

**SANDOVAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 501
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

January 26, 2015

Sandoval Junior-Senior High School Board Room

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Darin Brandt	<u>X</u>	Heather Day	<u>X</u>	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	<u>X</u>
Clicker Merten	<u>X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>6:03 P.M.</u>

II. Removal of Consent Agenda Items----None

III. Recognition and Comments From Employees and Public

Mr. Demaris and Mrs. Hilton-Siebert were concerned their students were having trouble attending band because of schedule conflicts. Mr. Demaris comes expressing his feelings there should be better planning for students to participate in the band and these kids be given a chance to play a musical instrument. Mrs. Hilton-Siebert stated she was told at Parent/Teacher Conferences her son would not be able to participate/be in band because of a schedule conflict. She said she thought it would work itself out, but it has not. She feels students are very limited as to what they actually have exposure to. Being able to be in the band, she feels it adds another element to her son. Mrs. Hilton-Siebert stated it is very hard for her son to come to school, knowing he is not able to be in band. Her son has a study hall now and is willing to give that class up to be in band. Being able to do a sole contest, performing in concerts gives band members self-confidence. She stated the Band Instructor is tremendous and the school is very lucky to have her and would like for her son to have the opportunity to play for her. Kids are suffering now, and she knows the Board is serving for what is best for the students. She would like to see something done this year. Mrs. Hilton-Siebert stated she is willing to teach Health as an independent study.

Mr. Morris asked Mrs. Gray to bring the Board up to about the scheduling conflict.

Mrs. Gray explained the State mandated the school to offer Health at the Junior High level. Since the State mandated a Health course there are no other electives. The study hall is a 30 minute RTI time. Currently at that time the band director is not available, she is supervising a large group of students. The Band Director is starting a Jazz band on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Mrs. Gray stated she knows this is not a perfect solution, and she understands the parents' frustration. She will continue to work on finding a solution.

Altamont High School Principal Jerry Tkachuke is here to present data to the Board about the 10 point grading scale. The present grading system has the cut

off to get an A at 93, 86 for a B, 78 for a C and 70 for a D. The proposed change would lower the score cutoff for each letter grade. Mr. Tkachuke stated the idea had been met with concerns in his district that it was just trying to dumb things down. But overall, more students did receive the higher letter grades under the system. The system being used now puts some students at a disadvantage of a chance to obtain scholarships. Mr. Tkachuke stated the 10-point system is the number one grade scale throughout the United States and especially in Illinois. He said he was from the Chicago suburbs and had been swimming with the sharks up there. It's taken him a while to realize that our students swim with those same sharks, and downstate students need to be playing on an equal playing field. He stated when students become seniors; they are no longer Altamont students or Sandoval Students. They are competing with New Trier. They are competing with Adlai Stevenson. They are competing with Evanston Township, all the financial advantages those students have and are on the 10 point scale. That meant that a local student from Altamont with a B, but who actually had a higher GPA, lost out on admission to the University of Illinois and other schools, as well on scholarships.

IV. Communications – Thank you card from The Family of Earl Bocker

V. Board Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Committee- Members of the Committee --Stephen Morris, Darin Brandt and Rae Ann Gore. Mr. Morris proposed totals for signing a five year contract with a Southern Illinois Bus firm. By renting the busses and then have the district to provide the drivers will save \$65,000 the first year, and then \$90,000 a year in following years. Mr. Morris stated the current bus firm has been doing a good job but can't get the fuel tax breaks and other breaks that the district can. One of the bus drivers that would be hired would be the head driver and take care of day-to-day operations, without putting more work on the school administration. Dr. Garrison stated should anyone have any questions or concern, to contact the district office or email her.

VI. Other Reports

- a. Junior-Senior High Building Leadership Team- Grading Scale—Building Leadership Team passed out supporting documentation to the board members.
- b. IT Update – Mr. Michael stated the website could go live at any time. The Funding IL Future Rally Video is currently on the website available for the public to view.

VII. Student Board Member Update----Kade Gambill stated his report was submitted in the board packet. Kade said the Prom will be held on Saturday, April 25th. The theme is City of Romance.

VIII. Transformation Leadership Coordinator's Report –Dr. Garrison stated the report was submitted in the board packet. Dr. Garrison stated Linda Brissenden is in

Springfield working on an Illinois State Board of Education project which is the other half of her job.

IX. Principal's Report----Mrs. Gray stated her report was also included in the board packet. Mrs. Gray wants to give recognition to the Building Leadership Team and thanked them for taking the extra time to figure out what will be best for our students by looking at the grade point average scale and the math curriculum. Also wanted to recognize Bethany Kunick, Christonia Saddler, and Kylie Parson for making the All-Tournament Team and LaRon Anderson made the MTC Conference team.

X. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Garrison stated the State of Illinois currently owes \$131,168.39. The main fund that has to be watched is the Transportation Fund. We are behind a quarterly payment, which is about \$40,000.00. We moved \$30,000 of General State Aid into the Transportation Fund from the Education Fund in December. Dr. Garrison stated she will continue to monitor the finances. Senate Bill 1 has been filed and will keep the board and staff updated.

a. Funding IL's Future Rally Video –Watched video

XI. Old Business ----None

XII. New Business

a. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approve open and closed meeting minutes from December 15, 2014 and January 21, 2015
2. Approve activity funds, accounts and expenditures
3. Approve January bills and payroll
4. Approve repayment of the Revolving Fund
5. Approve Treasurer's Report
6. Accept the resignation of Mrs. Stacey Shuler as volunteer junior high volleyball coach effective immediately
7. Approve Donna Gambill's retirement effective the end of the 2014- 2015 school year

Darin Brandt	<u>2ND</u> X	Heather Day	X	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	X
Clicker Merten	<u>1ST</u> X	Mel Wood	X	Jered Gambill	X	Time:	7:28 P.M.

b. Approve overnight FFA trips:

1. 2015 Farm Bureau Youth Conference from March 30-31, 2015 in Springfield, IL
2. 2015 State FFA Convention from June 9-11, 2015 in Springfield, IL
3. 2015 Illinois FFA Leadership Camp from July 28-31, 2015 in Monticello, IL

Darin Brandt	<u>2ND</u> X	Heather Day	X	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	X
Clicker Merten	X	Mel Wood	X	Jered Gambill	<u>1ST</u> X	Time:	7:29 P.M.

c. 8th grade advanced math class- Algebra I

1. Weighted GPA 14-15 and the 15-16 School Year for 7th and 8th grade

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Clicker Merten	<u>1ST X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>7:46 P.M.</u>

2. 2015-2016 School Year – Discontinue the option of Algebra I for incoming 7th grade students/2015-2016 school year

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Clicker Merten	<u>X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>7:47 P.M.</u>

d. District-wide 10 point grading scale---Tabled

Darin Brandt		Heather Day		Rae Ann Gore		Stephen Morris	
Clicker Merten		Mel Wood		Jered Gambill		Time:	

e. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting—Feb 11th at 6:00 p.m.

f. Schedule a Transportation Committee Meeting---Feb 11th at 7:00 p.m.

g. Adjourn to Closed Session: Purpose

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Darin Brandt	<u>X</u>	Heather Day	<u>2ND X</u>	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	<u>X</u>
Clicker Merten	<u>1ST X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>7:53 P.M.</u>

Return to Open Session

Darin Brandt	<u>1ST X</u>	Heather Day	<u>X</u>	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	<u>X</u>
Clicker Merten	<u>2ND X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>9:06 P.M.</u>

h. Approve volunteer junior high volleyball co-coaches Heather Day & Christy Lyons

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Clicker Merten	<u>1ST</u>	Mel Wood	<u>2ND X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>9:06 P.M.</u>

i. Approve volunteer junior high assistant volleyball coach Emily Heinzmann

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Clicker Merten	<u>1ST X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>9:07 P.M.</u>

- j. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sandoval C.U.S.D. 501 Board of Education and the Sandoval Education Association---Tabled

Darin Brandt		Heather Day		Rae Ann Gore		Stephen Morris	
Clicker Merten		Mel Wood		Jered Gambill		<u>Time:</u>	

- k. Any action deemed appropriate on High School Athletic Director –Accept Mr. Tyson Moore’s resigning letter as the Athletic Director effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

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Clicker Merten	<u>X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>2ND X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>9:08 P.M.</u>

- l. Adjourn to Closed Session: Purpose

1. Perform Superintendent’s evaluation- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Darin Brandt	<u>2ND X</u>	Heather Day	<u>X</u>	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	<u>X</u>
Clicker Merten	<u>1ST X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>9:15 P.M.</u>

Return to Open Session

Darin Brandt	<u>X</u>	Heather Day	<u>1ST X</u>	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	<u>X</u>
Clicker Merten	<u>2ND X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>11:58 P.M.</u>

XIII. Adjournment

Darin Brandt	<u>2ND X</u>	Heather Day	<u>X</u>	Rae Ann Gore	<u>AB</u>	Stephen Morris	<u>X</u>
Clicker Merten	<u>X</u>	Mel Wood	<u>1ST X</u>	Jered Gambill	<u>X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>11:58 P.M.</u>

Approved: Stephen Morris
Board President

Approved: Darin L Brandt
Board Secretary