

**Sioux County School Board of Education**  
**District # 83-0500**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**August 14, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**SCHS FCS Room**  
**Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93425279141>**

**1. Meeting called to order by President Jud Skavdahl at 6:05 p.m.**

**2. Open Meetings Act**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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| <b>4. Attendance:</b>    | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Lora Andersen</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Joleen Falkenburg</b> | <b>No</b>      |
| <b>Jess Holmgren</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>David Howell</b>      | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Jud Skavdahl</b>      | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Shon Whetham</b>      | <b>Yes</b>     |

**5. Consent Agenda**

- (1) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Howell to accept the consent agenda:
- (2) Reading of minutes from previous meeting
- (3) Agenda as presented
- (4) Excuse absent board members
- (5) Accept treasurer's report and approve the payment of the bills
- (6) Meeting Notice Publication Date: August 9, 2023

**On roll call vote: Lora Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-absent; David Howell-yes;  
Jess Holmgren-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**6. Staff/Student Recognition - A Pat on the Back**

**Summer Crew of Stefanie Starkey, Suzanna Parker and Phillip Skavdahl-**Stefanie has Pink, HES and SCHS cleaned and ready for students and staff. Suzanna helped with cleaning, painting and outside work. Phillip gets an extra shout out for keeping the facilities and buildings in good shape while tearing down the bus barn and ranching.

**Mr. Valenta** volunteered his time and learned to drive the zero turn lawnmower helping out when we were short of help. He also helped prepare the staff luncheon on the first day back for staff.

**Caleb Nunn** has been a quick study in learning our infrastructure. He has provided excellent advice and recommendations for making improvements to our system. He has also brought experience in technology security.

**Mrs. Dunn** for her work during the summer months preparing and submitting reports to NDE. We were notified by NDE that our transition program for students 14-21 was approved with no areas of improvement identified.

## **7. Recognition of Visitors/Individuals Wishing to Address the Board**

**Dr. Gies, Mr. Swisher, Kerri Rempp**

## **8. Discussion and/or Reports**

### **A.) Superintendent's Report**

**Construction Update-** Excavation work has begun. Materials started arriving.

**Summer Maintenance Projects Update-** All schools are ready.

**Student Enrollment-** Our current enrollment stands at 87 students. Pink-5, Chalk Butte-13, HES-43, SCHS-26.

### **August 14-15-16**

**August 14-**Staff in-service will be provided by Dr. Angela Peery. She has worked with some of our staff the last couple of years on effective teaching strategies and literacy instruction via Zoom. Dr. Peery will be in person to address the staff with information regarding Classroom Instruction that Works and Rigor, Relevance and Relationships. She is motivating, high energy, enthusiastic and very knowledgeable in effective teaching strategies. Dr. Peery is well liked and respected by our staff.

**August 15-** Staff meetings for teachers, coaches and sponsors. Teachers work in rooms.

**August 16-**Elementary schools have their open house at 8:00 am. Mr. Swisher and staff will meet with the high school students in the morning.

### **B.) Principal's Report**

Mr. Swisher provided an update to the calendar of events.

### **C.) Board Report**

No comments.

### **D.) Discussion Items**

2023-24 SCS Budget & Tax Resolution Hearings to be held at 6:00 pm, Monday, September 11, 2023. Regular school board meeting to follow at 6:15 pm.

**Nebraska Association of School Boards Workshop** for board members will be held in Gering on August 23, 2023. Members Holmgren and Andersen expressed interest in attending the event.

## **9. Business**

**A.) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Howell to approve school board policies: Internal Board Policy 8347; Bylaws of the Board 9000-9140; and revised policies due to recent legislation 5004, 5006, 5205, 6288, 6600, and 8130.**

**On roll call vote: Joleen Falkenburg-absent; Jess Holmgren-yes; David Howell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes; Lora Andersen-yes.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**B.) Motion by Holmgren, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the hiring of Ashley Federer as the SCS Business Manager.**

**On roll call vote: Jess Holmgren-yes; David Howell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes;  
Shon Whetham-yes; Lora Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-absent.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**C.) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Howell to approve the salary rate of \$23.00 per hour and contract for the Business Manager position.**

**On roll call vote: David Howell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes;  
Lora Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-absent; Jess Holmgren-yes.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**D.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to approve the bid of \$12,800.00 from Morford's for the purchase and installation of carpeting of three classrooms at SCHS.**

**On roll call vote: David Howell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-yes;  
Lora Andersen-yes; Joleen Falkenburg-absent; Jess Holmgren-yes.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**10. Next regular meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.**

**Tax Resolution and Budget Hearings are September 11 at 6:00 pm.**

**11. Adjourn**

**Motion by Andersen, seconded by Holmgren to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.**

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**