



South O'Brien Spotlight

HOME OF THE WOLVERINES

October 2016

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Open Gym

7-8 pm Sundays

October
2, 9, 16, 23, 30

in the Paullina
West and East Gyms

From the Superintendent...

To the South O'Brien School Family,

The 2016-17 Board of Education had their organizational meeting on Thursday, September 15. Sue McCauley was selected to serve as Board President for the school year, and Tom Wagner was selected as Vice-President. There were no school board elections this year, as that now occurs every other year in odd-numbered years. A reminder that our vision and mission are carried out through five critical areas:

Academics

- Goal: South O'Brien will use quality curriculum and effective instruction to prepare students to be responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Character Education

- Goal: South O'Brien will develop positive behavior in our students.

Community Unity

- Goal: Positive interaction will occur between students, parents, and community members both inside and outside of school.

Facilities

- Goal: To provide a safe and orderly environment which facilitates optimal student learning.

Fiscal Responsibility

- Goal: To provide funding to sufficiently provide a quality educational program.

The building project in Primghar is progressing on time. The goal is to have the new office area on the north side completed in December. We would move into this area first allowing the interior area where the office was to be remodeled for completion in the summer of 2017. The renovation/remodel is being funded through the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and the One Cent Sales Tax (SILO or SAVE). We borrowed some money against our PPEL Fund to fund the project, with the final payment being made in the spring of 2020. The total cost is estimated to be around \$2.6 million.

It is the time of year again to remind everyone that we are entering the time of the year where weather may affect a student's safety while being transported to school. Please emphasize to your sons and daughters to drive carefully in fog or other adverse conditions. Please check our website for information on the posting of weather-related announcements. We will make these decisions as early as possible. Please be especially aware of foggy conditions. We don't like to delay school for fog unless absolutely necessary because people are not looking for buses on the roads at 10:00 a.m. like they are used to seeing them at 8:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Dan Moore, Superintendent

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.s-obrien.k12.ia.us

Check out our website
to access:

Calendars

Sports Schedules

Pay School Fees

Attendance Reports

Report Cards

Progress Reports

Lunch Account Balance

Newsletter

JH/HS Daily Announcements

JH/HS Class Day Schedules

Foundation Information

School Board Information

PLEASE NOTE:

October 5	1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal - Professional Development
October 13	Athletic Booster Club Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - High School Library
October 19	1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal - Professional Development
October 24	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
November 1 & 3	4:00-8:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences

WOLVERINES**September 2016 Board Recognition****Congratulations to...**

- The FFA members and teams who competed in State Career Development Contest. Their hard work and studying this past summer once again paid off.

Milk Quality and Products Team

3rd Place Overall

Tied for 1st Place in the Team Activity

Team Members: JC Lange (6th Place Ind.), Alec Schoof & Izaak Hoey

Jr. 4-H Meats Evaluation

Eric Mars--Champion Individual

Grant Wagner--Reserve Champion Individual

Sr. 4-H Meats Evaluation Team

Champion Team--Qualified for the National 4-H Meats Evaluation Contest @ Kansas State University

Team Members: Anna Sells (Res. Champion Ind.), Tony Sells (3rd Ind.), Claire Rierson (7th Ind.) & Colton Meyer (8th Ind.)

FFA Meats Evaluation Team

Champion Team--(3rd year in a row) Qualified for the National FFA Meats Evaluation Contest in Indianapolis, IN.

The South O'Brien team was the only team with more than 2 individuals in the top 10.

Team Members: Emily Mars (Res. Champion Overall Ind., 1st Place Carcass Placings, 1st Place Retail ID), Dawson Weathers (4th Overall Ind., 1st Place Quality & Yield Grading), Zach Riedemann (5th Ind.) & Erin Wagner (9th Ind.)

Elementary News

From the Elementary Principal's Desk

Fall is definitely here. The leaves on the trees are turning colors and the crops are starting to be harvested. Our preschool students have taken their annual field trip to Pumpkinland near Orange City.

We successfully completed our FAST assessments during the month of September. Parent letters have been sent home with your child's scores. Homecoming was an exciting week of fun and activities. Our students and staff enjoy all the spirit activities and the dress-up days. The high school students put on a nice pep rally during Homecoming. The pep band, cheerleaders, football, cross country and volleyball teams all spoke to our students about all the fun they are having participating in their sports. The pep band really rocked the house with energetic songs. Thanks to Mr. Cole and Mrs. Warnke for putting on a good show. Thank you for your support with our sale of spirit items. The money raised goes into our student activity fund.

