

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, July 27, 2009, at the Hub Area Technical School.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Brian Sharp at 6:30 PM with the following members present: Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Brad Olson, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mrs. Linda Burdette and Mr. Duane Alm. Mr. Scott Wirth and Mr. Bob Nikolas were absent.

Call to Order

Mr. Tom Janish, Director of Finance, conducted the 2009-2010 Budget Hearing. The Board recessed at 6:33 PM.

2009-10 Budget Hearing

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM with all previous members present.

Reconvene

Mr. Duane Alm remarked that according to information provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, South Dakota is ranked 50th in education funding.

Education Funding

Mr. Mike Miller reported the student handbook, 2009-2010 budget and the bid for the house built by the Building Trades class were approved. A donation from Hyundai Motor was accepted for the automotive education class. A visual communications class will be offered at the Hub Area Technical School and the parking lot update was given.

Hub Area Technical School Update

10-028

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Personnel
 1. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Approvals: approve the following certified teaching position assignments for the 2009-2010 school year, subject to all requirements of South Dakota law and School District policy.
 - a. Brittany Schley - .67 FTE English as Second Language and .33 FTE Spanish at Simmons Middle School
 - b. Colleen Meisenheimer – Add Middle School Head Girls Tennis
 - c. Mark Murphy – Delete 9th Grade Head Boys Basketball and add Junior Varsity Head Boys Basketball
 - d. Lindsey Agnitsch – Delete Middle School Head Girls Tennis and add Varsity Assistant Girls Tennis
 - e. Krishna Sibrel – Add Middle School Girls Basketball
 - b. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations:
 1. Public School Exemption Certificates:
 - a. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #1 for three (3) children
 - b. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #2 for three (3) children
 - c. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #3 for one (1) child
 - d. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #4 for one (1) child
 - e. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #5 for one (1) child
 - f. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #6 for one (1) child
 - g. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #7 for one (1) child
 2. Open Enrollment Application:
 - a. Approve Open Enrollment Application #2010-14 for one (1) child
 - b. Approve Open Enrollment Application #2010-15 for one (1) child
- c. Approval of Financial Statements

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- d. Adoption of City Concrete Patch and Repair Bid with Wright and Sudlow, Inc. for the 2009 construction season that the City of Aberdeen approved on March 30, 2009. The minutes of the City of Aberdeen Council Proceedings are available in the Finance Office for review.
- e. Approval of District Grant Application – Aberdeen Middle School Honor Orchestra – SDMEA Conference

All voted “Aye”.

10-029

It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Alm to approve the agenda.

All voted “Aye”.

Approval of
Agenda

Mr. Bob Pitz, Director of Operations, reported on the summer projects being completed by the Operations Department.

Operations
Report

Dr. Becky Guffin, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the test results used to determine whether schools make adequate yearly progress as defined by the federal law called No Child Left Behind. All Aberdeen public schools made adequate yearly progress. Six of the district's eight schools were named Distinguished Schools because they met test-result criteria beyond adequate yearly progress. The six are C.C. Lee, Lincoln, May Overby and Simmons Elementary schools and Holgate and Simmons Middle schools.

Preliminary AYP
Report

10-030

The first reading of the adoption of Policies JFCD, JFCE, JFCE-R and JFCE-E was held. It was moved by Olson and seconded by Alm to approve the first reading of Policies JFCD, JFCE, JFCE-R and JFCE-E.

All voted “Aye”.

Approval of First
Reading of
Policies JFCD,
JFCE, JFCE-R
and JFCE-E

10-031

The second reading of the revision of Policy BDE was held. It was moved by Alm and seconded by Burdette to approve the revision of Policy BDE. All voted “Aye”.

Approval of
Second Reading
and Revision of
Policy BDE

10-032

The second reading of the revision of Policies KBAA and KBAA-R was held. It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Olson to approve the second reading and adoption of Policies KBAA and KBAA-R.

All voted “Aye”.

Approval of
Second Reading
of Adoption of
Policies KBAA
and KBAA-R

Dr. Gary Harms, Superintendent, expressed hope to lobby the 2010 South Dakota Legislature in favor of giving school districts the option to publish school board meeting minutes on school district Web sites where the public could read them for free. Now, law requires districts to publish minutes in local newspapers. Superintendent Gary Harms said he, at the board's request, asked the American News if it would publish school board meeting minutes free of charge. David Leone, the newspaper's publisher, said in a letter to Harms that the newspaper could not comply with his request because there would be no "equitable manner in which to pick and choose who would be charged for such a service."

Publication of
Minutes

10-033

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Alm to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.
All voted "Aye."

Adjournment

Scott Wirth

President

Tom Janish

Finance Director