

**Sioux County School Board of Education**  
**District # 83-0500**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**December 11, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Family Consumer Science Room-SCHS**

**1. Meeting called to order by President Shon Whetham at 6:00 p.m.**

**2. Open Meetings Act**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

<b>4. Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jackie Buhr</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>David Howell</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Karen Huntrods</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Syd Meidell</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Jud Skavdahl</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Shon Whetham</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

**5. Consent Agenda**

- (1) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to accept the consent agenda:
- (2) Reading of minutes from previous meeting
- (3) Agenda as presented
- (4) Excuse absent board members
- (5) Accept treasurer's report and approve the payment of the bills

**On roll call vote: Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes;  
Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**6. Staff/Student Recognition - A Pat on the Back**

**Ultimate Warrior Teacher Award-**

**Laurel Genkins & Junior High Students-** the Festival of Hope raised over \$1,300.00 at the bake sale before Thanksgiving. The junior high students and other volunteers did a nice job of helping at the event.

**7. Recognition of Visitors/Individuals Wishing to Address the Board**

**Dr. Gies, Mr. Swisher, Sandy Murphy, Barb Engebretsen, Jessica Turbiville, Paul Windsor, Maggie Adams, Joleen Faulkenburg, Donna Skavdahl, Scott Kile, Nancy Kile, David Goebel, Katie Reece, Jennifer Skavdahl**

**8. Discussion and/or Reports**

**A.) Superintendent's Report**

**Sale of the Buick Car-** Dr. Gies contacted called three salvage dealers to see if they were interested in buying the car. One dealer did not want the car. Another dealer offered \$100.00. Another dealer offered \$125 sight unseen and up to \$200 if we brought the car to him. Amber Dodge offered \$200 so Dr. Gies sold the car to her.

**Glen School-** Scott and Nancy Kile called the office to express their concern regarding the Glen School. The roof and the overall building is in need of repairs. They inquired about the possibility of the school district repairing the roof to stop further damage to the inside of the building. They would eventually like to see the building restored and used as a community building. Dr. Gies met the Kile's and inspected the building with them.

The Kile's attended the school board meeting. They requested for the school district to install a new roof. The school board was informed by member Meidell that a community member had the land surveyed and title researched. Accordingly, she was informed that the school and land belong to SCS. The board decided to discuss this issue again in January once the legal documents of rights of ownership have been obtained. The school district does not have an interest in restoring the school. Once the legal documents have been obtained, the school will be offered for sale.

**Dual Credit Course-** 7 students (3 seniors and 4 juniors) are enrolled in the dual credit English course offered through Nebraska Wesleyan University and taught by Mr. Rohan. All seven are on course to complete the course and receive college credits. A second course will be taught in the spring.

**State Assessment Results-**the NeSA results for last school year were released last week. Since we have fewer than ten students taking the assessment at various grade levels, our results are not available to the public. This protects student privacy. The ACT results indicate our students continue the long trend of scoring well and reflect their adequate preparation for college courses. The NeSA English Language Arts test scores across the state were much lower than previous years. This reflects the change in the state standards and state assessment. The State predicts the scores will rise as the new standards and assessments are implemented starting this school year. The State is implementing new standards in math this year and science the following year. A new assessment is also in development with the first administration this spring. Individual student test results have been shared with teachers.

**Ameresco Work Order Change-** President Whetham signed the work order for Ameresco changes to the scope of work. We approved the work order request in August. The work order provided for the installation of occupancy sensors, a drop down ceiling and lights installed at Harrison Grade School.

**B.) Principal's Report-** Mr. Swisher shared the calendar of events for upcoming activities

**C.) Board Reports-**None.

#### **D.) Discussion Items**

**Teacher Contracted Days-** Open discussion regarding adding days to the teacher contract was held. The State average for teachers is 185. SCS is at 175 days.

After listening to patrons at the meeting, the board asked Dr. Gies to seek further input from teachers. The board will vote at the January meeting whether or not to add five days next school year. If days are added to the calendar, the administration will decide how to use those days whether it be for student and teacher days, just teacher days or a combination of both.

**9. Old Business**

**A.) Motion by Skavdahl, seconded by Howell to approve the second reading of school board Policy 5004 Full and Part-time Enrollment.**

**On roll call vote: David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes;  
Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**10. New Business**

**A.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Buhr to approve the purchase of Software Unlimited School Financing software, a new school district accounting software program.**

**On roll call vote: Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes;  
Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**B.) Motion by Whetham, seconded Buhr by to approve school board policies: Personnel Policies 4112 & 4113 & Business Policies 3100-3230 with revisions.**

**On roll call vote: Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes;  
Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**C.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Meidell to approve the base salary for 2018-19 school year at \$36,900 and the base salary for 2019-20 school year at \$37,950 as agreed upon through negotiations with the Sioux County Education Association.**

**On roll call vote: Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes;  
David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**D.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the purchase of Odesseyware software.**

**On roll call vote: Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-no; David Howell-yes;  
Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes.**

**Motion Carried 5-1.**

**E.) Motion by Huntrods, seconded by Buhr to approve the calendar changes at Pink School and Chalk Butte with early dismissals at 2:30 p.m. every other Friday effective second semester.**

**On roll call vote: Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes;  
Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**F.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to approve Mr. Barry Swisher as the Pk-12 SCS Principal for 2018-2020 school years.**

**On roll call vote: David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-no; Syd Meidell-yes;  
Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes.**

**Motion Carried 5-1.**

## **11. Executive Session**

**A.) Motion by Skavdahl seconded by Howell to move into Executive Session at 8:35 pm to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract and the contract for Mr. Swisher.**

**On roll call vote: Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes;  
Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

The President must now state the reason for the closed session immediately prior to going into the closed session. **We will move into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract and the contract for Mr. Swisher.**

**B.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Skavdahl to move out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.**

**On roll call vote: Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes;  
Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**G.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Buhr to approve Dr. Brett Gies as the Sioux County School District Superintendent of Schools for the 2018-2020 school years and contract.**

**On roll call vote: Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes;  
David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**H.) Motion by Buhr, seconded by Meidell to approve Mr. Barry Swisher's Pk-12 Principal's contract for the 2018-2020 school years.**

**On roll call vote: Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-yes; David Howell-yes;  
Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes.**

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**12. Next regular meeting is Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

**13. Adjourn**

**Motion by Howell, seconded by Huntrods to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.**

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**