The construction project is going along very well. The parking lot concrete work has been pretty much completed with caulking, painting new lines and installing the light poles needing to be completed. Inside the new addition, work still continues with electrical wiring, floor and ceiling work. I am expecting a huge amount of progress will be made inside of our building.

Special events happening during the month of October are an Iowa State Ag presentation on water and our annual fundraiser in late October. Our first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11. I am planning on giving a tour of our new addition. We will set this year's goals and schedule our activities at this meeting. The PTO has traditionally provided supper for the teachers during our fall Parent Teacher Conferences on November 1 and 3. We want to set up Parent Days inviting all parents to have lunch with their children during the school day. Our final activity is our PTO BBQ, which happens during our Spring TK-4th grade concerts. Last year this event last year raised over \$4,000 for elementary library books.

Finally, our Iowa Assessments are scheduled to be taken during the week of November 7. We will alert you of the testing schedule in a school-wide email. Please continue to support our district attendance goals. The correlation between high student attendance and good student achievement is undeniable.

Go Wolverines!

Mr. Morran
South O'Brien CSD Elementary Principal

Used Childrens Books

Parents, if you have any gently used childrens books that you would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated. They can be directed to Melanie Yates at the elementary school and she will distribute to teachers who can use them for their students.

Box Tops for Education, Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels, and Sunny D Labels

The elementary school is collecting Box Tops for Education, Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels and Sunny D labels. If you have saved any of these items, please send them to school with your student or drop them off at the Primghar office. The money we receive from Box Tops, Wagon Wheels and Sunny D labels reimbursement is used for books, new technology equipment, playground equipment, assemblies, field trips, and much more. Thank you for your generous support of these programs!



Wolverine Activity Calendar October 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
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2	<p>4:15pm Volleyball-JH Cherokee @ Primghar</p> <p>4:15pm Volleyball-JH Cherokee @ Cherokee</p> <p>5:00pm Football-Sub-Varsity Cherokee @ Cherokee</p>	3	<p>FFA Greenhand Fire-Up @ MOC-FV - Orange City</p> <p>4:15pm Football-JH Sioux Central @ Paullina</p> <p>4:30pm Cross Country-High School Kingsley-Pierson @ Kingsley</p> <p>5:15pm Football-JH Sioux Central @ Paullina</p>	4	<p>Yearbook Ad Sales</p> <p>1:30pm Early Dismissal - Professional Development</p>	5	<p>4:00pm Cross Country-High School West Sioux @ Hawarden</p> <p>4:00pm Volleyball-JH MMC-RU @ Remsen</p> <p>4:15pm Volleyball-JH MMC-RU @ Primghar</p> <p>5:30pm Volleyball-High School Remsen St. Mary's @ Paullina</p>	6	<p>8:45am-9:30am Senior Class Picture</p> <p>7:00pm Football-Varsity MMC-RU @ Marcus</p>	7	<p>IHMSA State Marching Band @ Sheldon</p> <p>Dutchmen Field Championships @ Orange City</p> <p>TBD Volleyball-High School Harris Lake Park @ Lake Park</p> <p>FFA State Soils @ Ames</p>	8
9	<p>4:00pm Cross Country-High School Unity Christian vs. Multiple Schools @ Orange City</p> <p>4:30pm Volleyball-High School Sioux Central @ Sioux Rapids</p> <p>5:30pm Football-Sub-Varsity Sibley-Ocheyedan @ Paullina</p>	10	<p>4:15am Football-JH Cherokee @ Cherokee</p> <p>5:15pm Football-JH Cherokee @ Cherokee</p> <p>5:30pm Volleyball-High School MMC-RU @ Paullina</p>	11	12	<p>6:30pm Athletic Booster Club @ Paullina -High School Library</p> <p>7:00pm FCA @ Paullina</p>	13	<p>7:00pm Football-Varsity North Union @ Paullina</p>	14	15	<p>NWIBA JH Honor Band Auditions @ Storm Lake</p>	
16	<p>4:30pm Cross Country-High School South O'Brien vs. Multiple Schools @ Paullina</p> <p>5:00pm Football-Sub-Varsity Akron-Westfield @ Akron</p> <p>6:30pm Football-Sub-Varsity Akron-Westfield @ Akron</p>	17	<p>National FFA Leadership Conference @ Indianapolis</p> <p>4:15pm Football-JH Akron-Westfield @ Akron</p> <p>5:15pm Football-JH Akron-Westfield @ Akron</p>	18	<p>National FFA Leadership Conference @ Indianapolis</p> <p>1:30pm Early Dismissal - Professional Development</p>	19	<p>TBD Cross Country-High School TBA @ TBA</p> <p>National FFA Leadership Conference @ Indianapolis</p>	20	<p>end of quarter National FFA Leadership Conference @ Indianapolis</p> <p>7:00pm Football-Varsity Ridge View @ Holstein</p>	21	22	<p>All State Auditions @ Storm Lake</p> <p>National FFA Leadership Conference @ Indianapolis</p>
23	<p>NO SCHOOL - Professional Development</p>	24	<p>6:30pm FFA @ Paullina</p>	25	26	27	28	29	<p>TBD Cross Country-High School TBA @ TBA</p>			
30	31											

