

The regular meeting of the Aberdeen School Board was held Monday, December 13, 2010, 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, Mrs. Linda Burdette, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas.

Call to Order

Mr. Jason Uttermark, CHS Principal, introduced Mr. Christian Pirlet, Oral Interp coach. The Aberdeen Central Oral Interp Team received a "School of Excellence" Award during the State Competition. This has not been awarded to CHS since 1988! The following received "Superiors" at the State Oral Interp competition: Caleb Halvorson / Bodhi Schultz - Duo; Brandon Grismer - Poetry / Serious Plays; Laurel Sharisky - Serious Prose; Gus Campbell - Non-Original Oratory. The following received "Excellent Pulses": Luke Bergjord - Humorous - The Magic Tree House - Reader's Theatre. Brandon Grismer did honor the Board by reciting his selection.

State Oral Interp Festival

Duane Alm commented on the funding lawsuit. Brad Olson commented on the listening session that held been held earlier in the day at Holgate Middle School. Items of discussion included in the building remodel, Smart Boards, funding and negotiations.

Listening Session

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It was moved by Miller and seconded by Alm to approve the minutes of the November 8 & 22, 2010, meetings.
All voted "Aye."

Approval of Minutes

11-097

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Financial Statements
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations
 1. Public School Exemption Certificate (approval of):
 - a. #72 for one (1) child;
 2. Open Enrollment Application (approval of):
 - a. #2012-1 for one (1) child.
 - d. Approval of Personnel
 1. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Resignation – effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year
 - a. Jennifer Phillips – Head Competitive Dance Coach
 - e. Review of Policy AABA

All voted "Aye."

11-098

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Nikolas to approve the genda.
All voted "Aye".

Approval of Agenda

Taige Tople, SADD Chapter President, Brittany Simon, Vice-President and Abby Burgard, Secretary, presented 3D (Drunk and Drugged Driving) information.

SADD Chapter – 3D Presentation

The Counseling Department update was given by Dr. Becky Guffin. Some of the projects being worked on include mentoring and Jingle Bell walk at CHS; bullying/cyberbullying at the Middle Schools; service projects at SMS include “Dig Pink” and raising money to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving; Kids Against Hunger, bake sale and food boxes for the Salvation Army at HMS; the elementary students have taken part in “Red Ribbon Week”, conflict managers, buddy programs, food for weekends, food drives and angel tree donations.

Counseling Department Update

A special board meeting has been scheduled for January 6, 2011 beginning at 5:30 PM to prepare for the Strategic Planning sessions coming soon. Strategic planning sessions are scheduled for January 10 and 24 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the District Service Center.

Evaluation/Strategic Planning

Superintendent Harms informed the Board the 5% education funding cut (\$240 per student) the governor has proposed would mean a loss of \$1 million to \$1.2 million for Aberdeen schools. The board discussed ideas circulating in the state to raise education funding, including an initiative the Sioux Falls School District is exploring that would restore K-12 funding to 38.9% of the state's total budget. That's the level it was in 1998, when budget reform took place. Since then, the level has dropped to 31.6 percent of the state's budget, he said. While funding has decreased, expenses have increased as much as they have for other departments that receive state funding.

Education Funding Plan

Mr. Bob Pitz, Director of Operations, informed the Board of the plans to sell the surplus 1.46 acres of land located across from the Hub Area Technical School at a public auction. The land has previously been declared surplus.

Surplus Property Public Auction Approval

11-099

The second reading of the revision of Policies IHCD A and IHCD A-R was held. It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Nikolas to approve the revision of Policies IHCD A and IHCD A-R. All voted “Aye”.

Second Reading/Approval of Revision of Policies IHCD A and IHCD A-R

11-100

The first reading of the revision of Policy AABA-E was held. It was moved by Alm and seconded by Olson to approve the first reading of the deletion of Policy AABA-E. All voted “Aye”.

First Reading/Deletion of Policy AABA-E

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Mrs. Robbie Gellhaus, Lincoln Elementary Principal, and Jan Schochenmaier, Lincoln Elementary Preschool, reported to the Board on the reverse inclusion Preschool program; Carol Hoistad and Jen Phillips, along with students Slater Stolp, Kaylee Carlson and Morgan Prouse reported on the Buddy Program.

Lincoln Elementary
Report to the Board

11-101

It was moved by Wirth and seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.
All voted "Aye."

Adjournment

Brian Sharp _____
President

Tom Janish _____
Finance Director