

Stanley County School Board Meeting

January 8, 2007

The Stanley County School District, #57-1, Board of Education met in regular session January 8, 2007, 5:30 P.M., in the Middle School Learning Center with Sonny Harrowa, Mork Norman, John Duffy, Darby Nutter and Bridget Miller present. Others in attendance were Superintendent Brad Caldwell, Business Manager Kevin Merscheim and Principals Brian Doherty and Merry Bleeker. Visitors were Rebecca Cruse, Arlene Krueger, Craig Rutschke, Paula Alexander, Kim Doherty, Laura Snow, Mona Smith, Vera Cronin, Richard and Lori Gloe, Jennifer Milliken, Julie Willoughby, Julie Jeffries, Susan Rathbun, Shirley Swanson, Billie Jo Steffen and the sixth and seventh grade band members.

President Sonny Harrowa called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

The sixth and seventh grade band members played the national anthem.

Duffy moved, seconded by Norman, to adopt the agenda. All voted aye.

Norman moved, seconded by Nutter, to approve the Consent Calendar. All voted aye.

A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2006, and Special Meeting of December 14, 2006.

B. Approve the Financial Reports

GENERAL FUND: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 – 593,187.64; Receipts: Taxes – 115,567.05; Interest – 1,677.67; Misc. Revenue – 1,073.38; State Aid – 76,647.00; Admissions – 1,190.00; Yearbooks – 30.00; Refund – 1,941.00; National Minerals – 14,335.84; Taylor Grazing – 5,105.83; E-Rate Reimbursement – 500.00; Total Receipts – 218,067.77; Transfers into the Account – 778.51; Total Available – 812,033.92; Disbursements – 98,596.40; Payroll – 125,402.49; Transfer Out – 14.95; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – 588,020.08; CAPITAL OUTLAY: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 – 16,890.76; Receipts: Taxes – 23,556.92; Interest – 72.51; Misc. Revenue – 455.35; Total Receipts – 24,084.78; Total Available – 40,975.54; Disbursement – 8,360.31; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – 32,615.23; SPECIAL EDUCATION: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 - 466,420.40; Receipts: Taxes – 23,937.32; Interest – 1,178.49; Title VIB – 9,960.70; Preschool Grant – 352.50; Total Receipts – 35,429.01; Total Available – 501,849.41; Disbursements – 1,931.00; Payroll – 27,673.05; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – 472,245.36; PENSION FUND: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 – 31,819.35; Receipts: Taxes – 5,747.67; Interest – 0; Total Receipts – 5,747.67; Total Available – 37,567.02; Payroll – 37,061.79; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – 505.23; IMPACT AID: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 – 770,674.52; Receipts: Interest – 2,731.21; Total Receipts – 2,731.21; Total Available – 773,405.73; Transfer Out – 0; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – 773,405.73; FOOD SERVICE: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 – (38,647.45); Receipts: Sales – 12,481.85; Community & Youth Inv. – 0; State Food Reimbursement – 27,256.50; Total Receipts – 39,738.35; Total Available – 1,090.90; Disbursements – 11,139.59; Payroll – 14,598.37; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – (24,647.06); FIDUCIARY ACCOUNTS: Cash Balance, December 1, 2006 – 324,543.19; Receipts: Interest – 1,069.95; Resale – 3,481.91; Sophomore Class – 87.01; 7th Grade – 36.00; Student Council – 1,685.00; Letterwinners – 500.00; FCCLA – 848.56;

Band – 583.25; Triple S Group – 333.91; Stanley Co. Wrestling Inv. – 3,437.00; Hayes School – 11.14; Coaches Fundraisers – 150.00; Weight Room Donations – 112.15; Total Receipts – 12,335.88; Transfers into the Account – 7,096.29; Total Available - 343,975.36; Disbursements – 15,993.49; Cash Balance, December 31, 2006 – 327,981.87.

C. Note Budget Report

D. Approve the Regular Bills

Alltel, Cell Phone – 72.79; American Linen, Supplies – 440.02; BP, Gas – 768.25; BankWest, Capital Outlay Certificates – 500.00; Best Business Products, Supplies & Repairs – 476.33; Merry Bleeker, Mileage – 12.80; Brad Caldwell, Travel Expenses – 1,045.21; Capital Journal, Minutes & Advertising – 205.66; Capital Sports, Supplies – 701.90; Cedar Shore Resort, Lodging – 61.95; Child and Adult Nutrition Services, Food – 230.61; Christy Lumber, Supplies – 111.09; Linda Clair, Meals – 35.00; Cole Paper, Supplies – 4,853.77; Comfort Inn, Lodging – 79.99; Comfort Inn-Sioux Falls, Lodging – 156.47; Conoco, Gas – 39.45; Dakota Refrigeration, Repairs -65.00; Dakota Supply Group, Supplies – 62.51; Dean Foods, Milk – 1,314.10; Earthgrains, Food – 455.34; Envirotech Waste Service, Waste Disposal – 697.85; Fischer Science Education, Supplies – 128.16; Forell Limo Service, Bus Charters – 1,266.50; City of Fort Pierre, Utilities – 5,432.54; Friendship House, Supplies – 158.55; FSH Communications, Telephone – 233.20; Gale's Gas, Propane – 1,449.48; Glass Products, Repairs – 316.12; Gray Lines of the Black Hills, Chartered Buses – 1,839.72; Hach Company, Supplies – 174.80; Harker's, Food – 1,947.67; Hauff Mid-America Sports, Uniforms – 1,033.05; Jostens, Yearbook – 2,450.00; Klein's Office Plus, Supplies – 59.30; Kmart, Supplies – 80.04; Larry's Plumbing, Repairs – 1,461.88; May-Adam-Gerdes-Thompson, Prof. Services – 48.00; McDorman Piano Service, Repairs – 120.00; Melvin's Flower Shop, Supplies – 53.50; Jennifer Milliken, Supplies – 61.98; Monick Pipe, Repairs – 63.21; Montana Dakota Utilities, Utilities – 6,317.06; Norcostco, Supplies – 73.73; Omni Cheer, Uniforms – 455.40; Pepper At Eckroth, Supplies – 1,557.92; Pierre Solid Waste, Waste Disposal – 24.68; Pitney Bowes, Postage – 500.00; Playscripts, Supplies – 92.90; Porter Camera Store, Supplies – 1,024.61; Praxair, Supplies – 68.97; Qwest, Telephone – 148.44; Reinhart, Food – 4,070.68; Renaissance Learning, Supplies – 249.00; Right Turn, Tuition – 745.53; 22X, Travel – 71.30; Robin's Water, Water – 189.42; Runnings, Supplies – 56.94; SD Counselors Association, Registration – 220.00; Security Locksmith, Repairs – 122.96; Servall Uniforms, Supplies – 107.68; Shell, Bus Gas – 235.47; Simplex, Repairs – 891.85; SLD Lighting, Supplies – 609.40; Software House International, Supplies – 6,019.92; Stanley County Booster Club, Ticket Sellers – 211.32; Stanley County School District, Imprest – 6,064.91; Titze Electric, Repairs – 161.71; Town & Ranch Market, Supplies/Food – 512.41; US Food Service, Food – 1,446.04; VISA, Supplies – 10.00; Walmart, Supplies – 730.87; West Central Electric, Utilities – 362.87; WR/LJ Rural Water, Water – 107.50; Youngberg & Sons, Supplies – 7.00; GRAND TOTAL BILLS APPROVED \$64,232.48. (A more detailed listing is in the Administration Office of the Elementary Building.