South O'Brien Yard/Window Signs

The Boys basketball team is selling yard/window signs. They are \$10 and available from Coach Yates at the high school or Melanie Yates at the elementary school.

Secondary News

From the Principal's Desk:

It's been a whirlwind kickoff to the school year and we are off to an excellent start here in the Paullina building. Once again our staff and kids are as busy as can be with classes and events within the curriculum world and with the out of school activities. I have always said that our kids simply show up with an attitude of competing to do their best. The football boys put an exclamation point on that statement in the Friday night Homecoming game with a huge come from behind victory. The football win was the final piece of the puzzle to make the 2016 Homecoming event an almost perfect week.

As I drove home after the Homecoming dance around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday morning I simply turned the radio off and reflected on how smoothly the week's Homecoming activities went. Those events did so due to the leadership of the senior class and the quiet example these kids have exhibited since the first day of school. The direction of the year all started with Class President Amanda Litka addressing the teachers on the first day of in service in August as she set a tone of appreciation and pride for staff in her message. The upperclassmen have established a climate that boasts of the joy of camaraderie in the hallways, the classroom, and the out-of-school activities like FFA, Band, Choir, Cheer Squad and the Athletic Teams. The administration challenged the teachers and the kids with a simple statement, "How will you lead?" Let me tell you that if this beginning of the year start and feeling tone is any indication of what's to come, I can't wait.

So back to Homecoming-we had to move the Coronation to Tuesday night and it was a great ceremony. Any duo would have been deserving of the royalty awards and Amanda and Sam graciously took the honors. The powder-puff football game was a big success and the crowd was larger than I anticipated and it was obvious that the girls and the coaches had a blast! The participation of the dress up days throughout the week was impressive and the "Wolverine Games" on Thursday afternoon were a bunch of fun! The parade and pep Rally through town on Friday was as good as it gets with the beautiful sunshine and the large turnout with parade entries and the many patrons lining the streets made for a great day. The come-from-behind victory was so great to see our gridiron boys get as not a lot of people outside of our school district gave them much of a chance of having a good year-----but we Wolverine loyalty knew better! The Homecoming dance was very well attended and when the DJ blew an amplifier we brainstormed and with the help of a handful of seniors we scavenged an amp and speakers from the band room and thanks to some "problem solving" seniors, they saved the dance. As the last song was being played the senior kids formed a big circle and formed a "slow dance wave" back and forth and just spoke about the highlights of the day with one another. To my surprise I was summoned in to join the kids and they reminded me that I started this high school journey with them four years ago when they were freshmen and told me that I was a huge part of them now. It's a good thing that it was dark in that gym because it hid the heartfelt tears in my eyes. ☺ Thanks, Seniors!

It's great to be a WOLVERINE!

Mr. Bruder



South O'Brien School Meals October 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 WG Cereal WG Toast/ WG Bagel Fruit/Juice/Milk	4 WG Waffles Fruit/Juice/Milk	5 WG Cereal WG Muffin Fruit/Juice/Milk	6 WG Pancake on Stick Fruit/Juice/Milk	7 WG Cereal WG Long John Fruit/Juice/Milk
10WG Cereal/WG Toast WG Cereal Bar Fruit/Juice/Milk	11 WG Pancakes Fruit/Juice/Milk	12 WG Cereal WG Pop tart Fruit/Juice/Milk	13 WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit/Juice/Milk	14 WG Cereal WG Donut Fruit/Juice/Milk
17 WG Cereal WG Toast/WG Frudel Fruit/Juice/Milk	18 WG French Toast Fruit/Juice/Milk	19 WG Cereal WG Muffin Fruit/Juice/Milk	20 WG Breakfast Wrap Fruit/Juice/Milk	21 WG Cereal WG Long John Fruit/Juice/Milk
24 NO SCHOOL	25 WG Breakfast Boat Fruit/Juice/Milk	26 WG Cereal WG Pop tart Fruit/Juice/Milk	27 WG French Toast Sticks Fruit/Juice/Milk	28 WG Cereal WG Donut Fruit/Juice/Milk
31WG Cereal/WG Toast WG Cinnis Rolls Fruit/Juice/Milk				BREAKFAST

