July 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Room 104 of Central School on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Kelly Dey, Melissa Sanders, Dennis Lorenz, Craig Steinbeisser and Serina Everett. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dan Farr, High School Principal- Sue Andersen, High School Assistant Principal- Loretta Thiel, West Side Elementary Principal-Jon Skinner and Clerk Beyer. Absent were Trustee Luke Savage, Central Principal- Brent Sukut, Middle School Principal- Kelly Johnson and Curriculum/Federal Programs Director- Thom Barnhart.

Chairwoman Dey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the visitor in attendance- Cara Lokken-Frandsen with the Sidney Education Association. Ms. Dey stated an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided following the Consent Agenda. Those wishing to address the board on agenda items were asked to fill out the Audience Participation form and give it to the clerk to be recognized.

Mrs. Everett moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 regular meeting and the June 2014 claim warrants 221820 to 221905 in the amount of $2,384,101.57. Mrs. Sanders seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

Clerk Beyer presented the following warrant for cancellation:

Warrant 221865 MT School Nutrition Assoc. 6/17/14 $120.00 Mary Lake cancelled workshop attendance

The warrant was cancelled 5 to 0 on a motion by Mr. Lorenz and a second by Mrs. Everett.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Superintendent Farr provided Trustees with the following information:

**Resignations/Additional Hires to add to the Agenda:**

- Jace Sullivan – Assistant Football Coach (Resignation)

- Louise Wraith – High School Special Education Aide (Resignation)

- London Gordon – High Special Education Teacher

**Miscellaneous:**

- Recruitment continues for the following positions: HS English; HS Business; Special Education; 3 Elementary Teachers; Physical Education; Speech Therapist; 3 Food Service Workers; 3 Custodians; 1 Route Driver and Transportation Supervisor.

- The 2013-2014 Mastercard P-Card rebate has been received in the amount of $12,552.52. The consensus of the Trustee was to apply this amount towards the fund picking up the 2% increase in health insurance premiums for 2014-2015 the District agreed to pay.

- Updates were provided on the Central first floor project and the High School CTE addition. A price quote was provided for the HVAC system in the Middle School gym and the anticipated timeline for the West Side roof alternative delivery project was discussed.

**Calendar Events:**

- Five weeks until the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

Karen Kelly and Nick Salmon representing CTA Architects were in attendance to review the timeline for the long-range facility plan. Their group anticipates returning September 24th and 25th to conduct public input sessions, staff information sessions along with board/student sessions.

No committee meetings were held in July and no student representative was in attendance.

**Resignations**

Jace Sullivan – Middle School Math , Head Girls Basketball Coach and Assistant Football Coach

Louise Wraith – High School Special Education Aide

As no positions were declared vacated, Mrs. Everett moved to accept the resignations as presented. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Mr. Steinbeisser.

**New Hires**

- Julianna Evans—Elementary Teacher

- Karen Johnston—Special Education Aide

- Michelle Bruner—.5 FTE Secretary/.5 FTE Special Education Aide Central School

- Aimee Fry—Special Education Aide

- Veronique Kidd—Special Education Teacher

- London Gordon – High School Special Education Teacher

The new hires were approved 5 to 0 on a motion by Mrs. Everett and a second by Mr. Steinbeisser.

**First Reading of the 2014-2015 student handbooks for Central, West Side, Middle School and the High**

**School**

Discussion and concerns regarding the responsible use of technology by students, the promotion of responsible student technology use and consistent application of the rules by staff, the very real possibility of increased tardies and the ability of students to be able to have equal access to “smart” phones took place between the administrators in attendance and the Trustees.

Following the discussion first reading of the handbooks was approved on a motion by Mr. Steinbeisser with a second by Mr. Lorenz. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Sale of .142 acres in Lot 2 Block 9 of Hillside Acres Subdivision**

At the June 23, 2014 meeting, the timeframe for receipt of bids on this piece of property was extended until this evening. A bid has been received from Arlyn, Aaron and Don Franz in the amount of $4,808.00.

Mrs. Everett moved to accept the bid of the Franz family in the amount of $4808.00 with all associated costs to accomplish the sale of the property to be paid by the purchaser. Mrs. Everett seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

**Jobs for Montana Graduates (JMG) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry**

Approval for the 2014-2015 school year results in $3000.00 for the JMG program. Mrs. Everett moved to approve the MOA with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Sanders seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

**Community Comment on non-agenda items: None**

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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 Board Chair

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District Clerk