August 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Room 104 of Central School on published notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Kelly Dey, Luann Cooley, Dexter Thiel, Dennis Lorenz and Serina Everett. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dan Farr, High School Assistant Principal- Loretta Thiel, Sidney Elementary Principal-Jon Skinner, High School Principal- Sue Andersen, Federal Programs and Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart and Clerk Beyer. Absent were Trustee Craig Steinbeisser and Middle School Principal- Kelly Johnson.

Chair Dey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and extended a welcome to the visitors in attendance: Bill Vanderweele with the Sidney Herald, Cara Lokken-Frandsen, incoming Sidney Education Association (SEA) President and Holly and Ken Redman. Ms. Dey reminded them that an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting. 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. Cooley moved to approve the minutes of the July 15th regular meeting and the July 2013 claim warrants 221228 to 221227 in the amount of $260,885.28. The motion passed 5 to 0 on a second by Mr. Lorenz.

With no transfers to approve, Chair Dey noted the July 2013 Associated Student Body report was reviewed by the Trustees.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Superintendent Farr provided the following information:

- The addition of Mary Quiroz to the Resignations on the Consent Agenda;

- Reminders of the Back to School Legal Primer in Sidney at the High School on Wednesday, September 4th and MCEL October 17th and 18th in Billings;

- MQEC met today but Dr. Farr was unable to attend due to the first pupil instruction related day. The Board will be keeping tabs on the interim legislative committees. Kelly Dey added that MTSBA planned to take each Caucus up to meet with the interim committees; and

- Dr. Farr distributed copies of Career and Technical Education classes and the enrollment numbers resulting from enrollment during August. Numbers have increased slightly. Mrs. Cooley requested lists of members of the advisory boards for the CTE programs. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of considering the Woods classes as possible Fine Arts credits as well as ways to open up student schedules to allowing more choice that may result in increased enrollment in CTE classes; and

- Noted the SEA had met earlier today to consider ratification of the proposed Master Agreement for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 and asked Mrs. Frandsen to recap the meeting. Mrs. Frandsen reported the meeting was a positive one. Changes to the Master Agreement made through the Interest Based Bargaining process were reviewed and a vote was taken. The Agreement was ratified 65 to 12. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SEA and the Board of Trustees was put up for discussion also.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**  None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: August 6, 2013***

Mrs. Cooley recapped committee discussions:

- The committee reviewed the teacher mentor/protégé list for 2013-2014;

- Vacancies and the transfer of Charyl Beach to Middle School custodian were reviewed. New Hires and Resignations are on the Consent Agenda.

***TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE August 6, 2013***

Mrs. Cooley reported the following:

- Bus Inspections are complete;

- Reviewed the outcome of the annual county transportation meeting held July 29, 2013;

- The new bus is scheduled to arrive in September; and

- The District is still short two route drivers. Steps have been taken to allow the routes to operate until drivers are found.

***BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: August 5, 2013***

Mr. Lorenz highlighted meeting agenda items:

- No response has been received from correspondence to ABC Building Concepts regarding the issues surrounding the high school 100 wing lights;

- Trustees continue to study the West Side roof options;

- Housing walkways and replacement of the fence near the units is still unfinished;

- Replacement of the main entry doors at West Side has been completed;

- Central second floor remodel walk-through resulted in some minor punch list items;

- Still waiting for completion of the painting of the ceiling at the Bus Barn;

- Development updates and school capacity resulting from possible expansion were reviewed;

- Superintendent Farr submitted an application to the Montana Department of Commerce Schools Planning Grant in the amount of $25,000.00 to assist with long-range planning for District response to continued area development;

- Discussion continues on the Career and Technical Education wing expansion for agriculture education and industrial arts; and

- Superintendent Farr and Lee Armstrong, attorney working for the District on the JD Subdivision land purchase, plan to have everything ready for action at the September board meeting.

***FINANCE COMMITTEE: August 5, 2013***

Mr. Thiel briefed attendees on committee discussions:

- July claims were reviewed. No other financial reports were available as work continues on year end;

- Projected 2013-2014 enrollment stands at 1331 at this time;

- Contact has been made regarding a possible visit by the governor and some of his aides. The visit may be scheduled yet this fall;

- Trustees were offered the opportunity to attend a legal primer sponsored by MTSBA in Sidney September 4th;

- Ratification of the Master Agreement is on the agenda pending action by the SEA prior to the meeting;

- Additional Attendance Agreements for 2013-2014 are on the Consent Agenda; and

- Also on the agenda are 2013-2014 fuel bids and the 2013-2014 Boys and Girls Club rental agreement.

***CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE: August 6, 2013***

Mrs. Everett outlined committee discussions:

- Math Expressions training for Grades K-5 will take place tomorrow;

- The committee also discussed ACT Test Writing requirements; reviewed Common Core requirements; and current graduation class requirements;

- Enrollment numbers for Career and Technical Education classes were presented and discussed;

- Ross Hall, Activities Director, is working with concussion training and the administering of concussion tests. Mr. Farr commented on an article regarding a $300,000.00 settlement by the Three Forks school district on a concession injury;

- Work continues with the FFA Alumni;

- JOBS for Montana’s Graduates, overseen by Elaine Stedman, received another $1000.00 grant for the Department of Labor; and

- A final copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with the SEA in regards to impact stipends was reviewed and is on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Thiel reported on e-mails he had received from Llew Jones and Kirk Miller regarding Common Core. This is a topic of discussion at the state level now: some in support of it and other expressing concern that local control is once again being threatened.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mrs. Everett excused herself from the meeting following her presentation of the Curriculum and Policy Committee report due to a family emergency.