WG Reduced Sugar Bowl Pack Cereal choices: Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Trix, Froot Loops, Lucky Charms, Cocoa Puffs. All grains served meet the whole grain rich criteria. Daily calorie Average: K-5 350-500 6-8 400-550 9-12 450-600
Milk offered daily with meal: Skim, 1%, Fat Free Chocolate. Menu subject to change without notice
Students MUST take 3 of the 4 items offered and MUST take ½ cup fruit or juice to be a reimbursable meal.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy WG Roll/Butter/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs	4 Tavern/WG Bun Corn/Pickles/Milk Salad Bar Fruit&Vegs WG Cookie	5 EARLY OUT 1:30 WG Sub Sandwich Oven Potatoes/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Ketchup/Mayo	6 Nachos Supreme Cheese Sauce/Salsa Green Beans Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs WG Pretzel/Milk	7 Chicken Alfredo Veg Mix/Milk WG Garlic Bread Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs
10 Hot Dog/WG Bun Baked Beans/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Ketchup/Mustard/Relish	11 WG Chicken Patty WG Bun/Corn/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs WG Cookie	12WG Taco/Soft/Bowl Refried Beans/Milk Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs	13 WG Grilled Cheese Soup/Crackers Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Ketchup/Milk	14 Italian Dunkers WG Cheesy Bread Green Beans/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs
17 WG Quesadilla Corn/Salsa Yogurt Cup/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs	18 WG Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/Gravy WG Butter Bread/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Ketchup/BBQ/Mayo	19 EARLY OUT 1:30 Hamburger/WG Bun French Fries/Pickles Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Ketchup/Mustard/Milk WG Cupcake	20 BBQ Chicken Breast WG Bun/Baked Beans Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Milk/WG Cookie	21 Walking Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Bean & Corn Salsa Churro/Milk
24 NO SCHOOL	25 WG Pizza Corn/Yogurt Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Milk	26 Orange Chicken WG Rice/Stir Fry Vegs Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs WG Bread/Milk	27 Chili/Crackers WG Cinnamon Roll Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs Cheese Stick/Milk	28WGPopcornChicken Mashed Potato/Gravy WG Butter Bread/Milk Salad Bar Fruits&Vegs
31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Mummy on Broom Stick SpiderWebs/WitchBrew Coffin of Bone Varieties Blood Sauce Halloween Treat	(Wg Corndog on Stick) (Waffles Fries/Milk) (Salad Bar Fruit&Vegs) (Ketchup) (?)			LUNCH

Milk offered daily with meal: Skim, 1%, Fat Free Chocolate. Students MUST have ½ cup fruit OR vegetable on their tray. Second entrée charge=\$1.00

Daily Salad Bar vegetable subgroups offered K-12: dark green, starchy, red & orange, beans & peas, other. Daily Salad Bar fruits offered: canned in light syrup or natural juice, fresh when available.

Dressings offered: Reduced Calorie Ranch & Fat Free French.

Calorie Targets: K-5=550-650, 6-8=600-700, 9-12=750-850. Menu Subject to change without notice

South O'Brien School is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Library Links...

Your Connection to the South O'Brien School Libraries

Using the School Library Card Catalogs

Every member of the South O'Brien School District - young and old, parents and children, teachers, students, and community members – have access 24/7 to the library card catalogs of both the elementary and the junior high/high school libraries through the internet.

To access it, go to the District website (<http://www.soswolverines.org>) and find the Library link in the Quick Resource Links box.

On the Library Media Center homepage, you will find a link to our library catalogs. You may choose to either look at the elementary library catalog or the junior high/high school library catalog.

Our library system is Mandarin Web OPAC and is very easy to use. In the search box, enter the subject, title, or author of the book you are looking for and a list of possible books will pop up. A green square means the book is available, red means it is checked out, and blue means it is available as an eBook online and a link is provided for easy access. Contact the school for required passwords to access our eBook collections.

Suggestions for new titles, authors, or series are always welcome. Either call us (Mrs. Wilbur at the elementary school and Mrs. Kinderknecht or Mrs. Mattheis at the junior high/high school). You can also send your suggestion by email to jkinderknecht@soswolverines.org.

