



**Regular Board Meeting
Sisters School District Office
January 3, 2023 at 6:00pm**

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board	Edie Jones, Asa Sarver, Jeff Smith, David Thorsett
Superintendent	Curt Scholl
Administrators	Tim Roth, Steve Stancliff, Lorna Van Geem, 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 **6:00 pm**.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition/Deletion/Amendment Add HDESD board representative replacement of Edie Jones under Board Business. Add retirement of Connie Neilson under Consent Agenda.

Jeff moved and Asa seconded that the Board adopt the 2024-01-03 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the above additions. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures **Sherry Joseph** shared the 2024-01-03 General Fund Report and the 2024-01-03 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report. Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. She explained the additional amount added under contingency funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Elementary School **Joan Warburg** and **Joe Hosang** presented the Early Literacy Grant which will help with professional development and coaching, extended learning programs and tutoring, and student growth assessments. They shared that SSD has already been diligently working and investing in the science of reading for the past five years. This grant will permit extended investments over the next two years in five main areas: iReady tools, early literacy coaching, educational assessments, K-5 core adoption, and supplemental materials.

Jeff moved and Asa seconded that the Board approve the budget and how to use the funds as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Middle School

Tim Roth shared that the SMS Academic Week and Academic Olympics in December were a huge success. Students participated in a myriad of collaborative games and were recognized for their academic achievements through awards and prizes. He mentioned that additional funds were approved for after-school certified tutors, which has generated a great increase in student participation and academic performance. He also shared that the math team across all schools performed a deep dive into the math curriculum. Questions about 2024-2025 calendar was brought up by the board, which led to various discussions. It was recommended that anyone with comments about future calendars should discuss with the appointed representative at each school. All comments will then be brought to the calendar committee for consideration.

High School

Steve Stancliff shared that SHS was going through the accreditation process (now every six years). He mentioned that the process is much more virtual than in the past and relies on schools submitting great amounts of data, as opposed to in-person visits and discussions. This change in process is challenging, but also an opportunity to put in place new methods of data analysis around learning in four areas: culture, engagement, leadership and growth.

Special Programs

Lorna VanGeem presented a recap of the collaboration and success of Care Solace, which is a mental health care coordinator, helping students, staff and beyond navigate the challenges of receiving proper mental health care assistance.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Curt Scholl shared that enrollment in SSD is slightly up.

Bond Update

Curt Scholl shared that the new Elementary school construction is still on target for a substantial completion early May. He mentioned that we were able to add back in a few details thanks to the inflation rates slowly coming down.

Workforce Housing Update

Curt Scholl shared that we are moving forward with one candidate and are still working to find the second candidate, which is a bit challenging due to high interest rates.

BOARD BUSINESS

2nd Reading Policies

The board discussed the following policies after a second reading:

AC-AR - Discrimination Complaint Procedure

IGBHD - Program Exemptions

JFCF-AR - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, Cyberbullying, or Teen Dating Violence Reporting Procedures – Student

JGE - Expulsion

Jeff moved and Asa seconded that the Board approve the 2nd reading policies with changes. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

HDES Board Representative

Edie Jones mentioned that her position as the representative of Sisters on the HDES board will be opening up. We are looking for possible candidates in order to name a new representative by June.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

[2023-12-06 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#) (add Student Representative: Holly Davis)

Meeting Minutes

[2023-12-13 Board Work Session Minutes](#)

Retirement

Connie Neilson, SMS Secretary

David moved and Edie seconded that the Board adopt the 2024-01-03 Consent Agenda as modified. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
February 7, 2024	Regular Board Meeting	6:00pm	DO
February 21, 2023	Board Work Session CANCELLED	6:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn **David Thorsett** called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at **7:35 pm**.

David Thorsett, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary