

JUNE 26, 2023

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk for the purpose of conducting year end business. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Randy Iversen, David Seitz, Lisa Gorder, Josh McGahan, and Jon Marker. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut, District Clerk- Tracy Click, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple, Central Principal- Sara Romo, Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall, Activities Director- Chris Lee. Absent were Trustees: Kelly Dey, Alex Villegas, Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell.

At 5:30 PM, Chairman Thogersen called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors in physical attendance as well as all community members attending via conference call. Mr. Thogersen stated an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT/FINANCE REPORTS:

* Curriculum Director Thom Barnhart June Board Report

CONSENT AGENDA:**A. Approve June 5, 2023 Minutes****B. Approve May-June 2023 Claim Warrants #233938-234000 in the amount of \$318,406.40 through 6/26/23****C. Cancel District and ASB Warrants- None****E. Approve Associated Student Body (ASB) May Report and the following Transfers:**

- From "A" State MHSA (198) to ASB Misc Earnings to re-appropriate interest earnings \$2.16
- From Athletics (123) to Talon (126) Correct deposit of Eastern C Talon profits \$21,075.79
- From Class of 22 (411) to Class of 23 (413) Reimburse prom supplies \$145.30

F. ASB Account Authorization

- Direct the ASB fund custodian to close the Class of 2023 ASB account and transfer any remaining funds into the District Endowment Fund-Alumni Account

G. ASB End of Year Transfers

- Approve the transfer of Talon proceeds to the appropriate students' groups who worked events in 2022-23 school year.

Band = \$9,376.27

Baseball = \$1,653.54

Dance = \$2,184.71

Esports = \$1,668.54

FFA = \$4,420.66

Football = \$667.41

Freshman = \$2,154.71

Girls Basketball = \$682.41

Intern'l Club = \$879.89

Juniors = \$546.18

Key Club = \$439.94

NHS = \$333.71

Seniors = \$1,319.83

SKILLS = \$2,442.19

Sophomores = \$3,504.54

MS Builders Club = \$1,774.77

MS Library = \$894.89

MS MBI = \$2,305.95

Close Up = \$439.94

BELIZE - \$2,958.36

FCCLA = \$773.65

HS Lounge = \$864.89

SEA = 879.89

CS Breakfast = \$45.00

- Approve the annual transfer of HS Participation Fees as per Board Policy 7425.

H. Establish 2023-2024 Tuition Rates at Montana State Maximums

- \$ 637.54 K-1 and Pre-Kindergarten with an IEP
- \$1,275.08 Full-time Kindergarten through Grade 6
- \$1,618.48 Grades 7 – 12 (SMS is an accredited 7-8 program)
- North Dakota students based on the following formula:

- Prior Yr Actual General Fund Exp + Actual Retirement Fund Exp / Prior Yr ANB
Subtract from Previous Yr State ANB & SPED Payments received / Prior Yr ANB
Remaining Cost is what the District owes per student

- Approve the 2023-2024 Tuition Rates.

I. 2023-2024 Compensated Absences Fund Transfer

- Authorize the District Clerk to transfer an amount, not to exceed the 30% maximum allowed by law from the respective Elementary/High School General Funds to the respective Compensated Absence Funds provided budget and General Fund cash are available.

J. Out of District Student Attendance Agreement

- Approve/Deny out of district attendance agreements as presented for the 2023-2024 School year.

K. Richland County Health Department MOU

- o Moved to discussion item

L. New Hires

- o Keene, Mindy – Special Education Aide
- o Omdahl, Quintin – MS/HS Math Teacher
- o Tiutiunyk, Ella – Food Service Worker

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Marker seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Richland County MOU being moved to Discussion/Action Items. The motion passed 6 to 0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:

*** Richland County Health Department MOU**

- o Richland County Health Department requests to use SPS facilities for emergency immunization clinic.

Mr. Iversen moved to deny the Richland County Health Department MOU at this time. Motion passed 6 to 0 with a second from Mr. Marker.

*** 2023-2024 SPRING COACHING RENEWALS**

- o BASEBALL – Based upon the recommendation from Chris Lee and the evaluation process, recommend the re-hire of Hunter Gordon for the 2023-2024 Baseball season. If approved, re-hire Assistant Baseball Coaches – Jayd Rice and Jared Jurgens.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Marker seconded to approve Hunter Gordon as the 2023-2024 HS Baseball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Seitz seconded to approve the re-hire of all listed Assistant HS Coaches for the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed 6 to 0.