Happy Searching!

Elementary School Book Fair in Primghar

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held once again in the Primghar school library from October 31st through November 4th. The Book Fair offers new books and educational products for all ages. All proceeds from the Book Fair go directly back to buying books for the students, for teachers' classroom libraries, and for the school library. We'd love to have your support!

OPEN

October 31 - November 4

Monday through Thursday 8:30-3:15 p.m.

Friday 8:30-11:00 a.m.

During Parent-Teacher Conferences

(November 1 & November 3) 3:30-8:00 p.m.

Robots



Mrs. Gwen Holtkamp's sixth grade science classes started the year with a Coding and Robots unit. Students learned some basic coding skills using lessons from the code.org website. Teams of students then built and programmed Lego® Mindstorm nxt robots.



Students assembled a simple working robot. They used their coding skills to program the robot to move through 2 mazes. To program their robot to travel through the mazes they learned to analyze cause and effect, make observations during testing, and to communicate their results to their team and the class.

At the conclusion of the unit, students were asked to journal about the experience of coding and building robots. Here are a few quotes from their journals.

I liked the coding part the best. I did the Minecraft course first. If I did it wrong, I would debug. I had to take out some steps I didn't need.

The problem solving was probably the hardest thing to do... You had to change many things in order for it to work. The course actually turned out to be very easy, but humans know that they always make things harder than it needs to be.

When we got to the second course I thought it was easier because we've been doing coding longer... We finally finished both courses and we were so proud.

It was harder to code than build the robot. I think it was really fun to start and see the robot move.

We failed and failed again until we finally got it ... to get into the parking lot. We also had a lot of trouble finding parts, but we overcame that too.

Overall, this project taught me new techniques, inspired me to make a cool, but fake, robot at home. I really recommend that more people play with these bots.

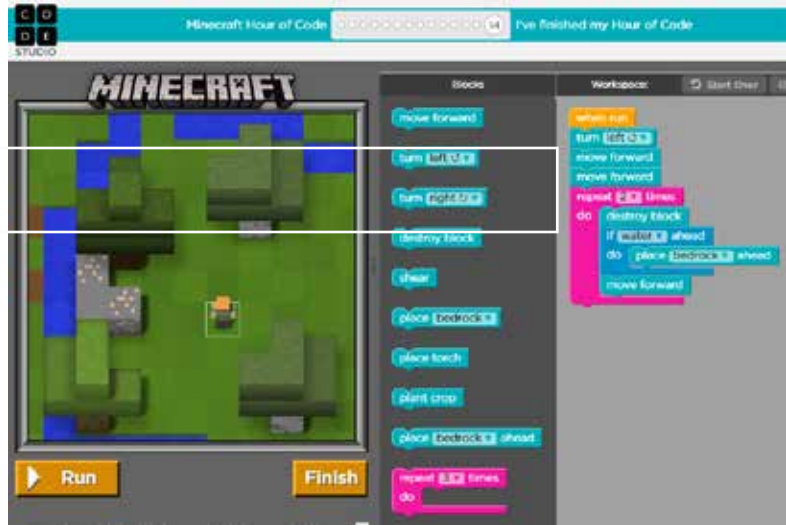
Mrs. Holtkamp was assisted in planning and instruction by Mary Helfter, South O'Brien Instructional Coach - Technology.

Thank you to the O'Brien County ISU Extension office for training this past summer and the loan of 10 robotics kits for this project. South O'Brien HS Industrial Arts and TAG provided the other 5 kits.

Coding

Students in Mrs. Gwen Holtkamp's grade 6 science classes worked on coding August 24-26. This type of coding is a beginner's version of computer programming and does not require students to learn complicated syntax, as each command is represented by a block labeled with keywords.

The students used code blocks to make an animated character do a specific task. Completion of the task helped them learn that coding requires step-by-step logical thinking, how important it is to provide accurate directions to their animated character, how to collaborate with others, to develop problem-solving skills, and to persist through difficult tasks.



Students used free on-line activities at www.code.org. Code.org (Code Studio) provides free coding activities for learners age 5 and older. The student and teacher resources on their website are free, because their foundation believes:

Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

The animated characters and situations are the same as those used in games familiar to many students such as Minecraft, Star Wars, Frozen, Angry Bird, Disney Characters, and zombies, which increases student engagement.

Coding is a STEAM category. (STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Agriculture, and Mathematics; some people prefer STEM.) Mrs. Holtkamp used this coding practice at the beginning of a unit in which students built Lego® Mindstorm nxt robots and then using their coding skills to program the robot to move through two mazes.

