

The regular meeting of the Aberdeen School Board was held Tuesday, April 26, 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. Brian Sharp, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas. Mr. Brad Olson and Dr. Linda Burdette were absent.

Call to Order

Mr. Kerry Konda, Future Business Leaders of America advisor, reported CHS took 22 members to compete in the State Future Business Leaders of American convention. CHS entered 36 events and placed in 31, with 17 State Champions and 40 place winners. Nationals will be held in Orlando, FL, June 28 through July 2. Congratulations!

FBLA Results

Mr. Wayne Hansen, Hub Area Technical School, congratulated the winners of the Skills USA competition: Rachel Finley Gold Medal in Job Interview, Job Skill Demo, State Pin Design (Northwestern); Nick Sauer Gold Medal in Prepared Speech, Silver Medal Job Interview; Austin Gross, Jake Portra Gold Medal Video Product Development; Allison Berg, Kelsey Woodford Silver Medal Video Product Development; Ali Schaeffer, Dan DeBoer Bronze Medal Video Product Development.

Skills USA
Competition

The following students were recognized and congratulated for achieving a perfect score in one category on last year's Dakota Step Test. Jackson Marnette and Elizabeth Tobin – Math – Simmons Elementary; Daniel Sharp – Science – O.M. Tiffany Elementary; Troy Hollinsworth and Shea Krause – Math – Holgate Middle School; Matthew VanBeek – Science – Holgate Middle School; Kaylee Kappes – Math – Simmons Middle School; Ashley Miller – Math – Central High School; and Mitchell McIntire – Reading – Central High School.

Dakota Step Perfect
Test Scores

Mr. Wirth reported on the Listening Session at Simmons Middle School that was held earlier in the day. Items of discussion included the construction which has also become a learning experience, new language arts curriculum, good technology support, ESL program and their appreciation for the custodians.

Listening Sessions

Mr. Mike Miller gave the Hub Area Technical School Update. Items discussed included: a larger than expected welding class; 2 scholarships were awarded by the Gary Heupel family – one to Chelsie Holmes from CHS and one to Angela Goodall from Frederick Area Schools; school calendar, teachers' contracts and preliminary budget approved; and the house auction is scheduled for May 16. Students of the quarter are: Ryan Metter – Automotive Technology – CHS; Matthew Musel – Electronics – Roncalli; Lindsey Hughes – Health Occupations – CHS; and Ben Ramsey – Machine Tools Technology – CHS.

Hub Area Technical
School Update

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It was moved by Alm and seconded by Nikolas 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. #85 for one (1) child
 2. Open Enrollment Applications (approval of):
 - a. #2011-26 for one (1) child; and
 - b. #2011-27 for one (1) child.
- b. Approval of Dual Purpose Paper Bid – awarded a bid to Contract Paper Group in the amount of \$2.516 per ream for a total cost of \$21,134.40 (8400 reams). All bids are on file in the Finance Office for review.
- c. Approval of Donation – \$300.00 from Steve Bensen, a former Simmons Elementary Student
- d. Approval of Grant Application – Vernier Science equipment for Simmons Middle School.

All voted “Aye.”

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

Approval of Agenda

All voted “Aye”.

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It was moved by Alm and seconded by Nikolas to approve the change from DakotaCare to Wellmark as health insurance plan administrator, increase premiums 8%, implement plan changes (both federally mandated and local changes):

Health Insurance Changes

- Unlimited Lifetime Maximum
- Preventive Care paid at 100%
- Insure dependents to age 26
- Eliminate Deductible Carryover Credit
- Eliminate Bariatric Surgery
- Eliminate Orthognathic surgery
- Eliminate the Self Audit Billing Credit
- Have office copay apply to just in-network providers (and not out-of-network)

All voted “Aye”.

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Mr. Earl Martell, O.M. Tiffany Elementary Principal, introduced Sandy Ullrich, Kathy Moore, Nikki Carr and Amy Erickson, who are working with a new Math program to help increase the student’s knowledge of Math, including the use of an online curriculum.

O.M. Tiffany Math Program

Dr. Linda Burdette arrived at 7:10 PM.

Arrival

Mrs. Susan Nash, Food Service Director, updated the Board on the federally mandated changes in nutrition being implemented. The Food Service program is also able to take credit card payments online for lunch accounts.

Nutrition Mandates
and Credit Card
Payments

Mr. Bob Pitz reported 44,000 South Dakota students are served annually by 2,000 Junior Achievement volunteers. In Aberdeen, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are served and an Ethics program is taught at the High School level with a local budget of \$30,000 impacting 1,800 children.

Junior Achievement

Mr. Gene Brownell, Athletics Director, reported 17 coaching positions have been eliminated in Athletics along with some contests to deal with state funding cuts. Contests scheduled through SDHSAA must be played unless a mutual agreement can be reached between the schools to drop the games. Because the appeal to drop more contests was lost, all existing contracts for next year will be honored. Surveys are being conducted by SDHSAA executive group with changes from the survey being effective in 2013-14.

Athletic Cuts

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The first reading of Policy GCI was held. It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Alm to suspend Policy GCI with the exception of those employees who have completed or will have completed a class by May 9, 2011. All voted "Aye".

Suspension of Policy
GCI – First Reading

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The second reading of the proposed 2012-13 Calendar was held. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Wirth to approve the 2012-13 Calendar. All voted "Aye".

Approval of 2012-13
Calendar

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It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Wirth to adjourn into executive session at 8:02 PM pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, to prepare for contract negotiations. All voted "Aye".

Adjournment Into
Executive Session

President Sharp declared the Board out of executive session at 9:05 PM.

Adjournment Out of
Executive Session

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It was moved by Wirth and seconded by Burdette to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Adjournment

All voted "Aye."

Brian Sharp _____
President

Tom Janish _____
Finance Director