

JUNE 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held at 5:30 PM Monday, June 6, 2022, at the Administration Office on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees David Setiz, Randy Iversen, Kelly Dey, Josh McGahan and Alex Villegas. Also in attendance were Superintendent- Brent Sukut; District Clerk- Nicki Beyer, High School Principal- Carl Dynneson, Middle School Principal- Ashley Copple, Curriculum Director- Thom Barnhart, West Side Principal- Sharri Vandall and Central School Principal- Sara Romo. Absent were: Trustees: Ben Thogersen; Lisa Gorder and Jon Marker; High School Assistant Principal- Danny Coryell and Special Ed Director- Michelle Monsen

At 5:30 PM, Vice-Chairman Iversen called the meeting to order and welcomed all community members attending or on conference call in. Mr. Iversen stated an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Committee Meetings**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND FINANCE REPORTS:**

- **APRIL FINANCE REPORTS:** Cash Balances, Revenues, Expenditures and Investment Reports
- Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022 for end of the year business

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: NONE**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve May 9th Regular and Reorganization Meeting and May 12th, 2022 Minutes**
- B. Approval of May 2022 Claims Warrants # 233456 - 233500 in the amount of \$316,797.71**
- C. Cancel District Warrants and/or Associated Student Body Checks: None**
- D. Associated Student Body Information:**
 - o Approve the April 2022 Report
- E. 2022-2023 Montana Cooperative Services Agreement (\$1200.00)**
- F. 2022-2023 Montana Quality Educator Cooperative Membership (\$2500.00)**
- G. 2022-2023 Big Sky Therapy Associates & Consulting**
 - Memorandum of Understanding for Speech Therapy Services at same rate as 2021-22
- H. Second Reading And Adoption Of Board Policies 1010FE, 1520, 2167, 2168, 2170, 2312, 2510, 3121, 3310, 3413 F1&F2, 3416, 3612, 3612F, 3612P, 5223, 5228P, 5450 AND 7625**
 - *BP 1010FE Early Enrollment for Exceptional Circumstances; BP 3121 Enrollment & Attendance Records:* Wording changes for Option A & additional language to strengthen use of policy
 - *BP 1520 Board Staff Communications:* Clarify ability of staff member to comment during a board meeting
 - *BP 2167 Correspondence Courses; BP 2168 Distance, Online & Technology Learning; BP 2170 Digital Academy Classes :* Clarify that correspondence courses provided at District expense may be included in the ANB calculation but not courses paid for by student
 - *BP 2312 Copyright:* Required updates re: use and display of dramatic performances, musical works, motion pictures or television programming in school setting as per federal copyright law
 - *BP 2510 School Wellness:* Updates to comply with changes in state & federal guidance
 - *BP 3310 Student Discipline:* Required update re: prohibiting violations of state & federal law or secretly recording others
 - *BP 3413 F1 & F2 Immunization Exemption Forms:* New forms to comply w/DPHHS guidance & 20-5-405 MCA
 - *BP 3416 Administering Medicines to Students:* Required update clarifying authorized physician may provide guidance on student medication not just a school physician
 - *BP 3612, 3612F & 3612P Student Use of District Provided Technology:* Minor changes to include equipment language
 - *BP 5223 Personal Conduct:* Updated in include provision prohibiting secretly recording others as per state law
 - *BP 5228P Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus & Commercial Vehicle Drivers:* Clarify post-accident drug testing definitions & procedures as per federal law
 - *BP 5450 Employee Use of District Provided Technology:* Only adopt the addition of equipment when appropriate
 - *BP 7625 Use of Enhanced Tax Credit Receipts:* Adopt with new tax credit option due to HB 279

I. First Reading of Board Policy 3416F-3

- Form for administering Tylenol: change frequency to “as needed” or with approval only and remove daily & weekly and add a spot for phone number to contact papers

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K. 2022-2023 Out-of-District Student Attendance Agreements

- *District to District:* Grade 7 & 8 Brorson 2 Grade 4, 7, 10,12 Stevenson 1 each grade (Also Employee)
- *Employee Requests:* Brorson: 1 (K2); 2 (Gr 1); 1 (Gr 4) Fairview: 1 (Gr 8); 1 (Gr 12)

L. New Hires: Summer Student Part-time Groundskeeper/Custodial Help

- o Seth Beyerle – Summer Groundskeeper
- o Braylon DiFonzo – Summer Groundskeeper
- o Braden Harris – Summer Groundskeeper
- o Shawna Jasin – Summer Custodial
- o Amaiyah Kirn – Summer Custodial
- o Ariaah McShane-Rang – Summer Custodial
- o Victor Piedra – Summer Custodial

Approval of New Hires as part-time summer help

Ms. Dey moved and Mr. Villegas seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the removal of the 2022-2023 Continuing Education Grants. The motion passed 5 to 0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

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Mr. Seitz moved and Mr. McGahan seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Continuing Education Grants as ranked above. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Dey abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

*** TERMINATION OF BOARD POLICY 1900 SERIES:**

- Emergency Board Policies adopted and utilized during COVID
- MTSBA edited other Board Policies to address the topics covered in the 1900 series
- The District has already adopted all necessary policies and made recommended changes to affected policies to cover pertinent items in the 1900 series

