



**Regular Board Meeting
Sisters School District Office
February 7, 2024 at 6:00pm**

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board	Jenica Cogdill, Edie Jones, Asa Sarver, Jeff Smith, David Thorsett
Student Representative	Holly Davis
Superintendent	Curt Scholl
Administrators	Tim Roth, Steve Stancliff, Lorna Van Geem, Joan Warburg
Supervisors	Joe Hosang, Sherry Joseph, Todd Pich
Board Secretary	Amy Bionda

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

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

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition/Amendment Add Executive Session: Superintendent Evaluation on March 6th at 7:00pm to Announcements. Amend Joe Hosang to present the 2024-2025 SSD Calendar under Board Business.

Jeff moved and Edie seconded that the Board adopt the 2024-02-07 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the above addition and amendment. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

GUEST PRESENTERS

HDES Local Service Plan **Paul Andrews** presented an overview of the HDES Local Service Plan for 2024-2025. He went into detail about the four areas of service that the HDES can provide to Sisters School District. These areas include administration and support services, services for children with special needs, school improvement services and technology services.

Jeff moved and Edie seconded that the Board approve the 2024-2025 HDES Local Service Plan. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures **Sherry Joseph** shared the 2024-02-07 General Fund Report and the 2024-02-07 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report. Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / QUESTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School	Steve Stancliff shared that the high school was at the midpoint for the accreditation process. He mentioned that there has been a lot of data collected and consolidated, which is highly valuable, not only for the accreditation report, but also to help create new strategies moving forward. The first advisory team review is to take place on March 15 th .
Middle School	Tim Roth shared some positive midterm results from the iReady reading assessments. He mentioned that one of the main goals was to help students improve in the domain of reading comprehension. He also provided some details about activities from the four houses, and mentioned that the afterschool homework club, with certified teachers, is now showing attendance rates of up to 20 students every day of the week, which helps close achievement gaps.
Elementary School	Joan Warburg went into detail about student improvements in both math and reading as shown in the midterm iReady assessments. She mentioned that some of the most significant improvements in reading seen in the lower grades can be attributed to the implementation of the science of reading from the start, and expects these positive results to carry on to the upper grades as we progress.
Special Programs	Lorna VanGeem shared some statistics (regional versus national) from Care Solace. She mentioned that as we may see higher numbers in mental health care cases, it is most likely due to the fact that our district is offering much stronger support and services as compared to the rest of the nation. She stated that she feels that Care Solace is a service that is highly beneficial for our community, providing support even when schools are closed, and that we should look into renewing the grant/funding in the future.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Report	Curt Scholl shared that as in past years, our enrollment figures went up after Christmas break, which is an interesting growth trend.
Bond Update	Curt Scholl shared that the construction encountered some delays, particularly with the drywall, due to inclement weather. However, efforts are being put in place to get back on track. Also, preparation for the move has begun by ordering boxes, dumpsters, etc. He mentioned that we are looking at coordinating some additional tours in late spring, as well as a staff open house towards the end of the school year.
Workforce Housing Update	Curt Scholl shared that we are most likely moving forward with two candidates and now we need to determine from which part of the budget the funding will come from.

BOARD BUSINESS

2024-2025 SSD Calendar	Joe Hosang presented the 2024-2025 SSD School Calendar and provided an overview to the strategic development process. He thanked all of the calendar committee members who worked hard and collaborated efficiently together.
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Jeff moved and Edie seconded that the Board adopt the 2024-2025 SSD School Board Calendar. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Budget Committee Recruitment	Curt Scholl mentioned that we are looking for new budget committee members. He invited all to help in the recruitment process.
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CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes	<u>2024-01-03 Regular Board Meeting Minutes</u> (<i>minor grammatical error</i>)
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Jeff moved and Jenica seconded that the Board adopt the 2024-02-07 Consent Agenda as modified. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