Mrs. Holtkamp was assisted in planning and instruction by Mary Helfter, South O'Brien Instructional Coach - Technology.

Ms. Helfter and Mr. Heath Reichle, Computer Applications teacher in the elementary will both be attending a workshop on coding in October. Long-term plans are to provide more coding opportunities to students in all grades.

Bee-Bots



South O'Brien recently purchased a hive of 6 Bee-Bots. Bee-Bots are small durable educational robots that are simple to operate. They are appropriate for use with students age 5 and older and can be used in a variety of ways. South O'Brien also purchased a set of lessons to provide examples of how the Bee-Bots can be used to teach Math, Science & Health, Social Studies, Phonemic Awareness, Reading, Communication, Months/Holidays, The Arts, Story Time, and Spanish.

During the week of September 12-16, students in TK through Grade 3 received instruction in their Computer Applications classes in how to program the Bee-Bots and were allowed to 'play' with them.

Mr. Heath Reichle is the Computer Applications teacher. He was assisted by Mary Helfter (Instructional Coach - Technology) and many other staff members. The students learned how to use the Bee-Bots in Computer Applications because they are programmable and introduce young children to coding.

Lessons taught with Bee-Bots make use of mats scaled to match the movement of the Bee-Bots. Pictured to the right is the Shapes, Colors, and Sizes mat. Ms. Helfter is shown here with first grade students. In this example, students may be asked to program the Bee-Bot to move to the red circle.



In the picture to the left below, Mr. Reichle is using the Bee-Bots to help students learn the parts of the computer. The mat they are using is designed to let the teacher put their own pictures on the grid. In the picture to the right below, students use the Alphabet mat.



South O'Brien Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting/Annual Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2016
South O'Brien School-Paullina Site Conference Room

A. Call to Order: The regular monthly/annual meeting of the South O'Brien Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the South O'Brien School-Paullina Site Conference Room. President McCauley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum: Secretary Rupert read roll call. Present: Sue McCauley, Gina Paulsen, Darrell Rehder, Tom Wagner; Absent: Todd Faust, Sandy Fritz, Kevin Nelson. President McCauley declared a quorum present. Others present: Superintendent Dan Moore; Secretary Sharla Rupert; Business Manager Dee Ann Lansink; Principals Mike Morran and Steven Bruder; Activities Director Austin Simmelink; Lauri Struve, Paullina Times; Special Education Teacher John Miller.

C. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Wagner and seconded by Paulsen to adopt agenda. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. Welcome and Delegation: none

E. Consider Consent Items:

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder to approve minutes of previous meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.
2. **Financial Reports:**
 - a. **Financial Statements:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder to approve financial statements. Motion carried, all ayes.
 - b. **Consider Payment of Invoices:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Paulsen to approve payment of invoices. Motion carried, all ayes.

F. Board Committee Reports: none

G. Reports

1. **TAP Program Presentation:** Mr. John Miller presented information on TAP (Transition Alliance Program).
2. **Reports by Administrators:**
 - a. **Activities:** Mr. Simmelink presented report including fall sports coaches' reports.
 - b. **Elementary:** Mr. Morran presented report including positive start to new year, FAST assessments, academics, new technology, CSIP certification, student leadership team, and other elementary happenings.
 - c. **Secondary:** Mr. Bruder presented report including positive start to new year, professional development, extracurriculars, FFA, Junior Career Day, and other junior high/high school happenings.
 - d. **Superintendent:** Mr. Moore presented report including EMC dividend check and construction update.
 - e. **Recognition of Staff, Students, and Patrons:** see monthly newsletter and website for list.

H. Unfinished Business: none

I. New Business:

1. **Consider Approval of Primghar Building Project Payment:** Motion by Rehder and seconded by Paulsen to approve Primghar Addition and Renovation Project Payment #11 for \$473,420.89 to Wiltgen Brothers. Motion carried, all ayes.
2. **Annual Reconciliation and Settlement:**
 - a. **Examine Records of Business Manager/Treasurer; Board Accepts Financial Records for FY16 Subject to Financial Audit Report:** Motion by Paulsen and

seconded by Wagner to accept financial records for FY16 subject to financial audit report. Motion carried, all ayes.

