

Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”



Board of Directors Board Work Session 1:00pm
Via <https://zoom.us/j371700090>
March 20, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Board: Jeff Smith, Don Hedrick, David Thorsett, Edie Jones, Jay Wilkins

Superintendent: Curtiss Scholl

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Jay Wilkins called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. and led the flag salute.

ADDITIONS, DELETION, AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition – Sisters Country Implementation Team

Dave Hedrick moved and Dave Thorsett seconded the Board approve the March 20, 2020 agenda with the above revisions. Vote was unanimous in favor, motion passed 5 -0.

DISTRICT RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

Curt Scholl said the district has been proactive and responsive to the community and getting information out as soon as it is received. It was announced today that the state testing has been delayed. The next two week the district will be on “spring break”. Updated information will be sent out today and again next week. He also reported that the state is suggesting districts provide online supplemental information online for students. State wide, schools are mandated to be closed until April 28th. The district will be providing “grab and go” breakfast and lunch for students daily at SES. The district will begin sending out some type of online supplemental information the first week back from spring break. The teaching staff will work in teams at each site, via online, to set up and create the information that will be sent out to students. The district is also setting up temporary hot spots for students to be able to utilize the internet. Chromebooks will be issued to students that do not already have them. The district is working on logistics of how to get the needed Chromebooks distributed. April 1st the administrative staff will come together to create a plan on how to execute and go forward with education to students.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The board discussed the 2020-2021 school calendar. Curt feels that beginning before Labor Day would be advantageous for the partnerships that the district has with outside organizations. If moving the start date earlier is the decision, rather than doing away with the two weeks spring break, then there needs to be an effort to make programs and opportunities for students available during the second week. The board asked Curt to create a calendar that would start earlier in the year.

CAPITAL PROJECT PLANNING

Curt shared the approximate cost for a new elementary school would be \$25 million. The concern is the timing of going out for a new bond and the effects of the coronavirus. Curt feels that with the rollover of

46 the high school bond into the new bond that it could pass. He would like the board to consider whether to
47 liquidate district property or to partnership with the community organizations. Jeff Smith feels it will
48 difficult to pass a bond due to the possible effects of the coronavirus on the economy and feels that the
49 district should carefully consider those effects. Jay Wilkins agrees but would like the board to still come
50 up with a plan going forward and answer the questions that Curt asked. And then the district can make a
51 later decision as to when the right timing is to go out for the new bond. The plan would need to be
52 delivered to the PAC by January so they can start the campaign.

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54 **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

55 The board will hold an executive session meeting during the May 6th board. Curt will share his goals and
56 self-evaluation at the May executive meeting. The board discussed possibly moving the times for board
57 meetings to another time to accommodate for David Thorsett’s work schedule. For the June 3rd meeting,
58 the board will meet at 5:00pm for the executive session and 6:00pm for the regular board meeting. The
59 board will look at moving the meeting times to 6:00pm for next school year. They will discuss at the July
60 meeting.

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62 **SISTERS COUNTRY MISSION/VISION COMMITTEE**

63 The Sisters Country Mission Vision committee is looking at a community center. They are looking at the
64 possibility of the elementary school as an option. Jeff Smith serves on this committee and would like
65 someone else from the board to take over this position. Curt volunteered to serve on the committee in
66 Jeff’s place. Curt pointed out that the elementary school can’t even been considered unless the district
67 knows if it will move forward with the new elementary school through the bond process.

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69 **SIA APPLICATION**

70 Curt continues to work on the application and to get it submitted. He hopes to have it submitted by the
71 April 8th board meeting.

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73 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
04/08/20	Regular Board Meeting	5:00pm	DO
04/15/20	Official Budget Meeting	5:00pm	DO

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80 **ADJOURNMENT**

81 The meeting was adjourned at 3:05p.m.

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Jay Wilkins, Board Chair

Melanie Petterson, Board Secretary