March School Board Meeting Synopsis

* Approve the agenda, bills and financial report.
* Visitors to the meeting: Corey Flatten on behalf of the SCEA
* Superintendent Siemsen reported the following: The Legislative sessions have proven to be not in school’s best interest with the House and Senate at odds regarding proposed changes to SB 35 – elimination of 3% or cpi - this will have an adverse affect on what we could expect from the state this year, meaning a potential 0% increase in funding, but still expecting districts to honor the provisions from the 2016 sessions. Once some clear direction is obtained, I will inform the board. Spring Activities are ramping up with winterguard, band and chorus concerts, AG CDE’s, golf, and track set to begin this month. 3rd Quarter ended on March 10th. Honor Roll and report card distribution will be held on March 16th. No school on March 17th. Northern Plains Insurance Group meeting is scheduled for March 22nd. It is at this meeting could determine the district’s direction regarding staying with the pool or moving forward on a separate policy. Senior Experience presentations will be held on March 24th. Prom is scheduled for April 1st.
* Special recognition from the administration and the School Board: Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team, managers, and coaches on finishing as the state runner up, with Myah Selland and Kayla Olson being named to the All Tournament Team. Congratulations to Melissa Wormstadt and the cheerleaders on a successful season of cheering. Congratulations to Myah Selland for being named the South Dakota Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the year. Congratulations to the Powerlifting team on their excellent showing at the state meet held in Sioux Falls on March 11th. Congratulations to the Winterguard on their recent performances at the State Basketball tournament as well as their competitions.
* Principal Vermeulen reported the following: Fuel Up to Play 60 received “Touchdown Status.” Therefore the two senior girls have an extra $500.00 to spend. The money was donated by Midwest Dairy. They will choose items they eliminated from the first budget. End of the 3rd quarter was March 9th. Dian Bechen has started to facilitate nutrition classes, Organ Wise Guys, into the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms. She will be visiting the classes on 6 different Monday afternoons. Middle School Dance will be held on March 24th. Track will begin on March 20th. The testing window for the Smarter Balanced test opened on March 8th. However, we will start at a later date. Grades 3-8 and 11 will be involved. The window ends on May 5th. The colony will take their paper/pencil version, which has a later start date. This is the last year for this method. Mrs. Vermeulen will enter/transcribe their answers electronically.
* Old Business: Approved motion to enter into the proposed soccer cooperative with Wessington Springs and Woonsocket.
* Approved the motion to renew expiring opt out for $250,000.00 over 10 years.
* Approved the 2017-2018 academic calendar.
* Approved the rates for drivers education at $150.00 for in-district students and $350.00 for out-of-district students.
* Acknowledged receiving a letter from the SCEA to enter into negations. The negations will take place after the regular board meeting to be held on April 10th.
* Approved with regret the resignation of Troy Olson from Co-Head Boys Basketball coaching assignment. The following is from Mr. Olson:

With some sadness and a great appreciation for all of the student-athletes I have come in contact with, I announce my resignation from the co-Head Boys Basketball coaching position at Sanborn Central/Woonsocket. I have had the privilege of coaching for 19 of the past 25 years at different levels (youth, assistant, and head coach) of both boys and girls teams. I am extremely proud of working alongside coaches Weber, Olsen, Leiber, Flatten, and Kingsbury to help get the newly-formed Blackhawk co-op off on its initial journey. We strived to create a program that would compete with the top teams in the state every year and with the dedication from our players and parents, I feel we have accomplished that goal. With sincere honesty, I have been blessed to work with every student-athlete I coached and not all coaches will make this statement. Thank you all for your support over the years and GO BLACKHAWKS!!

Respectfully

Troy Olson

* Approved going into executive session to discuss personnel – in at 8:03 out at 9:14
* Approved a 2 year contract for Justin Siemsen as Superintendent/HS Principal
* Approved the certified and classified contracts for 2017-2018 school year
* Approved the extracurricular contracts for the 2017-2018 school year
* Adjournment at 9:17

Next scheduled meeting will be at 5:00 pm on April 10th. Following the regular meeting, the board will begin contract negotiations with staff.