

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the Sigourney Jr/Sr High School Media Center, Sigourney, Iowa. Board members present included Mark O'Rourke, Anne Arduser, Justin Boender, and Shellie Striegel. Denise Conrad, Ruth Manchester, and Chuck Moore were absent. Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper, Elementary Principal Deanna Hutchings, Secondary Principal Shannon Webb, Athletic Director Lee Crawford, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Susan Huls.

Amber Pargmann presented a banner to the District for the partnership with John Deere and Project Lead the Way.

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Mark O'Rourke called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Arduser moved, seconded by Boender to open the meeting. Motion carried 4/0.
- II. **Good News/Comments from the Board:** Mr. Harper complimented Randy Schmidt, Transportation Director for a successful bus inspection, and Ms. Hutchings and Ms. Webb for their help with Lora Helm's memorial service.
- III. **Focus on Education:** Shannon Webb and Deanna Hutchings presented Fall Assessment Data.
- IV. **Approve/Amend Agenda:** Boender moved, seconded by Striegel to amend the agenda to add Playground Specifications under VII. 9. Action Items. Motion carried 4/0.
- V. **Welcome Visitors/Public Comment:** Mark O'Rourke welcomed Julie Tremmel, Amber Pargmann, and Hailey Brown.
- VI. **Consent Agenda:** Striegel moved, seconded by Arduser to approve the consent section of the agenda to include the minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting; the financial reports, the list of bills, and the additional list of bills for the amount of \$6,077.31 as presented. Motion carried 4/0.
- VII. **Action Items:** Striegel moved, seconded by Boender to approve the resignations of Kathie Hammes as Administrative Assistant effective June 30, 2016; Mike Mateer as Assistant Football Coach effective November 11, 2015; and Brandi Wehr as custodian effective December 31, 2015. Motion carried 4/0.

Boender moved, seconded by Arduser to approve Lee Crawford as High School Boys & Girls Golf Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried 4/0.

Arduser moved, seconded by Striegel to approve Kathie Hammes' request to participate in the Early Retirement Plan offered by the district per the guidelines of the approved plan. Motion carried 4/0.

Striegel moved, seconded by Boender to approve Jim Hussey to represent our region on the IASB Board of Directors. Motion carried 4/0.

Boender moved, seconded by Striegel to approve Gary Jarmes as volunteer wrestling coach for the 2015-2016 season. Motion carried 4/0.

Striegel moved, seconded by Arduser to approve supporting the resolution by the Rural School Advocates of Iowa to address funding inequities. Motion carried 4/0.

Arduser moved, seconded by Striegel to approve the fiscal year ending 2015 Audit Report and authorize the news release regarding the audit. Motion carried 4/0.

Boender moved, seconded by Arduser to approve Halverson Photography to provide service for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried 4/0.

Boender moved, seconded by Arduser to approve the specifications and advertise for sealed bids for the elementary playground. Motion carried 4/0.

VIII. Discussion Items/Committee Reports: Finance met earlier; Buildings & Grounds met last week; Negotiations will meet in January; and Policy will also meet in January or February. Shellie Striegel, Ruth Manchester, and Anne Arduser reported on the IASB Convention.

Mr. Harper presented results of a Soccer Survey he conducted with the students. He also talked about the Iowa School Report Card, the project list, and the Rural Act being introduced by Congressman Dave Loebsack. Administrative and supervisory reports were in written form.

IX. Closed Session: At 7:18 p.m. Arduser moved, seconded by Boender to hold a closed session as authorized by section 21.5(1) (j) of the open meetings law to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the school would have to pay or lower the price the board would receive for the property. Roll call vote: O'Rourke, aye; Arduser, aye; Boender, aye; Striegel, aye. Motion carried 4/0. Return to Open Session at 8:03 p.m.

X. Adjourn: Boender moved, seconded by Striegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Mark O'Rourke, President

Susan Huls, Secretary