Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Greetings to Visitors – Eric Fink, President Pro Tem

II. Roll Call – Mike Watkins, Treasurer

III. Elections of Officers
A. President
President Pro Tem Eric Finke asked for nominations for President of the Sidney City Board of Education for 2015. Paul Heins nominated Bill Ankney. There were no other nominations. Bill Ankney was elected President of the Sidney City Board of Education for 2015.

B. Vice President
President Pro Tem Eric Finke asked for nominations for Vice President of the Sidney City Board of Education for 2015. Darrell Spangler nominated Kelly Rees. There were no other nominations. Kelly Rees was elected Vice President of the Sidney City Board of Education for 2015.

IV. Organizational Items
A. Authorization to Request Tax Advances
Motion to authorize the treasurer to request tax advances from the Shelby County Auditor as soon as funds are available for distribution during 2015.

MOTION PASSED

B. Authorization to Pay Bills
Motion to authorize the treasurer to pay all bills up to $25,000 that are non-recurring and other recurring bills as they are presented, providing funds are appropriated and available, to report bills paid on a monthly basis to the board of education.

MOTION PASSED

B. Appointment of Purchasing Agent
Motion to appoint John Scheu as purchasing agent for Sidney City Schools for 2015.

MOTION PASSED

C. Appointment of Investment Officer
Motion to appoint Michael Watkins, Treasurer, as investment officer with authority to invest any interim funds with the goal of maximizing revenue for the Sidney City Schools during 2015.

MOTION PASSED

D. Appointment of Civil Rights Compliance Officer
Motion to appoint John Scheu as Civil Rights Compliance Officer for Sidney City Schools for calendar year 2015.

MOTION PASSED
E. **Appointment of District Grievance Officer and Assistant Grievance Officer**

Motion to appoint John Scheu as District Grievance Officer and Eric Finke as Assistant Grievance Officer for calendar year 2015.

**MOTION PASSED**

F. **Appointment of Suspension Appeal/Expulsion Hearing Officer**

Motion to appoint Hugh Aukerman as the Suspension Appeal/Expulsion Hearing Officer and Brooke Gessler as Alternate Hearing Officer for calendar year 2015.

**MOTION PASSED**

G. **Appointment of Section 504 Compliance Officer**

Motion to appoint Tamara Drerup as the Section 504 Compliance Officer for calendar year 2015.

**MOTION PASSED**

H. **Set Board Meeting Dates (Ref. Item)**

Motion to set the regular Board of Education meeting dates for calendar year 2015 per the attached schedule.

**MOTION PASSED**

I. **Board Member Representatives**

Motion to appoint the following representatives:

1. Legislative Liaison (Calendar year 2015): **Bob Smith**
2. Community Foundation Liaison (Calendar year 2015): **Kelly Rees**
3. Hall of Honor Representative (2015-16 school year): **Darrell Spangler**
4. Public Records Designee (Calendar Year 2015): **Mike Watkins**

**MOTION PASSED**

J. **OSBA Membership**

Motion to continue membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2015.

**MOTION PASSED**

The meeting moved into the regular board meeting.
V. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda - NONE

VI. Discussion/Reports/Recognition

A. School Board Recognition Month – John Scheu, Superintendent
   John expressed his appreciation for the school board and recognized each member with a certificate.

VII. Treasurer’s Report

A. Minutes, Financial Reports, and Invoices Paid (Ref. Items)
   Motion to approve the following as recommended by the treasurer:
   1. December 15, 2014 Minutes
   2. December 2014 Financial Reports
   3. December 2014 Invoices Paid

   MOTION PASSED
   Mike Watkins gave a brief rundown of the December financials – mostly December was extremely quiet.

B. Purchased Service Agreement
   Motion to enter into a purchased service agreement for the utilization of Mike Thompson as school security officer and Chuck Wirick as school security substitute for the 2014-2015 school year, effective 1/5/15, in accordance with board policy and the treasurer’s recommendation.

   MOTION PASSED
   Mike Thompson will replace Will Benson at SHS. Chuck will be added as another substitute.

C. Purchased Service Renewal (Ref. Items)
   Motion to approve the following expenditures:
   2. Purchase of fruit from Florida Farm Bureau for FFA fundraiser at a cost of $5,798.35.

