

Sioux County School Board of Education
District # 83-0500
Regular School Board Meeting
June 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.
SCHS FCS Room
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93425279141>

1. Meeting called to order by President Jud Skavdahl at 6:01 p.m.

2. Open Meetings Act

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Attendance: **Present**

Lora Andersen	Yes
Joleen Falkenburg	No
Jess Holmgren	Yes
David Howell	Yes
Jud Skavdahl	Yes
Shon Whetham	Yes

5. Consent Agenda

- (1) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Holmgren 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: June 5, 2024

**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
None.

7. Recognition of Visitors/Individuals Wishing to Address the Board
Dr. Gies

8. Discussion and/or Reports

A.) Superintendent's Report

Construction Update- The project continues to roll along. Projected completion date is still late July or early August with move in set for early September.

Teacher Assignments/Vacancies- We have not had any applicants for the science position. Courses can be offered via Distance Learning through ESU13.

We do not have any applicants for the PE/Health position. The one applicant we had decided to withdraw.

The process for bringing the two teachers from abroad to our community is progressing quite well. Paperwork is being completed and filed on time. We anticipate the teachers will be here in July.

B.) Principal's Report

Mr. Swisher was absent.

C.) Board Report

Member Andersen asked Dr. Gies about his intentions of collecting pay for unused sick and vacation days. She stated his contract allowed for collection of pay for unused days. Dr. Gies corrected her by stating his contract did not allow for collecting pay for unused sick or vacation days.

Member Andersen thanked Mrs. Skavdahl, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Hughson for making mid-year teaching assignments.

D.) Discussion Items

July School Board Meeting Date-The meeting will be changed to July 15 so Mr. Swisher can attend the meeting.

Fraud Activity-The Sioux County School District was a victim of a fraudulent incident. The District lost \$202,000. The incident was reported to the FBI in hopes the money can be recovered. The District insurance will only cover \$4,0000. Anderson Shaw Construction and JEO Consultants each reduced their fees by \$10,000 in an effort to help reduce the loss.

9. Business

A.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Andersen to approve school board policies Administration 2000-2440.

**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 Howell, seconded by Whetham to approve the transfer of \$18,000 to the Activities Fund from the General Fund.

**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 transfer of \$32,000 to the Depreciation Fund from the General Fund.

**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 Whetham, seconded by Andersen to approve the hiring of Ashley Woodrum for the IT position.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

E.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Holmgren to approve the 2024-25 Staff and Secondary Student handbooks.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

F.) Motion by Holmgren, seconded by Andersen to approve high school boys golf and girls wrestling for Sioux County Schools effective the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

G.) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Holmgren to approve the purchase of playground equipment from American Parks Company in the amount of \$83,441.00.

**On roll call vote: Joleen Falkenburg-absent; Jess Holmgren-no; David Howell-yes;
Jud Skavdahl-yes; Shon Whetham-no; Lora Andersen-yes.**

Motion Carried 3-2.

H.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to approve the contract for Brett Gies to serve as a mentor to incoming superintendent Liz Baker.

**On roll call vote: Jess Holmgren-yes; David Howell-yes; Jud Skavdahl-yes;
Shon Whetham-yes; Lora Andersen-no; Joleen Falkenburg-absent.**

Motion Carried 4-1.

10. Closed Session

The next item on the agenda is to discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions with respect to the District's response to pending litigation and consultation with legal counsel. Superintendent Gies, in your opinion, is the discussion of this matter in closed session necessary to prevent the unlawful disclosure of confidential student information and in order to consider legal advice provided by the district's legal counsel? **Yes**

Is there a motion for the board to enter closed session to discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions with respect to the District's response to pending litigation and consultation with legal counsel in order to prevent the unlawful disclosure of confidential student information and in order to consider legal advice provided by the district's legal counsel?

Motion by Whetham, seconded by Howell to move into closed session at 6:03 pm to discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions with respect to the pending litigation and consultation with legal counsel in order to prevent the unlawful disclosure of confidential student information and in order to consider legal advice provided by the district's legal counsel.

**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.

The President must now state the reason for the closed session immediately prior to going into the closed session. The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session to discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions with respect to the District's response to pending litigation and consultation with legal counsel in order to prevent the unlawful disclosure of confidential student information and in order to consider legal advice provided by the district's legal counsel.

To Come Out of Closed Session (Make this motion in open session)

Motion by Skavdahl, seconded by Andersen to move out of closed session at 6:36 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

11. Next regular meeting is Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Skavdahl, seconded by Whetham to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.