School Board Meeting Synopsis

December 12th, 2016

-Approved the agenda, bills and financial report

-Visitors to the Meeting: Paula Sanderson, on behalf of the SCEA, Brett and Kelly Selland

-Superintendent Siemsen reported Mark S was assisted by Mark VO in using the new box scraper… works well. Girl’s and Boy’s Basketball is underway. The first contests were on December 10th. Congratulations to Mr. Shane Gross again on being a recipient of a Turn the Key Professional Development Scholarship. He attended the convention in Las Vegas in Late November/Early December. Attended state-wide superintendent’s meeting in Oacoma on December 7th to discuss potential legislative session initiatives to back for this year. He was approached by Lance Witte of Wessington Springs about a potential coop in soccer with Woonsocket – making a Blackhawks team. The Christmas Concert was held on December 6th. The students performed well and their leaders, Mr. Kroeger and Mrs. Easton, should be commended on a great performance. Also, we would like to thank Joyce Everhart for serving the juice, coffee and cookies. Sanborn and Davidson County Drug Dogs ran a search of the parking lot and school on December 7th. This is an activity that will be done randomly as a way to ensure that our school is drug-free and safe. Semester Tests are scheduled for December 19th and 20th. Mr. Olson and I have been researching and discussing the possibility of using a Youtube channel to broadcast events from our gym. There would be some cost involved, but far less than the CUBE would be. Christmas Break begins on December 21st with an 11:00 dismissal and goes through January 2nd.

-Pre K-8 Principal Vermeulen reported that 2nd Quarter Honor Roll/Report Card assembly will be Wednesday, December 21st. Early dismissal on December 21st, at 11:00. Each year MS students compete in the VFW Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest. Destiny Moe, received 3rd place and a $25.00 award. She was presented with the award by a VFW rep on December 1st. Miss Farrell-Poncelet requires her students to participate in this contest. SC has had several winners in the past. Grades 5-8 participated in Declaim on November 22nd. Myah Selland and Maddie Vermeulen have started to teach physical and nutrition lessons once a week in the elementary school as a part of the Fuel Up to Play 60 program, which is associated with their senior projects. An application for funding was completed but they have not heard if they will receive any of the funds as of yet. The Christmas Concert at the Colony will be held on December 14th starting at 7:30.

-Approved a change to the name (Artesian School to SC) and authorized user (Mr. Siemsen and Gayle Bechen) of a safe deposit box in the CorTrust Bank, Mitchell Branch.

-Held Executive session to discuss a personnel matter ( in at 7:27 out at 8:59)

-Adjournment at 9:00. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm in Forestburg.