

SPECIAL SESSION AND WORK SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
SOUTH TAMA COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met on June 25, 2024 for a Special Session at 219 W 3rd Street, Tama, Iowa at 4:30 p.m.

On call of the roll the following were present: Beth Wiese, Jackie Ellenbecker, Rick Hopper, and Megan Thiessen. Quorum present. Elizabeth Dolezal joined the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Katie Mathern, Steve McAdoo, Mary Mixdorf, and Amber Robson.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Hopper to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item H. Change Order Request 075. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Hopper to approve the following personnel requests. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Hires: Jessica Axler - Middle School Special Education Paraeducator

Transfers: Laura Wall from Middle School Kitchen Main Dish Cook to Middle School Kitchen Lead

Officials: Keely Upah - Middle School Softball

Motion by Thiessen, second by Dolezal to approve a full cell phone stipend of \$360 for the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Dolezal, second by Thiessen to approve \$15,000.00 towards the high school greenhouse improvement. This will be paid for out of the farm account. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Ellenbecker to approve the Garling Construction change order request 0072, in the amount of \$17,690.57, for hanging and finishing drywall per the owner's request. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Hopper to approve the Garling Construction change order request 0073, in the amount of \$19,223.00, for playground changes. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Ellenbecker to approve the 2024-2025 Technology Loan Agreement. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Dolezal, second by Hopper to approve the RC Systems quotes, in the amounts of \$61,649.54, \$106,891.36, and \$106,744.85, for Elementary, Middle School, and High School cameras. One hundred fifty thousand dollars of this will be paid for out of the Safety Grant. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Hopper, second by Ellenbecker to approve the Garling Construction change order request 0075, in the amount of \$14,321.92, for lower level furring and drywall. All Ayes. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility for a PPEL vote in September.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Ellenbecker to adjourn the special session at 5:10 p.m. All Ayes.

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met on June 25, 2024 for a Work Session at 219 W 3rd Street, Tama, Iowa at 5:11 p.m.

On call of the roll the following were present: Elizabeth Dolezal, Beth Wiese, Jackie Ellenbecker, Rick Hopper, and Megan Thiessen. Quorum present. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Katie Mathern, and Lou Gvist with the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Motion by Wiese, second by Hopper to approve the agenda. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Lou worked with the Board on developing a governance mindset, including the role of the Board and the role of the Superintendent and what that looks like. They reviewed the Eight Traits of Effective School Boards and picked out of

the traits they believe are strengths of the board/superintendent team. Then they picked the traits they believe would be powerful next steps for the board/superintendent team to focus on in the future.

The Board reviewed the District's current strategic goals and strategic plan and decided it might be good to rework and recreate this plan during the 2024-2025 school year for 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Ellenbecker to adjourn the work session at 7:53 p.m.

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Elizabeth Dolezal, Board President

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Katie Mathern, Board Secretary