E. Note Imprest Expenses

SDHSAA, All State Band – 36.00; Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Pierre Pride Dollars – 350.00; Performance Pathways, Registration – 60.00; Sally Ehlers, School Election Worker – 195.21; Renee Andersen, School Election Worker – 169.40; Twyla Bartholomew, School Election Worker – 130.58; Community & Youth Involved Center, Rental – 50.00; DCI, Background Checks – 176.00; Lois Hall, School Election Worker – 143.40; Barbara Harvey, School Election Worker – 146.74; Lavonna Kirkpatrick, School Election Worker – 197.70; Kirley Hall, Rental – 50.00; Rose Nelson, School Election Worker – 137.40; Nancy Jo Mikkelsen, School Election Worker – 137.40; Marion Schmidt, School Election Worker – 118.30; Marvin Swan, School Election Worker –

164.85; Darla Tibbs, School Election Worker – 120.86; Dixie Thorson, School Election Worker – 149.87; Triple U Ranch, Rental – 50.00; Janet Waldron, School Election Worker – 183.62; Mork Norman, Board Meeting Mileage – 345.60; Rob Davis, Official – 75.00; Brian Doherty, Official – 75.00; Quint Garnos, Official – 185.72; Steven Leber, Official – 110.00; V. Thomas McGough, Official – 166.08; Todd Palmer, Official – 120.00; Brad Remmich, Official – 60.00; Dan Rounds, Official – 35.00; Sarah Seamands, Official – 35.00; Brett Sether, Official – 120.00; Louis Young, Official – 160.00; Tate Gabriel, Clock – 37.50; Guy Hunter, Announcer – 25.00; Chad Uhrig, Official – 120.00; Gregory School District, Entry Fees – 50.00; Eric Booth, Official – 50.00; Warren Friesz, Official – 149.40; Clint Menning, Clock – 25.00; Jeremy Mikkelsen, Official – 95.00; Jeff Turning Heart, Official – 95.00; Webster School District, Entry Fees – 50.00; Theresa Beastron, Official – 45.00; Merry Bleeker, Official – 45.00; Kim Davis, Official – 45.00; Bobby Fossum, Official – 120.00; Gloria Garrity, Official – 45.00; Kelli Hanson, Official – 233.28; Michelle Humann, Official – 45.00; Bonnie Miller, Official – 120.00; Shavonne Mitchell, Official – 120.00; Jenifer Palmer, Official – 45.00; Rebecca Uhrig, Official – 120.00; Wagner Community School, Entry Fees – 50.00; Sheila Ricketts, Official – 40.00; Megan Sutley, Official – 40.00; TOTAL IMPREST EXPENSES – \$6,064.91.

F. Approve Letters of Intent

Chrystal Lund – Cook - \$8.50 per hour

Amber Thomas – Special Ed. Ass't - \$8.50 per hour

G. Approve Resignation

Daniel Mach

The Board expressed their appreciation to Daniel Mach for his service to the Stanley County School District for the last five years.

Laura Snow, Stanley County Band Instructor, reported the enrollment of the school band and opportunities for the students in band. The instrumentation of the pep band was discussed because of students being involved in activities and after school jobs. The standards and requirements of the students were also noted.

Superintendent Brad Caldwell presented for the first reading of the amended Harassment Policy as recommended during the recent Civil Right review of the Stanley County School District. The amended policy will be for students as well as employees.

Board Members John Duffy and Sonny Harrowa reported on the negotiations with the South Dakota Department of Transportation about the reconstruction of highway 83 on school property. Safety equipment such as concrete barriers and flashing lights has been requested but has been rejected by the department. The Department of Transportation has offered to give \$500.00 for the land consumed by construction of the road. The Board requested the public get involved with letters to the editor and Governor, a petition drive for the support of safety devices and have detailed pictures or drawings of the suggested improvements.

Duffy moved, seconded by Miller, to not accept the \$500 from the Department of Transportation, continue to negotiate for needed safety equipment and to insure the safety of the Stanley County School District's students. All voted aye.

