

# Siouxland Christian School Regular Session Minutes

**Date:** January 20, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Siouxland Christian School

**Present:** Dr. Lindsay Laurich, Superintendent  
Sarah Boesch, Chair  
Jay Hoogendyk  
Ben Kooiker  
Brandon Reynolds  
Jennifer McCune  
Bryan Stocking

The meeting was **opened in prayer**.

Jennifer motioned, Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all **approved the previous Board Minutes**.

Various teachers and Superintendent Lindsay reviewed a refreshed set of graduation standards for SCS. They stated that students want vocational classes offered. The Board was presented a "Graduation Requirements Checklist" for the class of 2020-2021. Students must complete a minimum of 44 credits that include courses as listed on the "Checklist". Information was presented to the Board on "Western Iowa Tech/College Now" and the "Iowa Online AP Academy", which provide opportunities for SCS students to partake in courses if they are not readily available at SCS. To assist students that desire to have some vocational classes, the "Career Academy" located in the old JC Penny building downtown can be utilized in the next school year. This offers courses in such things as CNA, Auto Tech, Auto Body, Welding, Police Science, Surgical Technician, Engineering, Construction, Fire Science, Graphic Design, AF-JROTC, Accounting, Agriculture, ACT Readiness, etc. for students to choose from. It is planned to have the **secondary program** rollout ready by March so 2020-2021 school year enrollments can begin in April.

To assist students wanting to partake in the Career Academy, it was proposed that SCS adopt "**block schedules**" with A days and B days. Lindsay stated that Sioux Falls Christian has gone to block schedules. She stated that a block schedule can reduce the homework load by allowing more to be completed in classes that have longer periods. Lindsay provided the Board with a proposed block schedule. It was stated that the staff is in favor of a block schedule. The Board approved the Administration to proceed as outlined in regards to the graduation requirements and offering the students the ability to use Western Iowa Tech, Iowa Online AP Academy and the Career Academy as proposed.

There was general discussion on how students would **travel to and from the Career Academy**. For now the only option is for students to drive themselves, or parents to provide transportation, as is currently done with Western Iowa Tech classes. There was discussion on the possibility of a regularly scheduled UBER driver or the hopes of SCS one day having a school bus or van to provide this transportation.

The Board was presented with a **proposal of Ministry First Insurance of Brotherhood Mutual**, which has been in existence since 1916. They state that they uphold Biblical values upon which the company was founded. They proposed to cover the building at \$8,270,000 with \$1,241,000 for the contents with a \$2,500 deductible (\$500 deductible for glass), a 4% inflation guard on building value, with 100% replacement cost and other coverages as provided in their written proposal. They also proposed liability coverages of \$1,000,000 for each

occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, \$100,000 cyber liability, \$1,000,000 media, athletic, educational, employee benefits, and employment practices liabilities, to include religious freedom protection, worker's compensation, and commercial auto, for a total premium of \$22,701 annually. The Board discussed the proposal and all admitted limited to no knowledge of the insurance company as well as discussion of how late the renewal of the current insurance provider was. It was proposed by the Board that the School's current insurance provider be contacted in regards to what they were proposing for a premium for the next insurance year.

Ben proposed that the November/December **financials** be approved. Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. The financials were approved as presented to the Board.

The Board reviewed the **T.R.I.P.** proposal prepared by Lindsay since the previous Board meeting. It addressed frequently asked questions in regards to "TRIP". TRIP is a fundraising program that earns money for an individual/family tuition account. TRIP members by gift certificates at face value, redeem that at full value and SCS passes on the business' discount to their tuition account. A website address of [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) allows parents/grandparents to register and fill out the necessary family information. They will then need to e-mail the TRIP coordinator at the School for the SCS enrollment code to complete the account set-up and sign up for a secure online payment program called "Presto Pay". To place an order they go to shopwithscrip.com, click on gift cards they wish to purchase. The ecards and reloadable can be ordered anytime using Presto Pay. A good system is through myscripwallet.com, which is an app that is downloaded and then used while you shop, so you can use it upon checkout where you are shopping.

The TRIP credits will accumulate and twice per year (December/April) the amounts will be applied to the chosen student/family's tuition. There will be no carry-over balances, but unused balances can be donated to another student if they will no longer have a student at SCS.

Lindsay discussed with the Board the need to complete the **Strategic Plan** for the School. A retreat for the Board to complete this was planned for February 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM each of the applicable dates.

Lindsay stated to the Board that there had been an inquiry to the possibility of a **student discount for the grand children of SCS employees**. A good amount of discussion was held by the Board and then it was determined to table it to allow more thought on the matter.

Lindsay reviewed the proposed **2020-2021 School calendar** with the Board. It was noted that the School starting date of August 24<sup>th</sup> is the same starting date as the Sioux City Public Schools. The ending date of the School year will be May 20, 2021. The total hours will be 1,131.93 hours, which State law requires 1,080 hours for a buffer of 51.93 hours that could be used for delays or closings. Jay motioned to approve the calendar as presented, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Calendar was approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Planning a January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to try to speed up the financial reports.

**Athletics:** Planning a meeting in February.

**Building and Grounds:** Meeting on Eagles Nest and the painting contractor.

**Spiritual Emphasis:** No report.

**Next Board Meeting was set for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.**

Regular Meeting was **adjourned** and the Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Board Chair