

Sioux County School Board of Education
District # 83-0500
Regular School Board Meeting
April 8, 2024
6:15 p.m.
SCHS FCS Room
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93425279141>

1. Meeting called to order by President Jud Skavdahl at 6:15 p.m.

2. Open Meetings Act

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Attendance:	Present
Lora Andersen	Yes
Joleen Falkenburg	Yes
Jess Holmgren	No
David Howell	Yes
Jud Skavdahl	Yes
Shon Whetham	Yes

5. Consent Agenda

- (1) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Falkenburg 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: April 3, 2024

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

HES Students of the Month- Miranda Smith (7th grade) & Emmit Noyce (Kindergarten). The students are really enjoying this recognition. It brings much excitement and smiles.

Mrs. Hunter and FFA Students- the FFA banquet was another fun filled night met with great financial success. We had great community support. Thank you to Mrs. Hunter for the time, energy and guidance she put into the night. Thank you to Tristan Hunter for volunteering his time and talent to auctioneer. Thank you to Jim and Peggy Fox for providing the mouthwatering ribs. Thank you to everyone who provided desserts. We raised over \$26,000, the highest amount ever.

Mrs. Hunter would like to recognize the following people for helping with the FFA banquet: Dr. Gies for his continued support and help with clean up after the banquet and for creating formulas for the spreadsheet. Mrs. Edmund and Mrs. Reisig for jumping in and helping with dishes and clean-up. Mr. Valenta for helping with cleaning the shop after the auction. A special thank you to the community and local businesses for the continued support and door prizes.

State Speech Results-Speech Team had four state medal winners. A school record. Sierra Eastman 4th Persuasive, Jaime Turbiville 5th Program of Oral Interpretation, Jack Hunter 6th Poetry Interpretation, Victoria Turbiville 6th Serious Prose. Jaime and Victoria were 7th in Duet Acting. Sierra was 8th in Extemporaneous, Ella Hyer was 9th in Persuasive. Congratulations to Coach Rohan and his speech team participants.

Kaydence Potter and Jack Hunter have been selected to attend American Legion Cornhusker Girls State and Boys State June 2-8, 2024 on the campus of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. They will study local, county and state government processes in this nonpartisan political learning experience. They will also learn how the government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for their rights as citizens.

SCHS Esports Teams Advances to Playoffs- This week SCHS will be moving forward to the playoffs in Esports. The teams competing will be Fortnite 1 (Jack Hunter and Josh Perez), Rocket League 1 (Josh Perez, Preston Kreman, and Jack Hunter) and Rocket League 2 (Thaine Monroe, Logen Oldaker, and Seth Dunn). We will play Central Valley Tuesday at 04/09/2024 @ 5:30. We have a rocket League 1 and 2 match with Sandy Creek and Crawford yet to be scheduled.

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

Dr. Gies, Steve Olsen, Pat Andersen

8. Discussion and/or Reports

A.) Superintendent's Report

Construction Update- The project continued to roll along until the snow this week. The roof has been installed and completed. The exterior bricks were being installed before the snow storm. Work on the inside will continue on Tuesday, April 9. The rough in plumbing has been completed. The electrical work will continue this week. The snow storm will not cause a major delay.

Graduation Ceremony

Dave and Jud signed the diplomas. Graduation is Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 pm. Board members are welcome to hand out diplomas to graduates. We ask graduates if they want a certain board member to hand out their diploma to them.

Gym Banners

Lusk Schools have a banner printing machine. They are printing new banners for our gym. They look awesome.

B.) Principal's Report

Mr. Swisher was absent due to the closure of Highway 20.

C.) Board Report

Member Falkenburg started a discussion regarding Dr. Gies serving as a mentor to incoming Superintendent Baker. Baker agreed to the need for a mentor. Gies agreed to serve as a mentor for a fee. A contract will be developed and presented to the Board at the May meeting for approval.

D.) Discussion Items

None.

9. Business

- A.) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Falkenburg to approve school board policies Internal Board Policies- 8346 & 8346A Public Participation at Board Meetings; Complaint Policy 1020; Community Relations 1200-1260.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

- B.) Motion by Skavdahl, seconded by Howell to approve the resignations of Caleb Nunn, Coach Rojas and Mrs. Adams with regrets.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

- C.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to approve the classified employee's salary schedule with a 4.5% increase for the 2024-25 school year.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

- D.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Andersen to approve the hiring of 1-2 summer maintenance workers at an hourly rate of \$14.00.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

- E.) Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the 2024-25 ESU 13 Services Agreement in the amount of \$46,340.93.**

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

F.) Motion by Andersen, seconded by Falkenburg to approve the contract for the incoming superintendent Liz Baker.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

G.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Skavdahl to approve hiring Flordelina Baltar as an elementary teacher at Harrison Elementary School and Janica Lyca Mendoza Largo as the Pk-12 music teacher.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

H.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to approve the contract with Dickinson Wright Immigration to expedite the H-1B Sponsorship process.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

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? Gies replied 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 6:44 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-absent.**

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 Whetham, seconded by Andersen to move out of closed session at 7:36 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

11. Next regular meeting is Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Howell, seconded by Andersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.