   MOTION PASSED
   Mike explained that the renewal of Rosetta Stone was a timing issue. The FFA purchase was an issue of the invoice coming without a PO in place.

D. “Then and Now” Certificate
   Motion to approve the amount that may be paid by the Treasurer upon completion of the “then and now” certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful, to be increased from less than $3,000 to $10,000 or less.

   MOTION PASSED
   Mike explained the reasoning for these amounts – these align with purchased services amounts.

E. Acceptance of Donation
   Motion to accept the following donations:
   Robert Smith - $200 to the Board/Administration Scholarship Fund
MOTION PASSED
The board collectively thanked Bob for his gift. Mike explained that in the past, the Board/Administration Scholarship Fund has handed out two $1,000 scholarships. Currently the balance is $968/24. John Scheu added that this has been opened up to administrators, which gives the fund the opportunity to give out the two $1,000 scholarships.

VIII. Superintendent’s Report

A. Retirement (Ref. Item)
Motion to accept the resignation due to retirement of Joan Roberts-Swank, elementary guidance counselor, effective 6/1/15. (30 years SCS, 32 years in education)

B. Resignations (Ref. Item)
Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Bret Gerstner, custodian, effective 1/2/15
Tammy Knoop, elementary aide, effective 1/6/15
David Schneider, musical co-director, effective 12/18/14

MOTION PASSED

C. Personnel
Motion to approve the following personnel actions for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by the superintendent, per the adopted salary schedule, proper certification, previous employment verification, and successful BCI/FBI report where applicable.

1. Classified – Employ Summer VanHook as special education aide on a one-year limited contract at Step 0, $11.36/hr., effective 1/5/15.

2. Classified Substitutes – Employ the following on one-year limited, as-needed contracts:

   Karen Wolbert – substitute aide at $10.22/hr., effective 1/5/15
   Bobby Gibson – substitute custodian at $12.26/hr., effective 12/18/14.

3. Supplemental Contract – Employ Terri Thompson on a one-year limited, as-needed supplemental contract to work athletic events per OHSAA guidelines.

4. Supplemental Contract – Employ John Wolfinger on a one-year limited, as-needed contract as Tournament Director for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate determined by the OHSAA.

5. Home Instruction Tutor – Employ Barb Kerr as home instruction tutor on a one-year limited, as-needed contract at $23.55/hr., effective 10/27/14.

6. Volunteer Supplementals – Approve the following as volunteer coaches:

   Stacey Goffena – girls’ basketball
   Bill Blosser – wrestling

MOTION PASSED
John shared that Terri Thompson, John Wolfinger, and Barb Kerr are retired educators filling necessary positions. John Wolfinger has done this for a number of years and does a great job. Barb Kerr has
assisted with administering OGT tests to those in jail. He also shared that Bill Blosser has helped with coaching the youth league in the past, and also has sons who wrestle.

D.  **Permanent Floating Substitute Teacher**

Motion to employ J. Daniel Wicks as a permanent floating substitute teacher at Bachelor’s, Step 0, $33,884 prorated (less 2 unpaid days per SEA agreement $33,518) with full benefits, effective 1/5/15.

**MOTION PASSED**

The Board approved this position in December. Daniel has subbed every day in the district since then.

E.  **Amend Supplemental Contract**

Motion to amend original contract for Sarah Barr, musical director, from 50% to 100% at $2,372.00.

**MOTION PASSED**

Sarah is the only director now, so she will be paid 100%. She has some volunteers that will help.

F.  **Approve Resolution of Authorization (Ref. Item)**

Motion to approve the Resolution of Authorization for the district to reimburse classified employees for requested additional coursework.

**MOTION PASSED**

This was discussed in December. Additional coursework would be directed by the administration. If the employee were to leave during or within 5 years of getting the additional coursework, they must pay the school back. This resolution was drawn up by John Podgurski, so it is solid.

IX.  **Legislative Report – Robert Smith**

Bob talked about HB 290 and HB 178 – both have made it through the process.

X.  **UVCC Report – Bill Ankney and Paul Heins**

UVCC is addressing the financial side of the adult education, and they have modified the adult education course offerings.

XI.  **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session**

XII. **Reconvene**

XIII. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

**Next Board Meeting**

Monday, February 2, 2015
B.O.E. Office
6:00 p.m.