

Sioux County School Board of Education
District # 83-0500
Regular School Board Meeting
October 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.
SCHS FCS Room

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98555096886>

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

2. Open Meetings Act

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Attendance:	Present
Pat Andersen	Yes
Joleen Falkenburg	Participated by Zoom, not present for voting purposes
David Howell	Participated by Zoom, not present for voting purposes
Syd Meidell	Yes
Jud Skavdahl	Yes
Shon Whetham	Yes

5. Consent Agenda

- (1) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to accept the consent agenda:
- (2) Reading of minutes from previous meeting, the September minutes were amended
- (3) Agenda as presented
- (4) Excuse absent board members
- (5) Accept treasurer’s report and approve the payment of the bills
- (6) Meeting Notice Publication Date: October 6, 2021

On roll call vote: Pat Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-not present for voting purposes; David Howell-not present for voting purposes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes.

Motion Carried 4-0.

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

Miss Woolsey is recognized by Mrs. Ivy-Miss Woolsey, I just wanted to say thank you for everything you do for our kids. My students look forward to having music each week, and I do too. I appreciate all the hard work you put into the music lessons. Since having music in the classroom, I get to enjoy all the songs and Quaver lessons while working during my planning time.

I also really appreciate the Quaver music program you have brought to our school. I am sure you love using it when you are here, however, it is a wonderful program for when you have to be gone. My kids love the program so much. Yesterday was their usual music day. I had not had a chance to tell them music had switched this week. My students automatically came in from recess, did not see you, and went straight to get their chrome books for Quaver. I was very proud they knew exactly what

to do. Quaver is something they enjoy so much, they ask to get on it when they are finished with other things.

I hope you know how much you are appreciated here. As a teacher, and a parent, I love how the students are really learning music each time they have you.

(When I asked Mrs. Ivy if I could share her comments at the board meeting, her response was: “Yes, you can share. I just see how wonderful our school is, and that is because of the caring teachers and administration we have. We have a special school here and we need to appreciate it.”)

Mrs. Nunn-Dr. Gies nominated Mrs. Nunn for the Nebraska Special Education Para of the Year. Mrs. Nunn does an outstanding job working with students, she is a stellar employee, and a real asset to our school. Mrs. Nunn will attend the para conference in Kearney on November 9th. We hope she comes home with the state award.

Ina Glaubius-gave us a sign our athletes can take to games to display their pride of Sioux County. Part of the reason she had it made was so when the team travels to games in “faraway places”, like *district play-offs* etc, others will know how far you have to travel. When the sign-maker and she were working on the design, she had never heard of Harrison. Good Luck Warriors!! Ina, ‘56

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

Dr. Gies, Mr. Swisher, Kerri Rempp, Jessica Turbiville

8. Discussion and/or Reports

A.) Superintendent’s Report

School District Financial Audit-Vince Ryan and his team were on-site the week of September 20th to begin the financial audit. The report will be delivered to us at the November meeting. Vince indicated everything looks fine.

Negotiations-The negotiations teams need to meet in November. In past years, 2-3 members of the board represented the district. We usually meet before the November school board meeting. We have been successful for the past several years of settling in one meeting. In 2019, the team consisted of Dave, Syd and Jud. We will meet at 4:30 before the November school board meeting. Dave, Syd and Jud volunteered to serve on the committee.

COVID Update- Dr. Gies continues to participate in Zoom meetings with area superintendents, PPHD and the NDE Commissioner every two weeks. He did not have anything new to report.

ESSER II and III Funds-our applications have been approved. We will seek reimbursement for the \$103,605 which will be applied to our loan.

SCHS Custodians-Sean and Hannah Grote notified Dr. Gies they want to terminate their employment. Dr. Gies posted the opening in the newspaper.

Law Update- Dr. Gies participated in a law update webinar presented by KSB Law. He shared several key points from the webinar.

IXL-At the request of the elementary teachers, Dr. Gies approved their request to purchase IXL. It is on an on-line personalized learning academy for the content areas of math, ELA, science and social studies. IXL is aligned with the NE content standards. It is a supplementary program tailored to individual student’s learning to support their skill level.

B.) Principal's Report

Mr. Swisher reported the junior high girls' basketball season has been cancelled due to lack of players. The girls will participate with the junior high boys' basketball program in January. The girls will still practice during PE time starting in November.

PHC volleyball will be held at CSC on Saturday. The girls play at 9:00 am.

Hearing tests have been scheduled for October 26th.

Early release for professional development on October 14th. Teachers will be trained in CPR. Elementary teachers will meet with Dr. Gies. The high school teachers will work on school improvement with Mr. Swisher.

C.) Board Report

Member Falkenburg asked we approve Jodi Thomsen as the junior high basketball volunteer coach. We will take action at the November meeting.

D.) Discussion Items

None at this time.

9. Business

A.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to approve school board policies: Business Operations 3130-3220.

On roll call vote: Joleen Falkenburg-not present for voting purposes; David Howell-not present for voting purposes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Pat Andersen-yes.

Motion Carried 4-0.

B.) Motion by Skavdahl, seconded by Whetham to approve school board policy 5006- Option Enrollment with revisions.

On roll call vote: David Howell-not present for voting purposes; Syd Meidell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Pat Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-not present for voting purposes.

Motion Carried 4-0.

C.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the second reading of Policy 5306 Students: Drug and Alcohol Testing.

On roll call vote: Syd Meidell-no; Jud Skavdahl-no; Shon Whetham-no; Pat Andersen-no; Joleen Falkenburg-not present for voting purposes; David Howell-not present for voting purposes.

Motion Not Carried 4-0.

D.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Meidell to approve the new 2021 ELA Standards as set forth by the Nebraska Board of Education.

On roll call vote: Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Pat Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-not present for voting purposes; David Howell-not present for voting purposes; Syd Meidell-yes.

Motion Carried 4-0.

10. Executive Session

None.

11. Next regular meeting is Monday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.

The negotiations team will meet prior to the meeting at 4:30.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Whetham, seconded by Skavdahl to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.