

The regular meeting of the Aberdeen School Board was held Monday, March 28, 2011, at the Hub Area Technical School.

President Sharp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Brad Olson, Dr. Linda Burdette, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas.

Call to Order

Mr. Alm reported on the Listening Session at Simmons Middle School that was held earlier in the day. Items of discussion included the Science Fair success, Family Fun Night, parental support of ICU, staff development, budget/state funding, health insurance premiums, good snow removal, appreciation of student lead conferences, technology shortage and appreciation of approachable school board.

Listening Sessions

Mr. Mike Miller gave the Hub Area Technical School Update.

Hub Area Technical School Update

11-149

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Burdette to approve the consent agenda including the following:

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations
 1. Public School Exemption Certificate (approval of):
 - a. #80 for one (1) child
- b. Approval of Personnel
 1. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Resignations - effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.
 - a. Melissa Nguyen – Middle School Drama at Holgate Middle School
 2. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Approval - effective with the 2011-12 school year, subject to all requirements of SD law and School District Policy
 - a. Debra Schuelke – Middle School Drama at Holgate Middle School
 - b. Tanya Dargatz – change Math Counts at Holgate Middle School from 1.0 FTE to .33 FTE
 - c. Dana Sievers - .67 FTE Math Counts at Holgate Middle School
- c. Approval of Donation
 1. Sertoma Club - Sound Fields valued at \$3,900.
 2. C.C. Lee Elementary PTA – various donations valued at \$5,353.98.

All voted "Aye."

11-150

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

All voted "Aye".

The 2009-10 Audit presentation was given by Ryan Simmons of Eide Bailly. The audit findings resulted in one technicality, no concerns.

2009-10 Audit Presentation

Indian Education Coordinator, Mr. Doug Neuharth, informed the Board the program has 349 students, up 10 from last year. Three seniors in the program who took the ACT scored 21, 25 and 30. The statewide average for American Indian ACT takers is 17.3, he said, and the overall state average is 21.9.

Indian Education Update

C.C. Lee Elementary Principal Eric Kline and Counselor Anita Nielsen discussed the importance of school climate and how C.C. Lee staff promotes safety, citizenship and scholarship.

C.C. Lee Elementary Update

Finance Director Tom Janish updated the Board on the District's Credit Cards, 17 cards had been issued with the goal of the cards to make the purchasing process more efficient.

Credit Cards

11-151

The second reading of the K-5 Language Arts Curriculum was held. It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Wirth to approve the K-5 Language Arts Curriculum. All voted "Aye".

Second Reading and Approval of Language Arts Curriculum

The Board approved moving forward with almost \$1 million in cuts because of the 6.6 percent reduction in state education funding. The proposed cuts for 2011-12 total \$971,321 and include eliminating positions such as two Central High School house parents and a middle school educational assistant. The cuts also include reducing games in nearly all sports; eliminating several coaches; elementary all-city chorus; future problem solvers in elementary, middle school and high school and one high school teacher.

Budget Cut

11-152

The second reading of the proposed 2011-12 Calendar was held. It was moved by Wirth and seconded by Alm to approve the 2011-12 Calendar. All voted "Aye".

Approval of 2011-12 Calendar

11-153

The second reading of the revision of Policy GB was held. It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Olson to approve the revision of Policy GB. All voted "Aye".

Second Reading/Revision of Policy GB

11-152

It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Olson to adjourn into executive session at 7:06 PM pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, to prepare for contract negotiations. All voted "Aye".

Adjournment Into Executive Session

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President Sharp declared the Board out of executive session at 7:48 PM.

Adjournment Out of Executive Session

11-153

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Wirth to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.
All voted "Aye."

Adjournment

Brian Sharp _____
President

Tom Janish _____
Finance Director