- b. Review and Accept FY16 Food Service Balance Sheet:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder to approve FY16 food service balance sheet subject to financial audit. Motion carried, all ayes.
- c. Appoint School District Secretary and Treasurer and Establish Salary:** Motion by Rehder and seconded by Wagner to appoint Sharla Rupert as School Board Secretary and establish salary at \$3,787.58 (3% increase). Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner to appoint Marty Weber as District Treasurer at \$0 salary. Motion carried, all ayes.
 - i. Administer Oath of Office to Secretary:** President McCauley administered oath of office to Secretary Rupert. Secretary Rupert will administer oath of office to Treasurer Marty Weber within ten days.
 - ii. Acknowledge Insurance Coverage for Secretary and Treasurer Positions:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder to acknowledge that a surety bond is in effect with our insurance company (South O'Brien Insurance) for the secretary and treasurer.
- d. Adopt Resolution Naming Depository Banks and Set Deposit Limit:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner to adopt Resolution for Official Bank Depositories and Deposit Limits and Establishing Investment Limits of Public Funds as follows: The Board of Education of South O'Brien School, desires to approve Security State Bank, Sutherland, Iowa; Iowa State Bank, Paullina, Iowa; Primghar Savings Bank, Primghar, Iowa; and the First National Bank, Primghar, Iowa as approved bank depositories of public funds. The Board of Education of South O'Brien School, seeks to limit investment of public funds to \$5,000,000 in Security State Bank, \$2,000,000 in Iowa State Bank, \$2,000,000 in Primghar Savings Bank and \$2,000,000 in First National Bank. Ayes: McCauley, Paulsen, Rehder, Wagner; Nays: none; Motion carried. Complete resolution is hereto attached and made part of these minutes.
- e. Appoint Legal Counsel:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner to appoint Ahlers, Cooney, Dorweiler, Haynie, Smith & Albee, P.C. as legal counsel for the 2016-2017 year. Motion carried, all ayes.

J. Adjournment: Motion by Rehder and seconded by Paulsen to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Sue McCauley, Board President

Sharla Rupert, Board Secretary



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Thursday, September 15, 2016
South O'Brien School-Paullina Site Conference Room

A. Call to Order: The organizational meeting of the South O'Brien Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 following the regular/annual meeting at the South O'Brien School-Paullina Site Conference Room. Secretary Rupert called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

B. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum: Secretary Rupert read roll call. Present: Sue McCauley, Gina Paulsen, Darrell Rehder, Tom Wagner; Absent: Todd Faust, Sandy Fritz, Kevin Nelson. Secretary Rupert declared a quorum present. Others present: Superintendent Dan Moore; Secretary Sharla Rupert; Business Manager Dee Ann Lansink; Principals Mike Morran and Steven Bruder; Lauri Struve, Paullina Times.

C. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Wagner and seconded by McCauley to adopt agenda. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. Welcome and Delegation: none

E. Election of Board President:

- 1. Nomination for President:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Paulsen to nominate Sue McCauley as Board President.
- 2. Members Cast Ballots:** Due to only one nomination, board members may cast voice ballot. Motion carried, all ayes with Sue McCauley named Board President.
- 3. Oath of Office for President:** Secretary Rupert administered oath of office to Sue McCauley. Board President McCauley assumed the chair.

F. New Business Election of Vice President:

- 1. Nomination for Vice-President:** Motion by Rehder and seconded by Paulsen to nominate Tom Wagner as Board Vice-President.
- 2. Members Cast Ballots:** Due to only one nomination, board members may cast voice ballot. Motion carried, all ayes with Tom Wagner named Board Vice-President.
- 3. Oath of Office for Vice-President:** Secretary Rupert administered oath of office to Tom Wagner.

G. Board Procedural Issues:

- 1. Day of Week and Time for Board Meetings:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder that the South O'Brien Community School Board of Directors will meet on the third Thursday of each month (except November 17 due to IASB Convention-meeting will be November 15) for their regular monthly board meeting or as set forth on the monthly board agenda. All regularly-scheduled meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.
- 2. Procedure for Placing Items on the Agenda:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner that items may be placed on the agenda by contacting the Board President and/or the Superintendent no later than the Friday prior to the Thursday board meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.
- 3. Structure of Board Meetings:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Paulsen that a modified structure form of Roberts Rules of Order for meetings will be followed. Motion carried, all ayes.

H. Consider Appointment of Committee Membership: Motion by Wagner and seconded by Paulsen to approve 2016-2017 committee appointments as follows: Finance/Negotiations-Sandy Fritz, Sue McCauley, Darrell Rehder; Facilities/Transportation-Todd Faust, Kevin Nelson, Tom Wagner; Policy/Personnel-Todd Faust, Kevin Nelson, Gina Paulsen; Technology-Sandy Fritz, Gina Paulsen, Tom Wagner; Wellness-Sue McCauley, Darrell Rehder; District Leadership Team-rotation. Motion carried, all ayes.