Ms. Dey moved to terminate the 1900 Board Policy series (1901, 1902, 1903, 1903F, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1906P, 1907, 1909, 1910 and 1911). Mr. Villegas seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

*** CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING AGREEMENT WITH MCKINSTRY AS DISTRICT ESCO**

- No cost to continue this association at this time. Cost occurs when energy projects are undertaken with regards to the Administration Office
- Mr Sukut stated this was for discussion only at this time. He will explore their role in future HVAC system projects

*** BUS BARN REMODELING PROJECT:**

- Quote received from Top Gunz Flooring to replace the current tile that requires waxing and cleaning with tile that does not. The bid for this is \$7,071.00
- Discussed the possibility of using an epoxy polyurethane flooring. Concern was expressed on the possibility of chipping when things are dropped on it
- The Trustees requested the District reach out to Rimrock Abbey Carpet & Floor for a timeline and quote

Following discussion, Ms. Dey moved to approve the replacement of the flooring in the Bus Barn office with a cap of \$7071 to be completed this summer. Mr. McGahan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*** 8th GRADE PARTICIPATION IN MHSA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

- Reviewed coach surveys on including 8th graders in allowed MHSA activities
- Recommendation is to allow 8th grade participation in Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball, Track, Softball and Baseball
- Speech, Drama and Debate is not eligible to utilize 8th graders per MHSA. Ms. Dey requested that Mr. Lee relay express the Board's desire to include this program to MHSA as it does not have a feeder program and more participants are desirable
- The District is not recommending 8th Grade Participation for 2022-2023 in Speech, Drama & Debate; Cheer & Dance and Music
- **8th Grade Participation Consideration:** 1) Improve overall ability of the team to compete post-season; 2) Use of 8th graders at sub-varsity level to fill the roster due to lack of participants or to develop the individual with the intent of moving the varsity level program to be more competitive
- **8th Grade Participation Requirements:** 1) Participate in a try-out for a varsity level activity; 2) Student and parents sign contract/agreement acknowledging the need to try-out, comply with all **Middle School** eligibility rules to continue to participate at the High School level; 3) Understand the student participant cannot bounce between the MS and HS teams. If it is decided the participant should remain at MS level, they cannot return to compete at the HS level

Ms. Dey moved to approve the 8th grade participation plan as presented re-assessing the process following the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Mr. Seitz.

*** FIRST READING 2022-2023 STUDENT HANDBOOKS:**

- HIGH SCHOOL Presented by Carl Dynneson

- * Honors Program requires all members to reach the Pre-Calculus level
- * Students who miss school following a school-sponsored activity may be considered ineligible for the next school sponsored activity they are eligible to participate in
- * Behavior and Discipline section experienced general housekeeping and layout changes. Drug and Alcohol added a statement regarding the requirement for group counseling to include the phrase "under the discretion/recommendation of the school administration". This addresses the concern that the District may be financially responsible for this counseling if it is required
- * Pre-Prom appointments scheduled during school time caused issues. Students who are absent one or more periods the last day of school before prom may not be eligible to attend prom
- * Added Advisory back into the schedule once a week (Wednesday) for 13 minutes to allow for teaching school expectations, grade checks, surveys, meetings and other administrative tasks
- * Make-up slips were discontinued four years ago resulting in students participating in school sponsored activities choosing not to complete work in a timely manner or not at all. Students are also using the absence policy to their advantage for a one day absence. A basic make-up form requiring teacher initials will be utilized to assist students in completing work prior to school trips. Clarification regarding the timeline for making up work was also included
- * Cell phone and headphone use will be limited and will not be permitted or used in the classroom setting

- MIDDLE SCHOOL Presented by Ashley Copple

- * General editing/language updates
- * Clarify use of Google Classroom digital classes vs attendance in classes and definition of absence
- * Bell Schedule updated
- * Eligibility policy for activities has been updated

- CENTRAL SCHOOL Presented by Sara Romo

- * Added bus discipline as per currently used transportation form signed by student and parent
- * Adding academic expectations for participation in sporting events (basketball)
- * Additional clarification on discipline referrals

- WEST SIDE SCHOOL Presented by Shari Vandall

- * Housekeeping/wording changes
- * Addition of the Kelso's Choice Conflict Resolution Program to be utilized for conflict resolution

Mr. Villegas moved and Mr. Seitz seconded the motion to approve the first reading of the 2022-2023 student handbooks as presented. The motion passed 5 to 0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT: NONE

Additional Information:

- Mr. Villegas asked if the District has seen a decrease in discipline referrals with the four-day school week. Overall consensus is that referrals have decreased with the use of Friday school at the High School and increased teacher morale allowing them to handle situations/students better.
- Mr. Barnhart stated that the government is considering extending free meals for all students through September of 2023 due to the economic downturn. A decision should be made shortly

Topics for next agenda include:

- 1) Second Reading of Board Policies 3416F-3
- 2) Second Reading of 2022-2023 Student Handbook Changes
- 3) Property and Liability Insurance Bids

At 6:55 PM Vice-Chairman Iversen, with no further business to come before the Trustees, adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Approved: _____

Attest:

District Clerk