Principal Brian Doherty reported the senior class has been attending the Rotary Club meetings in Pierre. The National Guard Drug Program started on January 8, 2007. The South Dakota High School Activities Association is investigating the interest of starting a competitive cheer and dance

program next year. Guy Hunter will survey students for interest in the program and will present a report at the February Board meeting. The results of the Writing Assessment test for grades five and nine were reported.

Kim Doherty reported the Math Counts Chapter Competition will be February 10 in Pierre and will determine which Stanley County students will attend the state competition.

Principal Merry Bleeker reported the consolidated application review for Title 1 and REAP's programs will be conducted on January 11, 2007. The South Dakota State Department of Education will conduct the review. The National Assessment of Educational Progress tests will be conducted for the fourth grade on February 15 and for the eighth grade on February 21 at the Hayes School. A student assembly will be presented by the Pierre/Fort Pierre Lions Club on January 26, 2007. The speaker will be Len Quinn and his guide dog, Mikey, of the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Superintendent Brad Caldwell presented a request to continue using the Tech Pathways software for curriculum mapping next year at a cost of \$683.44.

Nutter moved, seconded by Miller, to continue using the Tech Pathways software program for curriculum mapping at a price of \$683.44 for the 2007-2008 school year. All voted aye.

Superintendent Brad Caldwell reported that the Stanley County High School Graduation will be May 20, 2007, at 12 noon in the Parkview building.

John Duffy and Darby Nutter were appointed to the Board Policy Review Committee.

Duffy moved, seconded by Nutter, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #3-2007 – Be it resolved, that the School Board of the Stanley County School District #57-1, in accordance with SDCL 13-7-10, hereby approves the next school board election date as June 19, 2007. Voter registration, absentee voting, and procedures used in counting ballots shall be in accordance with Title 12 except as specifically provided in SDCL 13-7-11, hereby approve the following voting precincts and polling places for the 2007 school board election:

Precinct #1 – Orton School
Precinct #3 – Kirley Hall
Precinct #14 – Hayes School
Precincts #2, 4, 5, 6 & 9 – Stanley County High School

All voted aye.

Business Manager Kevin Mersheim proposed a resolution to transfer funds to the food service account as was adopted in the 2006-2007 school budget.

Miller moved, seconded by Duffy, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #4-2007 – Be is resolved, that the School Board of the Stanley County School District #57-1 transfer the following cash balance from the General fund to the Food Service account.

TO: Food Service (Transfers In) - \$25,000.00
FROM: General Fund (Transfers Out) - \$25,000.00

All voted aye.

Billie Jo Steffen representing the Black Hills Special Services proposed a community employment option of placing one of their clients at Stanley County School. The client will be trained through their vocational rehabilitation services.

Superintendent Brad Caldwell reported on the January staff in-service meeting of January 3, 2007. It was requested to add a position for an educational assistant for the kindergarten classes for the remainder of the school year. A letter from the South Dakota Coalition of Schools was presented which requested the Stanley County School District to join the lawsuit against the State of South Dakota for the improvement of state aid funding. The Board supported the lawsuit but did not want to appropriate additional funds for the lawsuit. The concessions at the Parkview building were discussed and a request was made to the Stanley County Booster Club to manage the concessions. The Superintendent's evaluation form was presented to the Board members with a combined evaluation to be discussed at the February Board meeting.

Paula Alexander representing the Stanley County Booster Club reported a chili/soup cook off will be February 2, 2007, during the Stanley County versus Lyman County double header ballgame. Businesses, Board members, Administration and teachers are invited to participate.

Norman moved, seconded by Nutter, to go into Executive Session according to SDCL 1-25-2 for personnel and student reasons at 7:52 P.M. All voted aye.

President Sonny Harrowa declared the Board out of Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

Norman moved, seconded by Duffy, to adjourn at 8:11 P.M. All voted aye.

Sonny Harrowa, President
Kevin Mersheim, Business Manager