

Sanborn Central School District
February Board of Education Meeting Synopsis
February 13th, 2023

-Order was called with the Pledge of Allegiance: All members were in attendance.

-There were no additions to the agenda and no visitors.

-Approved the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Reports.

-Superintendent Siemsen reported the following:

The week of February 6th – 10th was National School Counselor’s week. To recognize Ms. Amundson and all the positive work she does, Mrs. Vermeulen organized a “Thank You” bulletin board where all the students were asked to write things they appreciate from her on a note card and they were posted for everyone to see. We appreciate all Ms. Amundson’s efforts in providing guidance to our students. The staff at SC would like to recognize our board members, Clayton Dean, Gary Spelbring, Emma Klaas Curtis Adams, and Mark Goral for their service and dedication to our district during the official School Board Recognition Week, February 20th – 24th. These people are great examples of what it means to be in service of a school district, choosing to be a leading force in making Sanborn Central a great place to learn and grow. Went to Pierre for Supt. Day on February 1st. Held discussions with Secretary of Education and other supts regarding the certification process and potential legislative issues. Direct Digital Control is working on the system upgrade and the work will continue through next week. Reps from Dalsin’s Roofing were on site to evaluate the leaks we have had in the roof. They will have to run some tests in the spring but they believe the issue is an area that got dammed up (close to a foot in depth) near where the gym meets the school building, and water got underneath, during a thawing, and leaked. When they perform the water test to determine what it is, we will have to address it. It does not appear to be related to any work they were associated with. The outside unit, tied to the mini split, for the preschool rooms needs replacement. Central Electric has one on hand for us when it is decided to be installed. FFA Week is scheduled from February 20-24. The members are planning to carry out a number of activities throughout the week culminating with the AG Olympics, held in Woonsocket this year on the 24th at 2:15. Legislative update: A number of bill pertaining to education are being presented. Our lobbyists are working hard to make school district’s interests known through the session. The Board was presented with information regarding a potential plan to offer music classes in conjunction with other school districts, facilitated through the Huron School District. This option, should it become viable, would be a combination of onsite instruction and off site at the Huron Community Campus. More investigation into this proposed option will be provided in March. Sad news, former staff member Josh Trandall lost his battle with ALS. Thoughts and prayers out to his family. Also, thoughts and prayers out to our Title 1 teacher, Chayna Jones, as she is dealing with medical issues, being hospitalized.

-Principal Vermeulen reported the following:

Four representatives from grades 3-6 participated in the Mitchell Regional Spelling Bee on February 4. A representative from “Call to Freedom” will speak to students in grades 7-12 on February 22. The assembly will focus on human trafficking, personal and societal risk factors, and identifying social media risks. Parents have been emailed and asked to contact me if they do not want their child to attend. School will dismiss at 12:30 on Friday – Staff development will be that afternoon “Better Lesson.” No School on February 20. Provided an update on the health of Chayna Jones, our Title 1 teacher.

-Approved the purchase of two CD’s, \$100,000 from Capital Outlay and \$150,000 from the General Fund.

-Approved the proposed calendars for the 2023-2024 school year.

-Approved Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:50, back in session at 8:36.

-Adjournment at 8:37 – Next meeting held on March 13th at 7pm in Forestburg.