

Sioux County School Board of Education
District # 83-0500
Regular School Board Meeting
June 12, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Family Consumer Science Room-SCHS

1. Meeting called to order by President Shon Whetham at 6:14 p.m.

2. Open Meetings Act

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Attendance:	Present
Jackie Buhr	No
David Howell	Yes
Karen Huntrods	Yes
Syd Meidell	Yes
Jud Skavdahl	Yes (Left the meeting at 7:15 pm)
Shon Whetham	Yes

5. Consent Agenda

- (1) Motion by Howell, 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-absent; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes;
Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes.**

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

Ultimate Warrior Teaching Award-

State Track Team- Morgan Edmund and Jordan Buhr competed in the State Track Meet. Jordan earned 7th place and a medal in the long jump.

National History Day- Angela Johnson, Tommy Watson, and Morgan Edmund will compete at National History Day this week. Sponsor Mr. Valenta and their parents will accompany them on the trip.

Jack Skavdahl- thank you to Jack Skavdahl for building a picnic table and donating it to SCHS. We will all appreciate a place to sit and eat outside the high school.

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

Brett Gies, David Goebel (engineer with Ameresco), Jessica Turbiville

8. Discussion and/or Reports

A.) Superintendent's Report

EMC Insurance Company & Kreider Insurance Agency- gave us a dividend of \$1,322.00 for our efforts in accident prevention and good claim experience.

Track Update- Mrs. McCumbers, Mr. Swisher and Dr. Gies met with the Sioux County Foundation to ask for financial support in building the track. We hope to receive a financial amount yet to be determined. And, after reviewing the plans and how it will fit into our current location, we determined the plans need to be revised to include a three lane track with a fourth sprint lane added to one side will be best. Fisher Tracks is now being consulted and has made recommendations to reduce the scope and cost of the project. More details will be released at a later date. Reducing the size of the track will also help in securing funds for the project and make it easier to become a reality. Mrs. McCumbers believes the track will be built in the summer of 2018.

Master Contract- the Master Contract was updated to reflect the change in insurance coverage. Our dental now covers 100%A, 75%B and 50%C. the past coverage was 80%A & B and 50%C. All this means is that employees have better dental coverage as the insurance company is promoting preventative care which reduces bigger costs. The change occurs with signatures by Dash Rohan, Association President and Shon Whetham, Board President.

ACT Scores-our three juniors scored very well on the ACT. The ACT was the state assessment as required by NDE. It is difficult to share more information because of the small number of students taking the assessment other than they met or exceeded state averages. The scores reflect their readiness and ability to complete college level work.

Fierce Conversations-Dr. Gies attended a two day training entitled Fierce Conversations. It provided training on how to have those difficult conversations we experience in the work force. The training was hosted by ESU #13 in Scottsbluff.

Ag/Shop Makeover- The summer maintenance workers, Riley Ellis, Garrett Ellis and Joel Parker power washed and painted the walls and floors of the Ag/Shop area. It has been several years since the walls have been cleaned and painted. It looks great.

NDE Grade Level Assessments- NDE has contracted with NWEA to administer the Measures of Academic Progress at grades 3-8 and 11 in the content areas of Reading, Math, Language and Science in grades 5 and 8 beginning in the 2017-18 school year. The assessments can be administered three times per year. The spring assessment will be used for accountability purposes. The State Board of Education authorized payment of the assessment for all districts therefore we will not be assessed any fees for administration.

2017-18 Accreditation- The State Board of Education approved SCS for the 2017-18 school year. We have met all standards and requirements as set forth in Rule 10.

FCS Consumer Science Room- work has begun. The counter tops and ovens have been ordered. The ceiling tiles and tracks will be painted white, the walls painted a light tan to match the counters and cabinets, new plumbing, deep sink and faucets will be installed as well as a new standing cabinet.

B.) Principal's Report

None

C.) Board Reports

None

D.) Discussion Items

Old Snow Blower and Ban Saw- It was decided to retire the old walk behind snow blower and a ban saw that is no longer being used. Dispersal will be through public notice and sealed bids.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

**A.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to approve school board policies 1100-1120
Community Relations.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**B.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Huntrods to approve the transfer of \$88,000 from the General
Fund to the Depreciation Fund.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**C.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Howell to approve the transfer of \$16,000 from the General
Fund to the Activities Fund.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

D.) Motion by Meidell, seconded by Huntrods to approve the 2017-18 After School Program, Preschool, Elementary, Junior High, Secondary, and Staff Handbooks.

On roll call vote: Jud Skavdahl-yes (by proxy); Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-absent; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

E.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to approve \$24,000 to purchase technology hardware and software.

On roll call vote: Shon Whetham-yes; Jackie Buhr-absent; David Howell-yes; Karen Huntrods-yes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes (by proxy).

Motion Carried 5-0.

F.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Huntrods to approve the adoption of a resolution for the award of the Energy Services Agreement to Ameresco, the energy services company previously selected by the Board to develop and implement a project for energy conservation and facility improvements.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Board Resolution (Read aloud by President Whetham):

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has enacted Nebraska Statute 66-1062 authorizing any local government unit to enter into an energy financing contract with a qualified provider to implement energy conservation measures inclusive of facility alteration or capital equipment acquisition designed to reduce energy, utility, or water consumption, and/or reduce other operating or capital costs, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sioux County School District has received an Investment Grade Audit from Ameresco, Inc. (a company that represents itself to be a qualified provider), that contained recommendations for energy conservation and facility improvement measures, and presented energy and operational or capital cost savings attributable to the measures, and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated the terms of a proposed energy financing contract in the form of an Energy Services Agreement and such Agreement offered by Ameresco contains a guaranty of energy savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sioux County School District Board of Education does hereby authorize Ameresco, Inc. to provide the scope of services identified in the Energy Services Agreement dated June 12, 2017, in the amount not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and NO/100 Dollars (\$478,612.00).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this resolution is hereby adopted on this 12th day of June 2017.

G.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Skavdahl to approve a resolution to initiate financing of the project awarded to Ameresco, Inc.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Board Resolution (Read aloud by President Whetham):

WHEREAS, the School Board of Sioux County School District in Harrison, Nebraska wishes to consult with All American Investment Group, LLC to establish a financing package together with Sandhills State Bank for an energy savings and capital improvement project to be provided by Ameresco, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Sioux County Schools does hereby authorize All American Investment Group to provide a financing package together with Sandhills State Bank for an energy savings and a capital improvement project to be provided by Ameresco, Inc. It is anticipated that the financing of the project will be in an amount of \$394,000 or less, with a finance term of 20 years, after a down payment of no more than \$90,000 has been applied to the project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this resolution is hereby adopted on this 12th day of June 2017.

11. Executive Session

A.) Motion by Huntrods seconded by Howell to move into Executive Session at 8:03 pm to discuss personnel issues.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

The President must now state the reason for the closed session. **We will move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.**

B.) Motion by Whetham seconded by Huntrods to move out of Executive Session at 8:34 pm.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

12. Next regular meeting is Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.