



Regular Board Meeting Sisters School District Office September 6, 2023 at 6:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board	Jenica Cogdill, Edie Jones, Asa Sarver, Jeff Smith, David Thorsett
Superintendent	Curt Scholl
Administrators	Tim Roth, Steve Stancliff, Lorna VanGeem, Joan Warburg
Supervisors	Joe Hosang, Sherry Joseph, Todd Pilch
Board Secretary	Amy Bionda

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Call to Order **David Thorsett** called the Regular Board Meeting to order at **6:00pm**.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jeff moved and David seconded that the Board adopt the 2023-09-06 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures **Sherry Joseph** shared the 2023-06-07 General Fund Report. She asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

High School **Steve Stancliff** presented the five-year planning and goals for the High School, which included graduation rates, freshmen on-track, attendance, literacy, etc. He shared that the transition with Synergy and Parent Square has been challenging. He also shared that the lack of bus drivers is affecting sports. Steve announced the Football Staff BBQ on September 8th at 5:30pm and the SHS Open House on September 20th at 6:30pm.

Elementary School **Joan Warburg** shared her appreciation to the Bond Committee and the Board for the new school as they have definitely outgrown the current Elementary School. She announced two new teachers for 3rd and 4th grade. Certain open spaces had to be re-arranged to accommodate the two new classrooms, but now all classrooms are a comfortable size. She also shared that five minutes had been added to the schedule in the morning due to new time regulations. She communicated that the Synergy transition has been challenging. Joan mentioned the school picnic on August 30th was a great success. She also announced the STEMposium on September 29th, where Sisters will be honored with the following STEAM Certifications: Lead - Platinum, Teach - Gold, Learn - Gold, Partner - Platinum,

Plan - Gold). She thanked the community for their partnership with the school, which helped make this possible.

Special Programs

Lorna VanGeem shared the struggles with the transition to Synergy, but added that it is a much more powerful system and will be greatly appreciated in the long run. Lorna also communicated the difficulties implementing the requirements for SB819 (abbreviated days), most importantly the enormous amount of added paperwork for her and all special education staff in order to be compliant to this unfunded mandate. She expressed her deep appreciation to her team.

Middle School

Tim Roth shared that even though there was no funding for the summer school, a few classes were offered, including a band/choir camp, gardening, and traditional academics, which reached about 70 students. He announced that there were 40 new families enrolled at the Middle School this year, many of which are transfers in from Tumalo, which only serves K-5 now. There are also three new teachers at SMS this year. He shared that he was recently contacted for a 20-year reunion that was held at the Middle School (which was the High School in 2003), where about 30 alumni attended. Tim also shared that the SMS Open House on September 5th was a great success, where parents and students got to meet teachers and get a scope of the classes. He expressed his gratitude to the SSD Synergy team for all the amazing work and mentioned that the teachers have had little transition issues.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Curt Scholl shared enrollment looks positive and SSD seems to be staffed accordingly. More finalized numbers will come at the next board meeting.

Bond Update

Curt Scholl shared that the construction is on-track. The Elementary School staff toured the building. A tour of the building with the Bond Oversight Committee will be scheduled for December or January.

Website

Curt Scholl shared that the new SSD website was recently launched, which is much more user-friendly.

BOARD BUSINESS

Superintendent Goals

Curt Scholl presented an overview of the Superintendent Goals and how they were in-line with the Strategic Plan and the Integrated Grant.

David moved and Jenica seconded that the Board approve the Superintendent Goals as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Certified Contract

Curt Scholl presented an overview of the Certified Contract.

Jeff moved and David seconded that the Board approve the Certified Contract. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

HB2753

The Board shared that they will take no action concerning HB2753 (School Board stipends).

Workforce Housing

The Board shared their interest to pursue further investigation of creating workforce housing, as proposed by Jackie Keogh with RootedHomes at the Regular Board Meeting on August 2, 2023. Two motions were put to vote by the board.

Edie moved and David seconded that the Board allows Curt to engage further conversations with Jackie Keogh from RootedHomes to obtain more information and logistics about the proposed workforce housing project. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Edie moved and Jeff seconded that Curt and Sherry evaluate the budget and qualifications about the proposed workforce housing project. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes [2023-08-02 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)
[2023-08-16 Board Work Session Minutes](#)

New Hires **Raquel Cobian**, SMS Teacher

Jenica moved and David seconded that the Board adopt the 2023-09-06 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
October 4, 2023	Regular Board Meeting	6:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn **David Thorsett** called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at **7:45pm**.

David Thorsett, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary