



**South Winneshiek Community School District
School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)**

April 13, 2026 4:15 pm

District Board Room, Calmar

District Vision: The vision of the South Winneshiek School District, with shared responsibility of school, home, and community, is to provide the best teaching and learning environment while developing skills needed to develop life-long learners.

District Mission: The mission of the South Winneshiek Community School District program is to assist and ensure that every student achieves his/her level of educational excellence in the areas of academic, career, and social/emotional development through a collaborative partnership with students, family, educators, and community.

Agenda/Minutes

1. **Call to Order: 4:15 p.m.**
2. **Members present:** Kristin Kriener, Jason Halverson, Brennan Williams, Connie Euans, Mary Kleve, Holly Fish, Jodi Nelson, and Kris Einck
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **New Business**
 - a. **ELA Curriculum** - *We have been looking at Magnet Learning and Amplify. This will be for grades K-5. Currently there are multiple curriculums happening, and we want to be more unified. This is a fairly expensive however very much needed moving forward.*
 - b. **Building Project Update** - *In February the district hired a construction manager at risk. With a CMaR, we now can start some smaller projects before we go out for major bids. They can do the projects that are less than \$211,000. This summer we will start some infrastructure like the HVAC and electrical. The high school office will be moved to the district office. We should be able to use the east side of the building next year, but the following year it will be demolished and the new construction will be under way. We are currently discussing the staging and design and development planning. We discussed options for high school lunch. Val has had discussions with the Lutheran Church about potentially using their facilities to prepare the meals and using our garage in the southeast part*

of the school. The district office will be the main entrance next school year. We had our first design and development meeting in March, there is another one at the end of April or early May. We will bring in all the stakeholders (employees) and get their input on what they need or want. We are still hoping for a completion date of the Fall of 2028. The city of Calmar has been great to work with. Parking is still a major concern from the community.

- c. **Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL)** - The vote in March did not pass. You have to renew the PPEL every 10 years by going out for a vote. The highest you can levy is \$1.34, however that has to be approved by the voters, The board approves the board approved PPEL which is \$0.33 cents. When we went out for the last PPEL vote, people were confused as we just passed the bond referendum. The legislature wants to cut our PPEL levying ability in half. If they cut it in half from \$1.34, we still have the ability to levy \$0.67. We will go back out on September 8 for another vote because we must have the funding. The proposed legislation has changed, they are going to cut it but not nearly as bad as earlier plans. If they don't cut it too dramatically, we will stick with the \$0.67 like it has been in the past. The PPEL helps to pay for busses, windows, HVAC, and general upkeep. This is a critical funding stream for the school district.
 - d. **District Career & Academic Plan (DCAP)** - District Career and Academic Plan- it goes through what Connie and Mary work on everyday. It changes a little bit each year. We use it for what we are offering at the high school and the middle school. Some of the questions we ask are, where are our gaps and what do we do about them? We have kids who have work experience, but nothing else. We have interview days, where kids get dressed up and interview. The big focus is on work based learning (WBL). It's very good for the students, however it is very time consuming.
 - e. **Virtual Learning** - We started out the year with 9 built in "snow days". We have about a day and a half left. State of Iowa allows 30 hours or 5 days for virtual learning. If we have a full day, we would possibly use virtual learning. We will use the remaining built in time for any late starts and early outs moving forward until those hours are exhausted. Then we will use virtual learning for late starts and early dismissals as well as full day closures. Next year we will look to sprinkle in traditional snow days and virtual learning days.
5. **Announcements** - Next year we will try to schedule the corresponding meeting dates and Mr. Einck will send them out to members.
6. **Adjournment: 4:57 p.m.**