

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

November 23, 2015

Sandoval Junior-Senior High School Board Room

6:00 p.m.



**AGENDA**

I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Day	<u>AB</u>	Gore	<u>X</u>	McHenry	<u>X</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Brandt	<u>X</u>	Gambill	<u>X</u>	Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Time:	6:00 P.M.

II. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda –NONE

III. Recognition and Comments From Employees and Public—NONE

IV. Communications---Thank you card from Missy Schlau

V. Board Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee—Dr. Garrison stated the meeting was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The topic of discussion was tax levy proposals. The committee looked at 3 different tax levies. Historically over the last 15-20 years our assessed evaluation has increased by 5%. If we underestimate that means we leave money on the table. If the land/property goes up more than we estimate then we don't get to collect taxes on that money. If we estimate the 5% increase then we are safe, and if land/property doesn't go up 5% then we only collect taxes on what the property is valued at. We also heard from a gentleman that evening from First Mid-State on Refunding 2005 Bonds.

VI. Student Board Member Update—Mr. Kade Gambill stated he has his replacement with him at tonight's meeting, Miss Meghan Behringer. She's a senior and will be serving as the Student Board Member until she graduates in May. Meghan reported she prepared the student board report and it's in the board packets.

VII. School Climate Transformation Grant Administrator's Report---Mr. Stephen Morris reported Mr. Brian Guthrie was not able to attend the meeting tonight, and his report is submitted in the board packet.

VIII. Principals' Report—Mrs. Gray stated her report was submitted in the board packet along with the honor roll from first quarter and results on the survey from the Parent/Teacher conferences. Recognition this month, Mrs. Gray wanted to thank the group/team that attended the SIG interview in Springfield this past week for their hard work. It was very nerve racking for some people, including herself speaking to the panel. We should find out towards the middle of December the

results. The team that presented in Springfield were Jered Gambill-Board member, Carla Gambill—Parent, Nikki Brubaker, Jeremy Jett, Matthew Danamann—teachers, Mrs. Benjamin, myself and Dr. Garrison. Also our lead partners Carrie Scheib and David Osta.

Mrs. Benjamin stated her report was submitted in the board packet. She also wanted to say thank you to the team for doing an excellent job presenting at Springfield. She said good-bye to Mr. Kade Gambill and thanked him for all of the hard work he has done for Sandoval.

- IX. Superintendent's Report—Dr. Garrison reported the State owes \$100,033.73. We still are owed our transportation and special education mandated categorical payment. They have not reimbursed us for the free lunch or breakfast at the State level, but we are getting our federal reimbursements. We still continue to see the back log of bills without a State budget. Expenditures to date we are on track almost halfway through fiscal school year. At the December board meeting we should see our expenditures around 50%. We're currently at 38.45% in the education fund. We also have board bills tonight which will add to that and another payroll this coming up week. Building fund is 28.66% with the tractor and mower included in tonight's board bills, so that will go up. It's one of our big investments this year. Then transportation we are at 35.25% and on track to date.

Dr. Garrison stated she received a phone call today in regards to ISBE approving an application for districts to apply for Qualified School Construction Bonds. The application process will open sometime in December and will be due in January. We can apply for the bonds to offset the interest if we would get the Capital Development Board (CDB) funds to build the new Elementary School. Our referendum is up in 2017. We still have another year and if the CDB funds come that cover 75% of the cost from the State then the ARRA funds from the Qualified School Construction Bonds would pay for the interest rate of bonds we issue for the up to 2 million dollars. That was passed via referendum. The tax payers would actually be paying principal not the interest. This would pick up the interest but the question is would they say Sandoval qualifies because you have to be shovel ready to qualify. We're shovel ready except the 75% which is millions of dollars from the State coming to us.

Mr. Darin Brandt asked is this something they offer a lot or is it the first time we've heard of it. Dr. Garrison responded it's the first time she has seen it. Mr. Darin Brandt asked how much money can we save? Dr. Garrison stated we have to decide how long we want to structure the bond out for the 2 million. The taxpayers would have to pay the principal, but the grant would pick up interest over the 20-30 years. Dr. Garrison said she would gather all the information for the December board meeting.

- X. Old Business--NONE

- XI. New Business

- a. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approve open and closed meeting minutes from October 26, November 5, and November 12, 2015
2. Approve activity fund accounts
3. Approve November bills and payroll
4. Approve October Treasurer's Report
5. Approve repayment of the Revolving Fund
6. Approve resignation of Mrs. Holli Crawford effectively immediately as District Nurse/CNA Instructor
7. Approve the resignation of Mrs. Kim Michael effective December 31, 2015 as school cook.

Brandt	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Gore	<u>X</u>	Gambill	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Day	<u>AB</u>	McHenry	<u>X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>6:18 P.M.</u>

- b. Approve the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2015

Gore	<u>X</u>	McHenry	<u>X</u>	Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Brandt	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Gambill	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	Day	<u>AB</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>6:20 P.M.</u>

- c. Approve First Midstate Incorporated to refund the 2005 bonds

Gore	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	McHenry	<u>X</u>	Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Brandt	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Gambill	<u>X</u>	Day	<u>AB</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>6:21 P.M.</u>

- d. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting—Mr. Darin Brandt nominated Mr. Tyson McHenry to join that committee. Mr. Tyson McHenry accepted. Meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

## XII. 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.
3. Student disciplinary cases.

Gambill	<u>X</u>	Gore	<u>X</u>	McHenry	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Day	<u>AB</u>	Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Brandt	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>6:23 P.M.</u>

## Return to Open Session

McHenry	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Gambill	<u>X</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Brandt	<u>X</u>	Day	<u>AB</u>	Gore	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>7:50 P.M.</u>

f. Employ CNA Instructor/District Nurse—Brenda Kunick

McHenry	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Gambill	<u>X</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Brandt	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Day	<u>AB</u>	Gore	<u>X</u>	Time:	<u>7:51 P.M.</u>

g. Review and discussion on Sandoval Junior-Senior High Student Handbook

Discussion on pages 13-15

h. Adjournment

Lyons	<u>AB</u>	Brandt	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> X</u>	Gore	<u>X</u>	Morris	<u>X</u>
Gambill	<u>X</u>	McHenry	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> X</u>	Day	<u>AB</u>	Time:	<u>8:50 P.M.</u>

Approved: Stephen M. Morris  
 Board President

Approved: Heather Day  
 Board Secretary