

The regular meeting of the Aberdeen School Board was held Monday, November 9, 2009, at the Hub Area Technical School.

President Wirth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Brad Olson, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mrs. Linda Burdette, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas.

Call to Order

Congratulations to the Golden Eagle Football team who defeated Sioux Falls O’Gorman in the semi-finals and will compete in the SD AA Football finals in the Dakota Dome at USD. The Golden Eagle Volleyball team has been rated No. 1 and advanced to the semi-final round.

Congratulations
Golden Eagle
Football and
Volleyball

Mr. Knute Reiersen, Simmons Elementary Principal, introduced Mrs. Andrea Kost, Simmons Elementary PTA President, and Mrs. Jamie Cox, Simmons Elementary PTA Vice-President, who reported on a program recently introduced at Simmons Elementary whose goal is to help the school be positively influenced by fathers’ involvement in students’ lives. Simmons’ program is the first of its kind in South Dakota. WATCH D.O.G.S. was founded in Springdale, AR, by concerned father Jim Moore, responding to the 1998 middle-school shooting in Jonesboro, AR. Dads are asked to come in to the school at least one day, though some dads volunteer more often. Almost 60 father figures - dads, stepdads, grandpas, etc. - and 69 students attended a kick-off for the program.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

Mrs. Linda Burdette encouraged the public to contact school board members with concerns. The contact information is available at www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us.

Contact Board
Members

Mr. Duane Alm reported the funding lawsuit has hit a temporary roadblock and is in need of additional financial resources. School Districts across the State are addressing the issues for additional support for the appeal. As a friend of the Court, ASBSD has been allowed to submit an amicus brief concerning the lawsuit appeal to the SD Supreme Court.

Financial Lawsuit

10-079

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Burdette to approve the minutes of the October 7, 12 & 26, 2009, meetings. All voted “Aye.”

Approval of Minutes

10-080

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Alm to approve the consent agenda including the following:

Approval of Consent
Agenda

- a. Approval of Financial Statements
- b. Approval of Bills

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- c. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations:
 - 1. Public School Exemption Certificates (approval of):
 - a. #60 for one (1) child
 - b. #61 for one (1) child
- d. Approval of Donation
 - 1. Approve the donation of supplies to May Overby Elementary from FEMA valued at \$1,000.00;
 - 2. Approve the donation of supplies to May Overby Elementary from 3M valued at \$4,495.00;
 - 3. Approve the donation of library books to Simmons Middle School Library from Don Schatz, Modern Woodman, valued at \$50.00.
- e. Approval of Change Order – approve the change order from JDH Construction in the amount of \$5,495 for the following work completed on the grandstands at Swisher Field 1) RFP 2 provided for handicap seating changes to meet city code for \$2,320; and 2) RFP 3 provided for bleacher length changes for \$3,175. Since the plans were incorrect, HKG Architects will reimburse the School District for RFP 3.
- f. Review of Policies – KDA & KDA-R
- g. Approve the SDHSAA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between the Aberdeen Christian School and the Aberdeen School District 6-1 for the activity of Band.

All voted "Aye."

10-081

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Sharp to approve the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

All voted "Aye".

10-082

It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Sharp to approve the Title I Comparability Report and to direct the Director of Finance, Mr. Tom Janish to sign the Assurances.

Title I Comparability Report

All voted "Aye".

10-083

Dr. Becky Guffin, Assistant Superintendent, presented the School Improvement Plans. It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Alm to approve the first reading of the 2008-2010 School Improvement Plans.

School Improvement Plans

All voted "Aye".

Mr. Bob Pitz, reported the relocation of the air intake near Central High School's orchestra room was completed on November 3 and has resulted in positive results from personnel.

CHS Air Quality

Superintendent Gary Harms asked board members for input on a strategic plan. Mrs. Burdette said community and staff input is important. Superintendent Harms will present more information about the possibility of hiring a consulting firm or the Associated School Boards of South Dakota at the board's next meeting.

Strategic Plan

The Board's Self-Evaluation was given to the members to be completed and returned to President Wirth by November 16.

Self-Evaluation

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10-084

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Burdette to adjourn the Adjournment meeting at 7:40 PM.

All voted "Aye."

Scott Wirth _____
President

Tom Janish _____
Finance Director