

Santee Community School  
Knox County School District C505  
MINUTES of Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
Santee Community School Library

The May 10, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Steve Moose.

Roll call of members was taken. The following members were PRESENT: Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Don Pike Jr., Sidney Tuttle. The following members were ABSENT: Tammy Sandoval, Cindy Whipple.

A quorum was declared to conduct business.

The meeting notice was posted as per board policy and all board members had prior knowledge of the meeting. The presiding officer informed everyone in attendance the open meetings law poster was hanging on the east wall.

No one commented during public forum.

It was moved by Tuttle and seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the April regular meeting, the May finance report and the May expenditures of \$100,835.78 from the General Fund.

Roll call vote: Johnson, YES; Moose, YES; Pike, YES; Sandoval, ABSENT; Tuttle, YES; Whipple, ABSENT. Motion carried 4 YES 2 ABSENT 0 NO.

The Board did not have a report.

Mr. Hoffman shared the following information besides what he would report on each action item. On May 16 for the Meth coalition walk around town, the school has committed to participate a portion of the day for students in grades 7-12. It was requested that elementary students be checked out by parents and it be excused just like the Memorial Walk. May 17 is awards night. On May 19th the preschool will have graduation. There is also a third through fifth grade field trip to Sioux Falls to the zoo, second grade field trip to Ash Falls and sixth grade will have transition to Junior High. May 19th is also the last day of school for the elementary. May 20th is the Memorial Walk and May 23rd will be the last day of school.

Steve asked about the Indian Policies and Procedures leadership group. Mr. Hoffman indicated that Kristy was working on setting up the first of four meetings for the group.

Aprille Philips with the Nebraska Department of Education addressed the board regarding the current stage in the priority school status. The Board already has a copy of the report from the Commissioner of Education from April 23rd. She discussed broadening the leadership team with a new elementary Principal. The state will use 3 buckets to address issues. The next bucket is building school culture where a great learning environment is created that also

includes Dakota culture in the buildings and engages the community. The immediate next steps include training around instruction with ESU 1, bringing on new leadership who will have a multi year commitment and creating some urgency to do the work necessary to support the students. She shared that the Commissioner wanted to thank the Board for allowing the presentation and that Dr. Blomstedt will make plans to visit again.

Ms. Stewart presented to the Board on the early education program. They have been working on Step Up to Quality rating which is a rating scale ranging from 1 to 5 star programs. Currently the Santee Community School program is currently rated 3 stars but near they should be able to reach the 4th star. On March 22, Kindergarten roundup was held. For next year, they expect 14 three year olds and 8 to 12 4 year olds. According the school psychologist all 4 year old completing the Santee Community School preschool program are ready to enter into Kindergarten this fall.

Mr. Hoffman presented board policy and information regarding graduation requirements as discussion to the 2015-2016 Senior Class report. A discussion followed regarding necessary attendance. Mr. Hoffman explained that there is not a specific number of days absence outlined. Only credits are part of the requirement which fulfills Rule 10.

The 2016-2017 school calendar was discussed. At last month's meeting it was requested to look at a calendar that had early dismissals on Fridays like Niobrara has. Mrs. Leader worked on putting together three calendar options with and without early dismissals. All three versions were presented to the Board for review. The Board decided to wait until June's regular meeting to take action on one of the options.

It was moved by Whipple and seconded by Pike to approve the following new contracts for 2016-2017: Matt Chambers and Jeremy Peters.

Roll call vote: Sandoval, ABSENT; Tuttle, YES; Whipple, YES; Johnson, YES; Moose, YES; Pike, YES. Motion carried 5 YES 1 ABSENT 0 NO

Mr. Hoffman explained the projects to be completed by our summer staff. The projects include: moving the basketball court to down below the playground equipment, removing broken cement and replacing sidewalk, painting the exterior of the modular classroom, refinishing the stage floor, replacing ceiling tiles and painting. In addition other contractors will be working on removing the large tree out front, cement work in relationship to the basketball court and sidewalk, carpet, scoreboard on the football field, and old gym renovations. Improvements for teacherages including steps, sidewalks and driveways were also discussed.

Attorney Bressman reported on the current state of the Carlstrom settlement. He explained basically there are three things being considered: compensation for the remainder of this contract year, insurance and NPERS credit. Currently the issue is with NPERS because they need to wait for a figure to be calculated for years of service credit, now that the official application has been filed.

The Family and Consumer Science program were discussed for next year. Mr. Boelter had recommended trying the program for one year. However, Mr. Hoffman would like to look at it long term. At this point there is not more to discuss.

Mr. Hoffman explained that he was working on compiling a handbook explaining the goals of a program which include helping get kids on track and preventing drop outs. We had 14 students come and go this year. Credit recovery and job coaching are things that could be helpful with an alternative education program that are not part of regular academic curriculum. Mr. Hoffman would also like to incorporate service learning component. It would be a second chance for students. They will look at Walthill and South Sioux City as they build the program.

Cindy Whipple arrived at 5:45 PM.

It was a recommendation by the Nebraska Department of Education in the report that was presented to the Board and Intervention team to hire an instructional coach for 2016-2017. It was moved by Whipple and seconded by Tuttle to approve the hiring of an instruction coach as recommended by the Nebraska Department of Education for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote: Johnson, YES; Moose, YES; Pike, YES; Sandoval, ABSENT; Tuttle, YES; Whipple: YES. Motion carried, 5 YES 1 ABSENT 0 NO

Caitlin Johnson wrote a letter to the Board requesting permission to graduate early with the class of 2017. A discussion followed regarding her credits. They explained that they would do their best to schedule classes so she could take what she needed.

It was moved by Whipple and seconded by Tuttle to approve Caitlin Johnson in an accelerated program for graduation with the class of 2017.

Roll call vote: Moose, YES; Pike, YES; Sandoval, ABSENT; Tuttle, YES; Whipple, YES; Johnson, YES. Motion carried, 5 YES 1 ABSENT 0 NO

Veronica Ehrenberg presented information to the Board regarding gardening projects in the community and projects they have worked with in other communities including a project with the Shakopee FCS program. They also work with the Nebraska farm to school program where they can work with lunch programs with menu planning and getting produce to the schools. They also work with students and teach kids to cook. A packet with more information was given to the board members. At the conference in Rapid City they were also pushing the gardening projects. It is something the Board would like to see implemented with the FCS program.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be June 14 at 5PM in the Santee Community School library.

It was moved by Tuttle and seconded by Whipple to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Johnson, YES; Moose, YES; Pike, YES; Sandoval, ABSENT; Tuttle, YES; Whipple, YES. Motion carried 5 YES 1 ABSENT 0 NO

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.