Dschaak—Cheer/Drill Head Coach
* Tori Hill—Auditorium Manager (.75, Ken Stennes is .25)
* Jenna Kagen – Special Ed Aide

**ASB Account Authorizations**

Authorize new ASB accounts for HS Golf and Cross Country. The accounts would be named Golf ASB and Cross Country ASB*.*

**2012-2013 MS/HS Change Accounts**

Request for change accounts:

High School- ASB $ 2500.00

Middle School- ASB $ 200.00

All Schools- Lunch $ 120.00 ($30.00 each for the four schools)

**2012-2013 Individual Transportation Agreement**

Cel &Craig Iversen for Rietta Iversen (gr. 11): Distance to the nearest bus stop is 31 miles and the state maximum reimbursement as determined by MCA 20-10-142 is $12.95/day.

**2012-2013 Attendance Agreements**

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| **Name** | **Grade** | **Dist. Of Res.** | **Parent Name** | **Request** |
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| Ray, Jaimzlyn | 8 | 2068 HW 16, Glendive | Shauna Ray | Parent |
| Swenson, Ashton | 5 | Brorson | Melissa Buckley & Melvin Swenson | Parent |
| Swenson, Emily | 8 | Brorson | Melissa Buckley | Dist to Dist |
| Minow, McKayla | 12 | Earl | Julie Minow | Dist to Dist |
| Minow, Lindsey | 9 | Earl | Julie Minow | Dist to Dist |
| Carpenter, Clay | 9 | Earl | Pamela Carpenter | Dist to Dist |
| Carpenter, Carlie | 12 | Earl | Pamela Carpenter | Dist to Dist |
| Lewis, Chisum | 11 | Earl | Penni Lewis | Dist to Dist |
| Peterson, Ryder | 12 | Fairview | Tanya Peterson | Parent |
| Peterson, Reanna | 11 | Fairview | Tanya Peterson | Parent |
| Tibbits, Kaitlyn | 9 | Fairview | Julie Asbeck | Parent |
| Tibbits, Skyler | 9 | Fairview | Julie Asbeck | Parent |
| Wentz, Adam | 8 | Fairview | Jodi Wentz | Parent |
| Griggs, Alexis | 6 | Fairview | Trina Wood | Parent |
| Winter, Katlyn | 9 | Horse Creek | Deb Winter | Dist to Dist |
| Schilling, Trent | 9 | Horse Creek | Vickie Schilling | Dist to Dist |
| Rogers, Jacob | 8 | Rau | Lisa Rogers | Dist to Dist |
| Wieferich, Tate | 4 | Rau | Cathy Wieferich | Parent |
| Wieferich, Tessa | 7 | Rau | Cathy Wieferich | Dist to Dist |
| Lonski, Alexa | K | McKenzie County (Watford) | Nick Lonski | Out of State |

Tuition charged on the District-to-District requests and no tuition charged on the parental requests.

**Boys and Girls Club Addendum**

On October 13th, 2008, the Trustees approved a five-year lease agreement with the Boys and Girls club and established conditions for rent and lease of 5 classrooms and the gymnasium. This year, as per discussion with the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club, the club is again operating with a deficit budget. Revenue shortages combined with the present economics, impose a hardship that impacts the Club’s ability to serve Sidney students after school each day. Boys and Girls Club provides an important alternative for many students (currently, 70-80 students daily) who may otherwise go home to an empty house because mom or dad is still at work. The club’s activities complement other district afterschool programs by providing academic services, healthy recreation, nutrition, and supervision. The lease agreement allows the Sidney Trustees to “discuss the [rental] amount on an annual basis to determine if the lease amount requires modifications.” Dr. Farr requests that the Trustees direct the superintendent to work with the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors to amend the current lease agreement for the 2012-2013 school year and that said modifications shall be effective beginning July 1, 2012 through June, 30, 2013. A recommendation that the lease amount be $1.00 was made by Mr. Farr.

**Curriculum Edit Adoptions**

During the past two years the District’s Physical Education, Social Studies, and Science curriculums were reviewed and aligned to current standards and are presented for final adoption and consideration by the trustees.

**Temporary Housing Agreement—Proposal Acceptance**

For the past several months the trustees have worked with all issues associated with regional oil and gas impacts. One issue has been affordable housing for staff. In response to rent and housing inflation, the district has reviewed all options available to them. Leasing temporary housing resulted in an affordable and timely response to impact concerns needing resolution. Consequently, modular housing lease proposals were sought and four firms presented proposals for consideration: MSpace Holding, LLC., Palomar Modular Buildings, Specialty Modular, and Van Buren. In a review of all lease proposals, M Space provided a monthly lease agreement in the amount of $8,268 per month for all three modular buildings (Palomar-$13,320, Specialty-$13,809, and Van Buren-$13,200). The lease period is for a period of three years with an option to extend the lease arrangement. Proposals were reviewed at the Building and Grounds committee meeting held Monday, August 6, 2012 and the M Space lease proposal was selected. Dr. Farr will execute the final lease pending lease review with MTSBA legal staff will proceed with site development at West Side with engineering services provided by Interstate Engineering of Sidney, Montana. Dr. Farr stated that the additional cost of insurance will be around $500 for the rentals.

Mr. Lorenz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Serina seconded the motion. Motion carried by 5-1 vote. Mrs. Cooley opposed the motion.

**Fuel Bids**

Each year the trustees solicit fuel bids for the ensuing school year. Bids were due by noon today. Cenex was the only bidder. Luanne Cooley moved to accept the Cenex Fuel bid. Serena seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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| **FUEL BID HISTORY** | | | | | |
| Firm | Year | MT Prod Diesel #2/gal | MT Prod unleaded/gal | Outside MT Prod Diesel #2/gal | Outside MT Prod.  unleaded/gal |
| Cenex | 2009-2010 | $ 1.94 | $ 2.51 |  |  |
| Cenex | 2010-2011 | $ 2.93 | $ 2.76 | $ 2.93 | $ 2.76 |
| Cenex | 2011-2012 | $ 3.31 | $ 3.64 | $ 3.35 | $ 3.38 |
| Cenex | 2012-2013 | $ 3.97 | $ 3.43 | $ 3.97 | $ 3.43 |

**2011-2012 Elementary and High School District Budget Hearings**

At the Finance Committee meeting on August 6, 2012, the trustees were presented with a need to continue tonight’s meeting due to additional work needed based on taxable valuations received and reported on during the Finance Committee meeting. The elementary and high school taxable valuations both increased over the 2011 taxable valuations and will result in the assessment of fewer mills overall. Pursuant to state law, trustees are required to meet on or before August 20th to consider all budget information and proceed with the adopting of final budgets for all budgeted funds not later than August 25th, 2012. There will be a continuation of tonight’s meeting for the purpose of a more complete determination of the final budgets and mills needed to support any budgets adopted for Districts 5 and 1. A special board meeting to adopt the final budgets will be held 7:00pm Thursday, August 23.

**Community Comment**: No community comment.

**Superintendent’s 2012-2013 Annual Performance Goals**

At 8:10 Chairwoman Dey announced that the next matter to come before the Board was a personal matter and that she 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, she called for an executive session for the purpose of the superintendent’s quarterly evaluation.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 PM. With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was recessed at 9:01 PM until 7:00 PM August 23, 2012.

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Board Chair

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Asst. District Clerk