I. Communication:

1. **IASB Information:** Employee Relations Conference – October 13 at Altoona; Board Governance Workshop – Fall and Spring; IASB Annual Convention - November 17 at Des Moines.

J. Personnel:

1. **Resignations:** none
2. **Employment of Staff:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Rehder to approve employment as follows:
 - Rich Mulder - Part-time Elementary Custodian @ \$11.50/hr.
 - Rich Mulder - Part-time Van Driver @ \$10.00/hr.
 - Jill Mews - contract modification correction from BA/6 to MA/6 @ salary of \$48,280
 - Mark Fuhrman - correction of Assistant Track Coach to Step 2 @ salary of \$2,880
 - Volunteers:
 - Angel DeLaCruz - working with At-Risk Students
 - Jim Wagner - Boys Basketball
 - Drew Triplett - Boys Basketball
 - List of Fall Officials for Board President's Electronic SignatureMotion carried, all ayes.

K. New Business:

1. **Declare a Newspaper for Official School Notices:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Paulsen to declare the *Paullina Times* the official school newspaper. Motion carried, all ayes.
2. **Name Legislative Action Network (LAN) Member:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Rehder to name Tom Wagner as Legislative Action Network (LAN) member for 2016-2017 year. Motion carried, all ayes.
3. **Name Delegate to IASB Delegate Assembly:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder to name Sue McCauley as Delegate to IASB Delegate Assembly to be held on November 16, 2016. Motion carried, all ayes.
4. **Consider Approval for Request for Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Special Education Deficit:** Motion by Rehder and seconded by Paulsen to approve request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for a negative special education balance of \$82,156.32 for the current school year. Motion carried, all ayes.
5. **Consider Approval of IDATP Fee Payment:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner to approve 2017 annual participation/payment of fees in the IDATP (Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program). Motion carried, all ayes.
6. **Consider Approval of FFA Out-of-State Travel:** Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner to approve 2016-2017 FFA out-of-state travel for National Meats Evaluation and National FFA Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN; Little "I" at SDSU in Brookings, SD; Ski Trip to Mankato, MN. Motion carried, all ayes.
7. **Consider Approval of Purchase of Junior High Wrestling Mat:** Motion by Wagner and seconded by Rehder to approve purchase of junior high flexi-connect wrestling mat from Dollamur Sport for \$8,876. Motion carried, all ayes.

L. Talking Points: Board shared highlights of board meeting including good start to school year and Primghar building improvements.

M. Adjournment: Motion by Paulsen and seconded by Wagner to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Sue McCauley, Board President

Sharla Rupert, Board Secretary

South O'Brien Athletic Boosters

Boys' Basketball 4-6 Youth League

The purpose of the league is to teach fundamentals and have fun learning basketball.

October 22, 29

November 5, 19

South O'Brien Tournament – November 12

December 3, 10, 17

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$20 (T-shirt will be included. Players will be admitted free charge to the varsity games vs. H-LP on Friday, December 2 if they wear their youth league shirt and attend with one paying adult.)

Varsity players and the high school coaching staff will instruct.

Parents are highly encouraged to attend and volunteer as youth coaches.

All sessions will be held in the West Gym at the High School

Clinic sessions will include:

Fundamental Skills – 30 minutes

Contests – 30 minutes

Half and Full Court 3 on 3 and 4 on 4 Scrimmage – 30 minutes

For more information contact:

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2016 YOUTH LEAGUE - REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ GRADE _____ HEIGHT _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL or WORK PHONE _____

Youth T-Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Adult T-Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

I understand that the YOUTH LEAGUE coordinator, director, and instructors will NOT be held responsible for injuries or loss of property while the above student is attending the league. The signature below absolves the YOUTH LEAGUE of all responsibility for loss of personal property. Furthermore, I realize the risk involved to the student. I will pay, or cover through my insurance, any medical or hospital expenses, the doctor bills or other expenses which could be incurred as a result of treatment given the above named student for illness or injury while attending or subsequent to attending the YOUTH LEAGUE. I hereby authorize the staff of the league to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE (Parent or Guardian) _____

*Make checks payable to: South O'Brien Athletic Boosters

*Return forms to: Kiley Yates (High School) or Melanie Yates (Elementary)

Mission: Our mission is to prepare students to be responsible citizens and lifelong learners.
Vision: The Community of South O'Brien will work together to provide a "World Class" education for all students.

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