

**Sioux Central Board of Education
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
Monday, February 18, 2013
6:30 pm
Sioux Central Library**

President Lindquist called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following board members present: Barbier, Gunnerson, Ripke, Krummen, and Lindquist. Also in attendance were administrators Scharn and Teno, Superintendent Williamson, and Board Secretary Johnson.

The agenda was amended to move i) Review of School Board Policies 706.1-707.5 to Action Items. Gunnerson moved, seconded by Krummen provided the second to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

Reports:

Superintendent Williamson presented his report and discussed the contents which included the preliminary completion of the Aid & Levy; a detailed presentation will occur at the March meeting. The Revenue Purpose Statement vote is scheduled for April 2, 2013. Finally, Mr. Williamson reported that he participated in the NW Area AEA Legislative retreat on February 6th. Topics covered at the retreat included lowering first year salaries to \$32,000 from \$35,000 and the Teacher Leadership Reform.

Principal Scharn reported that professional development was held on February 5th where staff looked at how to help wired students learn to focus and how technology affects the classroom. Perkins Fund advisory meetings for CTE groups will be held on February 20, Perkins Funds give Sioux Central approximately \$8,500 for our programs each year. A meeting was held with the executive director of the Seasons Center in Spencer to discuss servicing students from Midwest Christian Services and possibly other students on campus. The middle school and high school spring plays will be held in March and the Drug Free Carnival will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013.

Principal Teno stated that professional development was held on February 5th. Teachers received Myon® Reader training. Transitional kindergarten, kindergarten preregistration and preschool registration will be held on Thursday, February 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC) will meet on February 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Professional development will be held on March 1 in Pocahontas. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on March 12 and 14.

Consent Items:

Gunnerson moved, seconded by Barbier to approve consent items as follows. Motion carried 5-0.

- Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2013 meeting.
- Approve financial reports and bills as presented.
- Approved the following Personnel items: accept the resignation of Eric Boge as Assistant Spring Play Director; accept the resignation of Paige Blythe as High School Spanish Teacher, Junior High Girls Basketball, and Assistant Varsity Softball; and appoint Patricia Thompson as Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach for the upcoming season.

Action Items:

- a) Krummen moved, seconded by Gunnerson to adopt the School Funding Resolution Letter. Motion carried 5-0.

School Funding Resolution

February 2013

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Over recent years, the failure of the Legislature to provide sufficient and increased annual funding to Iowa's school districts has a cumulative effect and significantly threatens the ability of Iowa schools to meet the current needs and demands of improved student achievement.

Be it further resolved:

To ensure appropriate annual educational funding and fiscal solvency the Sioux Central Community School District Board of Education resolves that to prepare for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 years, the legislature should, as statute dictates, approve allowable growth in the first thirty days of the 2013 Legislative Session.

Therefore; the Sioux Central Community School District Board of Education requests that the Iowa Legislature set a 4% allowable growth rate for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years prior to consideration of educational reform measures. This request is based on:

- Recent years allowable growth has not kept pace with the educational needs of the district to support student learning. Iowa wants - and needs - to be a world leader, which will require a stronger educational program and funding to support that program. Iowa is failing to annually invest sufficient resources into this system.
- If education is truly the state's priority, then allowable growth funding should be prioritized and passed in compliance with Iowa law – within 30 days of the presentation of the governor's budget.
- The allowable growth figure has a direct impact on the number of districts on the "budget guarantee." Adequate allowable growth of 4% reduces the number of districts on the guarantee from 223 to 62. Consequently, the additional statewide property tax asking for the budget guarantee could be reduced from \$33,637,871 to \$3,982,365.
- Improving student achievement is not just about changing policy. It is about providing the necessary resources to strengthen our educational system. Recent across-the-board cuts, low-to-no allowable growth rates and an increase in expectations have left school districts with little capacity to fund programs.
- Budgets must be passed and certified by April 15; collective bargaining agreements have to be approved; curriculum needs to be purchased; and staffing decisions need to be made. Districts must have funding information in order to plan for next school year.
- There are funds available to support 4% allowable growth. As of February 4, budget experts project the state treasury will end fiscal year 2013 with an \$822 million surplus after cash reserves and emergency accounts are full. That ending balance will likely grow because it is based on a 3.3% growth projection, which is now projected to be at least 4%.

Therefore;

With 4% allowable growth established for 2013-14 and 2014-15, we believe the funding would support the Educational Reform Proposal. We support:

- Opportunities for teacher instructional leadership with full funding provided and prescription for implementation determined at the local level for flexibility in staffing.
- A reconciliation of the Legislative Services Agency estimate versus the Department of Education funding estimate. There must be a clear understanding of the cost to districts and appropriate funding provided to support these costs.
- Funding established to ensure the sustainability of the Education Reform Proposal.
- Continued review and improvement of the current teacher evaluation system based on the Iowa Teaching Standards to include measures of student achievement.
- This positive move in Educational Reform that must include the development of a world-class curriculum with scope and sequence alignment to the statewide assessment.

This resolution is approved by the Sioux Central Community School District Board of Education in support of providing adequate current funding for Iowa schools requests 4% allowable growth is approved by the Iowa Legislature for 2013-14 and 2014-15 and conceptual implications of the Education Reform Proposal.

- b) RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Sioux Central community school district, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Krummen moved to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution Statement. Roll Call vote: Barbier – aye, Gunnerson – aye, Ripke – aye, Krummen – aye, and Lindquist – aye. Motion carried 5-0
- c) Barbier moved, seconded by Krummen to increase the 2013 Driver's Education Program Fee to \$225.00 and raise instructor rate of pay by \$5.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- d) Krummen moved, seconded by Ripke to increase the three year old preschool tuition fee for academic year 2013-2014 to \$275.00 with a \$25.00 scholarship awarded to each student by the Board of Education and a preschool tuition fee of \$300.00 for five year old students attending the 4 year old preschool program. Motion carried 5-0.
- e) Gunnerson moved, seconded by Krummen to approve the first reading of policies 707.1 and 707.2 with the following changes: 707.1 change the word secretary to *treasurer*. Motion carried 5-0.
- f) Ripke moved, seconded by Barbier to approve the second reading of Policy 407.6, Licensed Employee Early Retirement, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items

- a) Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning – Mr. Williamson explained that E-Rate contract funding is due March 11, 2013 and board action is required. Mr. Stoeber will present to a quorum of the board before March 11.
- b) Laurens-Marathon Extra-Curricular Sharing Committee – Discussion only.
- c) Conference Addition– Discussion only.
- d) Calendar Update – Discussion only.
- g) Refinish the Gym Floor Quote – Discussion only.
- h) Talking Points – Revenue Purpose Statement, Instructional Support Levy for Technology, and Allowable Growth.
- i) Open Positions – Discussion only.

At 7:45, Krummen moved, seconded Barbier by to move to closed session under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) for superintendent evaluation. Roll Call vote: Barbier – aye, Gunnerson – aye, Krummen – aye, Ripke – aye, and Lindquist – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:17 PM, Krummen moved, Gunnerson seconded by to come out of closed session. Roll Call vote: Barbier – aye, Gunnerson – aye, Ripke – aye, Krummen – aye, and Lindquist – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Ripke moved, seconded by Barbier to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Unapproved minutes.

Rebecca Johnson
Board Secretary

Kevin Lindquist
Board President