Minutes of

 The Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of

The South Page Community School District

October 12, 2015

The Board of Directors of the South Page Community School District met in regular session on October 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library at 606 Iowa Avenue, College Springs, Iowa 51637.

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

President Ron Peterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Darin McClarnon, Chris Drennen, Jackie Autry, and Ron Peterman. Also present were Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Denise Green, Board Secretary/Treasurer Sherri Ruzek and guests.

Director Kenny Jackson was absent

**AGENDA**

D. McClarnon made a motion to approve the agenda. C. Drennen, second. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Autry made a motion to approve the consent agenda to include previous minutes, the secretary’s financial accounts and payments of bills. C. Drennen, second. Motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS**

**Denise Green - PK-12 Principal**

* 21st Century Conference-MS/HS teachers attended at Fremont-Mills. All teachers gained information they are planning to implement into their classrooms.
* Upward Bound-Will be presenting to the students. They are hopeful to expand their program with more student participation.
* PreK-12th Parent Teacher conferences will be held on November 5th.
* Odysseyware-This is software to assist with credit recovery, advanced placement, ACT Prep, and classroom supplement. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Green will attend training on Wednesday, October 14th.
* LeAnn Mackey, Yearbook Sponsor, presented yearbooks to the Board and shared that South Page was one of five schools in Iowa to receive the Jostens National Award for Excellence!

**Gregg Cruickshank-Superintendent**

* The School Board Convention is November 18-19 in Des Moines. Information about the conference was shared.

**Phil Greever -Maintenance and Transportation**

* No report.

**DISCUSSION**

1. **Enrollment and Financial Trends**

Enrollment has declined from 171 students in 2009-10 to 111 in 2015-16. With shared programs and staffing, the district has maintained/increased programs despite declining enrollment. The end of year 2015 budget was reviewed. The cash balance ($175,000) and the unspent authorized budget authority ($550,000) are both sound and stable numbers.

1. **Department of Education Initiatives**

The new state assessments – The Smarter Balanced Assessments will be the state’s accountability assessments. These will be administered beginning in May, 2017. An intensive summer literacy program will be implemented in the Summer of 2017. New Generation Science Standards are to be implemented in 2019-20.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

 **a. Supplement State Aid/Modified Allowable Growth -**After review and discussion of the Certified Annual Report and Special Education Supplement, C. Drennen made a motion to access $165,170.99 of budget authority from the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Allowable Growth/Supplemental State Aid for a Special Education Deficit. J. Autry, second. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. Page County Conference Board -**D. McClarnon made a motion to appoint Kenny Jackson to the Page County Conference Board. C. Drennen, second. Motion carried 4-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Abstract of votes –** September 2015 Election. J. Autry made a motion to approve the Abstract of Votes from the September Election. C. Drennen, second. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. Employment of Personnel -**J. Autry made a motion to approve the contracts of Brett Wennihan for Junior Varsity Boys Basketball and Sarah Sunderman for Junior High Volleyball. D. McClarnon, second. Motion carried 4-0.

**CELEBRATIONS**

* 2014-15 Yearbook Staff received a National Award for Excellence.
* Thank you to Booster Club for sponsoring the K-3 Trip to Rose Theatre to see “Pete the Cat.”
* Thank you to the Clarinda Fire Department for hosting the K-3 Graders for Fire Safety Week.

**ADJOURN**

C. Drennen made a motion to adjourn. J. Autry second. Motion carried 4-0. Adjournment was at 7:43 p.m.

Reports, documents and discussion items considered are on file in the Board Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment.

Ron Peterman, President

Sherri Ruzek, Board Secretary/Treasurer