**Resignations**

- Teri Anvik – Route Bus Driver

- Brad Faulhaber – Middle School Girls Basketball and Middle School Track

- Debbie Eggar – Food Service Worker

- Mary Quiroz – Elementary Special Education Resource Room Aide

**New Hires**

- Lacey Nevins – Middle School Volleyball Coach

- Jenna Kagan – Middle School Volleyball Coach

- Molly Mclaughlin – Middle School Volleyball Coach

- Falon LaRoche – Speech Aide

- Lindsey Wagner – High School Special Education Teacher

- Milly Rohrman – Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy Aide

- Amanda Moore – Elementary Special Education Aide

- Ashley Everett – School Food Worker

- Danielle Watkinson – High School Guidance Counselor

- Khrystye Earle- Title I Tutor

- Laura Reyes – Special Education Aide

- Joan Schrader – Special Education Aide

- Sonia Spaulding – Special Education Aide

**2013-2104 Student Attendance Agreements**

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| **Student** | **Grade** | **School District** | **Parent** | **Request Type** |
| Griggs, Alexis | 7 | Fairview | Tim and Trina Wood | Parent |
| Berg, Mark II | K | Fairview | Shaina Lessor (Moving to Sidney) | Parent |
| Anderson, Daria R. | 12 | Stevenson/Watford | Living with Creightons | District |
| Adsit, Chastin | 4 | Lambert | Chasity & Rick Adsit | Parent |
| Adsit, Cameron | 6 | Lambert | Chasity and Rick Adsit | Parent |
| Jensen, Shaylene | 4 | Fairview | Travis Jensen | Parent |

Approve parental requests with no tuition charged. Tuition to be charged on the District request.

**2013-2014 Boys and Girls Club Rental Agreement Addendum**

Rent charged for 2013-2014 to be $1.00

Mrs. Cooley moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Lorenz seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

**2013-2014 Fuel Bids**

Only one bid was received and that bid was from Cenex/Farmers Elevator as follows:

*Montana Product Diesel $3.30/Gallon Montana Product Unleaded $3.63/Gallon*

Mrs. Cooley moved to accept the bid from Cenex/Farmers Elevator as submitted. Mr. Lorenz seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

**Ratification for the 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 Master Agreement with the Sidney Education Association**

Upon ratification by the SEA, Superintendent recommended the Trustees ratify the Master Agreement as per the Interest Based Bargaining teams. Ratification was accomplished on a motion by Mrs. Cooley and a second by Mr. Lorenz. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Sidney Education Association (SEA) and the Board of Trustees in regards to Impact Stipends**

Superintendent Farr recommended acceptance of the MOU. Mrs. Cooley asked Mrs. Frandsen if the teachers understood the payment may be as late as May depending on funding. Mrs. Frandsen stated that Mr. Halvorson had been very clear about that. Mr. Lorenz moved to accept the MOU as presented. Mr. Thiel seconded the motion which passed on a 4 to 0 vote.

**2013-2014 BUDGET HEARING**

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| ***ELEMENTARY***  ***FUND*** | ***BUDGET*** | ***ESTIMATED MILLS*** |
| 101 Elementary General Fund | $5,739,687.81 | 88.89 |
| 110 Elementary Transportation | $ 386,166.01 | 14.32 |
| 111 Elementary Bus Depreciation | $ 555,538.37 | 3.27 |
| 113 Elementary Tuition | $ 10,016.98 | 0.00 |
| 114 Elementary Retirement | $ 800,000.00 Est | N/A |
| 117 Elementary Adult Education | $ 20,865.54 | .30 |
| 128 Elementary Technology | $ 25,000.00 | 1.81 |
| 129 Elementary Flexibility | $ 711,543.36 | 0.00 |
| 150 Elementary Debt Service | $ 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 161 Elementary Building Reserve | $ 703,122.17 | 0.00 |
|  |  | **108.59** |

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| ***HIGH SCHOOL***  ***FUND*** | ***BUDGET*** | ***ESTIMATED MILLS*** |
| 201 High School General Fund | $3,379,116.42 | 18.59 |
| 210 High School Transportation | $ 190,845.68 | 5.57 |
| 211 High School Bus Depreciation | $ 760,457.97 | .50 |
| 213 High School Tuition | $ 960.00 | .04 |
| 214 High School Retirement | $ 491,251.20 Est | N/A |
| 217 High School Adult Education | $ 28,926.56 | .80 |
| 228 High School Technology | $ 25,000.00 | 1.36 |
| 229 High School Flexibility | $1,871,671.54 | 0.00 |
| 250 High School Debt Service | $ ,,,10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 261 High School Building Reserve | $3,899,414.91 | 0.00 |
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Mr. Lorenz moved to approve the budgets for 2013-2014. Mrs. Cooley seconded the motion which passed on a 4 to 0 vote.

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

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk