

Sioux County School Board of Education
District # 83-0500
Regular School Board Meeting
December 11, 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 6:01 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 Howell, seconded by Whetham 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: December 6, 2023

**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 Student of the Month- Jayden Huston-Kindergarten and Arley Ivy-7th grade.

One Act Play- This year's One-Act district contest was held at Banner County High School. Eight teams competed against each other for the opportunity to go to the state contest. Potter-Dix was first, Crawford second, and Sioux County got third earning 162 points out of a possible 180. This was wonderful and amazing because at conference we got dead last with 114 points. Between the two contests the five main actors improved their performance and the stage crew stepped in to be extras and add more action to the play. The following students received outstanding actor/actress certificates for our schools performance: Rebecca Reece, Jack Hunter, Victoria Turbiville, Preston Kreman, and Logen Oldaker.

The award for best outstanding actress in the entire district went to Rebecca Reece. She received a certificate and a gold medal from the NSAA.

One amusing point from one of the judges: The judge asked which little girl played the old lady from the south. We all turned around and some of us pointed at Jhett Skavdahl. The judge was amazed and

went on for a minute or so praising his performance. The judge had no idea Jhett was a male performer. Congratulations to the One Act performers and Coach Valenta.

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 Project Update- The walls are being erected. The NEA transformer has seen a reduction in price by \$31,000. The current price is \$28,858 rather than the original \$59,437. A Change Proposal will result in an increase of \$6,462.08 to the project.

School District Website- The new website is up and running. It can be accessed with the same URL. Patrons can download an app to their phones for easy access to the events calendar. Caleb Nunn has accomplished a huge task in a short time.

AQuESTT Classification- SCHS and HES achieved Excellent status by NDE for the 2023 school year. Pink School and Chalk Butte achieved Great status. SCS achieved an overall ranking of Great. The levels of ranking are Excellent, Great, Good and Needs Improvement.

Esports

Esports is becoming a popular program in school districts across the Panhandle. Caleb has agreed to be the coach. The spring season starts in February. We have 4 students interested in being on the team. I want to take advantage of Caleb's technology skills and knowledge. He has a great rapport with students. Students will learn to build computers and enhance their gaming skills. This is another educational opportunity for our students as colleges are offering scholarships for their Esports programs.

Resignation- Echo Juhnke resigned effective December 21, 2023.

B.) Principal's Report

Mr. Swisher explained the need to review the possibility of coop sports with Crawford.

C.) Board Report

No reports.

D.) Discussion Items

January Meeting- The January meeting will be moved to January 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

9. Business

A.) Motion by Whetham, seconded by Holmgren to approve school board policies Business Operations 3010-3180.

**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 Howell, seconded by Andersen to approve the negotiated agreement for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years with the Sioux County Education Association.

**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 Falkenburg to approve the 2024-25 school district calendar.

**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 Falkenburg, seconded by Howell to approve Barry Swisher as the Pk-12 Principal for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

**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.

E.) Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to approve the 2024-25 and 2025-26 contracts for Barry Swisher as the Pk-12 Principal.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Executive Session

Board member Andersen offered a motion to move into Executive Session. President Skavdahl did not act on the motion.

11. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent interviews are scheduled for January 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Howell, seconded by Whetham to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.