

Sioux County School Board of Education
District # 83-0500
Regular School Board Meeting
May 13, 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 6:02 p.m.

2. Open Meetings Act

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Attendance:	Present
Lora Andersen	Yes
Joleen Falkenburg	Yes
Jess Holmgren	Yes
David Howell	Yes
Jud Skavdahl	Yes
Shon Whetham	Yes

5. Consent Agenda

- (1) Motion by Whetham, 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: May 7, 2024

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

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

HES Students of the Month- Jace Hyer (4th grade) & Ross Boyd (6th grade).

Mr. Swisher- The All school banquet and graduation ceremony was well organized by Mr. Swisher.

Seth Dunn- did an excellent job of managing the technology during the graduation ceremony.

Ina Glaubius-Thank you for the donation to be applied to purchasing books for the new school library.

Kudos to Victoria Turbiville and Coach Jose Rojas for their excellent work at the District 9 Track and Field meet. Victoria qualified for the state meet in Omaha. She placed second in both the shot and discus. In both events, it was Victoria's final throws that ended up sending her to state. Her throw of 108 feet 5 inches in the discus broke L. Miller's 1982 school record of 106 feet 11 inches. Victoria and Coach Rojas communicate very well with each other, analyzing each throw to know what is right or what needs to be done to fix her technique. Both look to improve on what can be deemed a successful season.

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

Dr. Gies, Mr. Swisher

8. Discussion and/or Reports

A.) Superintendent's Report

Construction Update- The project continues to roll along. Projected completion date is still late July early August. We should be able to take possession in September. Mr. Swisher and Dr. Gies are reviewing playground equipment. The Coffee Foundation and Sioux County Foundation will donate approximately \$50,000 towards the purchase of equipment.

Teacher Assignments/Vacancies- Ms. Flor will teach grades 3-4 at HES. Mrs. Hughson will teach grades 5-6 at HES. Mrs. Wilkins will move back to Pink. Barb Baker will teach grades 7-8.

We are still seeking a high school science teacher. We have one applicant for the PE position. We have one applicant for the IT position.

Contracts- Whetham signed the 2024-25 teacher contracts. Not all the extra duty assignments have been made. Skavdahl and Howell signed Superintendent Liz Baker's contract.

Safety Procedures Report

Allen Gross conducted our annual safety procedures audit. The report recommended updated playground equipment of the two country schools, an AED device for the bus, safety glass for the high school entrance area and designing an off-campus location for Chalk Butte for emergency evacuations.

B.) Principal's Report

Mr. Swisher provided an update on the installation of shot clocks next year. He will also be purchasing hang down basketball hoops for the high school gym since elementary students will have PE in the gym next year.

C.) Board Report

Treasurer Falkenburg inquired about the number of sports teams next year. All teams are currently filled.

D.) Discussion Items

None at this time.

9. Business

A.) Motion by Holmgren, seconded by Whetham to approve school board policies Community Relations 1300-1501.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

B.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Andersen to approve the resignation of Mrs. Ivy with regrets.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

C.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Andersen to approve the para educator salary schedule based on years of experience: Years 1-5: \$16.17 per hour, Years 6-10: \$17.17 per hour, Years 11+: \$18.17.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

D.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the purchase of carpet for the SCHS hallways from Morford's Design Center.

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

Motion Not Carried 3-3.

E.) Motion by Skavdahl, seconded by Holmgren to approve the 2024-25 Preschool and K-8 student handbooks.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

F.) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Howell to approve the hiring of Barb Baker as the grades 7-8 teacher at HES.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

G.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Holmgren to approve the \$7,476.00 for the purchase of Edgenuity for grades 9-12.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

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 Andersen to move into closed session at 6:08 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-yes; Jess Holmgren-yes.**

Motion Carried 6-0.

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 Howell, seconded by Whetham to move out of closed session at 6:40 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

11. Next regular meeting is Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Howell, seconded by Andersen to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.