

SANDRIDGE SD 172 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:00P.M.

Media Center, 2950 Glenwood Dyer Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 6:06 pm by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present on the roll call were members: President Jenkins-Brown, VP Guthrie, Ms. Lee, Mr. Colwell, Ms. Krueger, Mrs. Newton
Absent members: Mrs. Gray
3. **Sandridge SD 172 Audit:** Mr. Shaw from **Presenter: Don Shaw**
Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, presented the board with the audit package report findings for Sandridge SD 172 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. In the opinion of Lauterbach & Amen, they found the audit was clean. He did note and referenced the "Management Letter" with the accompanying comments and recommendations for the district to consider for the next review period. Dr. Nalls noted that there are 5 years' worth of audits on the district website for review under Department of Business. She also noted that there was a one-time deficit spending in the amount on 1.5 million dollars due to capital improvement projects. Currently the district has a fund surplus and has received more money than expected for the fiscal year.
4. **B.E.S.T Program Presentation:** Principal Ross in **Presenter: Principal Ross- Pastor France**
conjunction with Pastor France (Living Grace Church) presented the B.E.S.T. (building, empowering, serving, together) summer leadership academy. They discussed how the program began, its purpose, curriculum, outcomes, and partnership with the community. This program began through the Mighty Mustangs Care Initiative and Living Grace Church through the "Blessed to be a Blessing Campaign. The purpose of the program is to provide engaging and relevant curriculum that prepares learners for leaders of tomorrow. Students broaden their life skills and knowledge as mentors among their peers. They are exposed to the world of technology with university scholars. The program is geared toward middle schoolers, grades 5-6, that progress through high school and beyond. They provide a 5-week summer academic curriculum that focuses on interpersonal skills, communication, service learning, youth leadership, and a STEM program at DePaul University. To date 30 students have completed the program. Students must receive a letter of recommendation and have an overall grade B. Cost is \$500 application fee. BEST works with local business to provide scholarships for most of these students.
5. **Building and Grounds /Finance Contract Presentation** **Presenter: Dr. Nalls**

1. United Maintenance Contract: Possible BID for 3-year contract. Dr. Nalls will partner with legal to see if the district needs to bid on this contract.

2. C&T Lawn Care Contract: Presented the board with the current services contract and a renewal service agreement commencing on July 1, 2025, until June 30, 2028, if board approved. She noted there were some minimal increases in cost for snow renewal with a cost change for services as reflected: fall clean-up: \$4968.00 for the season payable in 8 months of \$621.00 per month, over 8 months. Snow removal: \$304 snow/plow lot, \$70 shovel/blow walkways, \$340 de-ice lot, \$70 de-ice walkways.

3. Open Kitchen Contract: Increase by 3%, board to take action at March board meeting.

6. Special Education Department Update: Mr. Hook that there are currently 77 SPED students in district with 14 out of district with 5 initial evals in progress, but notes that these numbers remain fluid depending on students that enter or exit the district. He noted all staff completed the verbal de-escalation and crisis management training provided by the district SW, Ms. Szore. She will be training a few more staff on nonviolence crisis intervention techniques and will also be part of the Crisis Intervention team.

Presenter: Mr. David Hook

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Ms. White presented a slide presentation with bills due for payment for 2/13/2025 in the amount of \$237,546.15

Presenter: Mrs. Charlotte White

8. Personnel Report: Dr. Nalls presented personnel report for board approval for certified staff: Michael Ward-substitute teacher for \$175.00/day, Tina N. Williams-teacher, MA 16 for \$70,588.53 (prorated), Mack Snelling-permanent sub/para for \$35,000 (prorated), CSBO Consultant contract renewal: Dr. Alicia Evans for \$125.00 per hour as needed, not to exceed \$40,000 SY 25/26. Dr. Nalls stated the CSBO position requires a special certification, and the district doesn't have a need for a full-time position.

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE at 7:05 pm made by Newton, seconded by Guthrie
Ayes: Kreuger, Lee, Newton, Guthrie, Colwell, Jenkins-Brown
Nays: none Absent: Gray
Motion Carried
Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Lee-Board of Education Secretary