**March 23, 2020**

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held Monday, March 23rd, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Administration Office, 101 S Central Avenue or via conference call on posted notice by the clerk for the purpose of discussion and action regarding Resolutions of Intent to Impose an Increase/Decrease in 2020-2021 Levies for Elementary District #5 and High School District #1. Present were Trustees Ben Thogersen, Randy Iversen, Alex Villegas, Jon Marker and David Seitz. Attending via conference call were Trustees Kelly Dey and Lisa Gorder. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Monte Silk and Clerk- Nicole Beyer. Absent was Trustee, Craig Steinbeisser.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Thogersen called the meeting to order noting no members of the public were physically present for the meeting but many participated by conference call..

**Superintendent’s Report: Monte Silk**

- At this time, I am conducting a daily meeting with administrators at 3:00 PM to review concerns and continue to make plans

- The President has signed into law the Families First Corona Virus Response Act on March 18, 2020, which provides 80 hours of COVID-19 related paid sick leave for full-time employees with part-time employees receiving a prorated number of sick leave hours

- Another special meeting of the Board of Trustees must be called to allow consideration and approval of the Districts’ plan for 1) offsite learning instruction and structure; 2) continuation of school meals; 3) services for students with disabilities and 4) other services. Following discussion, Chair Thogersen called a special meeting for 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 26, 2020 to deal with this issue and any other COVID-19 issues that may need to be addressed

- Teachers returned to the classroom today:

* Parent contact begun to ascertain the ability to receive online instruction, completing missing work and whether physical learning packets will be necessary
* Four staff members brought their child(ren) to school with them today
* Breakfasts and lunches were available for pick-up at the High School, Middle School and Boys and Girls Club at no cost for children under 18 beginning today. An amendment was made to the information provided to parents stating the children must be with the parent to receive a lunch. Lunches were taken to the vehicles by staff
* Currently, there are eight teachers working from home due to COVID-19 travel concerns or personal/family members with health conditions calling for it
* Parents surveyed about internet services/devices at home indicate that about 12% do not have sufficient devices for all students in their home and about 20% do not have internet. Mr. Silk will be checking with Mid-Rivers to see how the District can help remedy this problem

- We are preparing for an extension of no school for students.

**ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #5 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES**

- Total estimated 2020-2021 levies: $2,743,189 @ 104.20 mills.

- A decrease of $27,384 or 1.04 Mills

- Estimated annual tax impact on: $100,000 Home ($1.40) $200,000 Home ($2.80)

Mr. Iversen moved to approve the Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies for Elementary District #5 as presented (See attachment). Mr. Marker seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

**HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES**

- Total estimated 2020-2021 levies: $1,569,601 @ 41.82 mills.

- An increase of $68,833 or 1.83 Mills

- Estimated annual tax impact on: $100,000 Home $2.47 $200,000 Home $4.94

Mr. Iversen moved to approve the Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies for High School Ditrict #1 as presented (See attachment). Mr. Marker seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Chairman Thogersen provided an opportunity for Community Comment on non-agenda items: None

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

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 Board Chair

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District Clerk