- o SOFTBALL – Based upon the recommendation from Chris Lee and the evaluation process, recommend the re-hire of Frank DiFonzo as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Softball season. If approved, rehire Assistant Softball Coach – Travis Rosaan.

Mr. Iversen moved and Ms. Gorder seconded to approve the re-hire of Frank DiFonzo as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Softball season. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Seitz seconded to approve the re-hire of all listed Assistant HS Coaches for the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed 6 to 0.

- o TRACK – Based upon the recommendation from Chris Lee and the evaluation process, recommend the re-hire of Stacey Collins for the 2023-2024 Track season. If approved, re-hire HS Assistant Coaches Roger Merritt, Justin Collins, Levi Weltikol and MS Assistant Coaches Kilee Sundt, Ryan Waters and Hailey Buxbaum.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Marker seconded to approve the re-hire Stacey Collins as Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Track Season. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Seitz seconded to approve the re-hire of all listed Assistant HS and MS Coaches for the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed 6 to 0.

*** 2023-2024 CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE**

Mr. Seitz moved to approve the classified hourly wage schedule as presented. The motion passed 5 to 0 following a second by Mr. McGahan with Mr. Iversen abstaining from vote.

***2023-2024 ADMIN AND LICENSED STAFF SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Marker moved and Ms. Gorder seconded to approve the 2023-2024 administration/licensed position salaries as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

***ACTIVITY DIRECTOR PROPOSAL**

Chris Lee has been the Activity Director in the district for the past 5 years. This position has evolved from just scheduling and set up to scheduling, setup, paperwork, expenditure approval, evaluations of all coaches, concussion protocol, etc.... This position is not protected by tenure and has a number of administrative duties that come with the job description. He is also teaching a referee class for our students. Chris was recently selected as AD of the Year for our region. He does an excellent job and finding Activity Directors is a challenge.

With all of the administrative duties, the number of years he has been with the district and the lack of job protection he has, I would like to propose that we offer an insurance package to him. This could be something that we offer this position in the future once AD has been in the district for 5 years. I feel that he is beyond deserving of this. I would like to recommend a full family insurance package for him, but will leave this open for discussion.

Mr. Iversen moved to offer full family medical insurance package for Chris Lee starting in the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Gorder seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0.

***2023-2024 ACTIVITY DRIVER WAGE**

Mr. Iversen moved to approved the proposed increase to \$15.00 per hour starting pay for activity drivers beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Mr. McGahan.

***2023-2024 ADVISOR CONTRACTS**

HS Band – Kilee Sundt	HS Choral – Cedric Halvorson	Science Club – David McDonald
Play Advisor (Fall) – Christy Pierce	Play Advisor (Spring) – Christy Pierce	
Talon – Pam Radke	HS Academics – Dan Hart	FFA Advisor – Kelly Alvstad
SKILLS Advisor – Roger Merritt	Mentorship Program – Karen Pollari	
Title IX – Karen Pollari	FCCLA Advisor – Cheyenne Ryan	Activity Director – Chris Lee
MS Band – Kilee Sundt	MS Choral – Cedric Halvorson	MS Academics – Marie Holler
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Mr. Iversen moved to the hire of all listed advisors. The motion passed with a second by Mr. Seitz on a 6 to 0 vote.

***1ST READING OF BUILDING HANDBOOK CHANGES**

Mr. Iversen moved and Mr. Seitz seconded to approve the 1st reading of the presented handbook changes for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 6 to 0.

***RATIFICATION OF 2023-2026 MASTER AGREEMENT WITH SIDNEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.**

Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. Iversen seconded to approve the 2023-2026 Master Agreement with the Sidney Education Association as presented. The motion passed 6 to 0. SEA has not signed the agreement but confirmed acceptance of the agreement through email. Ratification will be at the August board meeting.

*** 1st Reading Board Policies:**

1650	1005FE	1006FE	1007FE	1009FE	1010FE	1110
1400	1700	2050	2132	2140	2158	2167
2168	2170	2170P	2332	2450	2600	3100
3110	3120	3121	3121P	3141	3150	3226
3233	3235	3310	3413	3510	3550	4410
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Mr. Seitz moved to approve the 1st reading of the polices and options as presented. Mr. Iversen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Topics for next agenda include:

*2023-2024 Budget Meeting

*Ratification of 2023-2026 Master Agreement with Sidney Education Association.

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Approved:

Attest:

District Clerk

Board Chair
