

TENTATIVE

Attendees - voting members

Kecia Hickman	President
Susan Rensink	Vice President
Mark Brown	Board Member
Glen Goedken	Board Member
Randy Merley	Board Member

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

At 6:00 PM, Board President Kecia Hickman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Susan Rensink, Glen Goedken, Randy Merley, Mark Brown and Kecia Hickman.

Superintendent Robin Spears and Board Secretary LaDonn Hartzell were present.

Administrators present: Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal; Matt Meendering, High School Principal; Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal; Justin Albers, Activities Director.
Members of the Press: Mark Mahoney

Visitors: Jim Gude, Jon Sterk, Karen Sterk, Hannah Van Meeteren, Brian Van Meeteren

II. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the published agenda.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

III. Communications

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment

2. Recognition

a. Student

b. Presentation - Middle School

Middle School science teacher, Jim Gude, told the board about the 19th year of conducting the 8th grade Science Fair. Two of this year's top four Science Fair winners were present at the meeting to showcase their individual projects. Mr. Gude shared information from Tyler Buyert and Ashlyn Albrecht's projects, since they were unable to attend the meeting.

Hannah Van Meeteren and Jon Sterk demonstrated their projects for the board. These four students will participate in the State Science Fair in March 2015.

B. Correspondence

1. "The Board" Publication

a. The Board, "What It Means To Be Learner-Centered," Volume 38, Number 15

b. The Board, "Follow-Through Must Be A Hallmark," Volume 38, Number 16

2. NW AEA Board Meeting Minutes - November Board Meeting

3. Receipt of "Thank You" Cards

The board received a "thank you" from the Pre-School teachers who attended a national conference in Des Moines earlier this fall.

Motion to approve all correspondence.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Board Member Reports

1. IASB Annual Convention

Kecia Hickman, Susan Rensink, Mark Brown, Superintendent Spears and LaDonn Hartzell attended the IASB Annual Convention in Des Moines on November 19 and 20. Board members shared highlights of the convention.

IV. APPROVAL OF:

A. Minutes of Past Meeting(s)

Board members reviewed the minutes of 11.12.14 regular school board meeting.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Approve Bills, Bank Reconciliations, Payroll, Financial Reports

Randy Merley reviewed bank statements and bills this month.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

V. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Motion to open Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Board members conducted a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2015-16 school calendar, giving the community the opportunity to comment. There were no visitors present.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

A. 2015-16 School Calendar

Superintendent Spears reviewed the proposed 2015-16 school calendar. The first day of school is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2015. The last day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Board members discussed the scenario of a weather-related late start occurring on a Wednesday with early dismissal. It was agreed that if there was a late start on a Wednesday, the early dismissal would be cancelled. Building principals will make their students and parents aware of this decision.

Board members moved back to regular session from Public Hearing.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Unanimously Approved

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee

None.

B. Special

None.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School Principal

Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal, provided a written report for board members, and was available for questions.

2. Middle School Principal

Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal, provided the board with a written report and was available for questions. Mrs. Barwick reviewed Middle School STAR test results.

3. High School Principal

Matt Meendering, High School Principal, provided a written report for board members and was available for questions. Mr. Meendering commented regarding PLC and Instructional Rounds and how students are continuing to learn at higher levels. Material that students may have covered in high school years ago, they are often learning in middle school now.

4. Activities Director

Justin Albers, Activities Director, presented the board with a written report and was available for questions.

5. Superintendent

a. East Elementary Building/Renovation Project Update

Superintendent Spears updated the board on the East Elementary Project, with a few incidental items left to complete. Painting is scheduled during Christmas Break. There should be very few items remaining on the punch list by January 1, 2015. An Open House/Dedication will be planned for February.

b. Ball Fields/Recreation Area Project

Superintendent Spears updated the board on the Ballfield Project. He provided a report to outline the expenditures for both the City of Sheldon and the Sheldon Community School District.

c. Fire Marshal Inspection Report

Superintendent Spears shared the Fire Marshal Report for each of the three buildings in the district.

d. Use of Weight Room Facilities

Superintendent Spears shared information he received from area schools regarding the availability of the weight room in each district. Board members and administration discussed the best solution for the weight room and will continue to monitor the use of the room.

e. Nurse's Report

The November Nurse's Report was received for information.

f. Transportation Report

The November Transportation Report was received for information.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adopt 2015-16 School Calendar

Board members had no further questions regarding the proposed 2015-16 school calendar.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley
Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Board Policy Review

Board members considered the second reading of Board Policy No. 400-402.4.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken
Voting

Unanimously Approved

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Enrollment Application(s)

None.

B. Resignation(s)

None.

C. Contracts

None.

D. Consider At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Allowable Growth Budget Application

Superintendent Spears recommended that the Board approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Allowable Growth Application for the 2015-16 school year as presented. The total budget for the MAG At-Risk/Dropout Prevention program is \$389,179. The school district is requesting a Modified Allowable Growth amount of \$291,884 for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

E. Consider Supplemental Educational Services Contract Between ATS Project Success and the Sheldon Community School District

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the contract with ATS Project Success, an approved vendor to provide Supplemental Educational Services for the SINA program.

Motion made by: Mark Brown
Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

F. Authorize East Elementary Change Order

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve a change order from CW Suter, decreasing their mechanical contract for East Elementary by \$32,474.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

G. Review School Bus Bids for 2015-16 Bus Purchase

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the bus body and chassis specifications as presented for a 65-passenger bus. Board members will plan to review bus bids in January 2015. The new bus will be delivered and paid for in July 2015.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley
Voting

Unanimously Approved

H. High School 2015-16 Registration Booklet (1st Reading)

Matt Meendering, High School Principal, reviewed minor language changes to the 2015-16 High School Registration Booklet. Board members considered the first reading.

Motion made by: Randy Merley
Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken
Voting

Unanimously Approved

I. Affirmative Action Plan

Board members considered first reading of the 2015-2018 District Affirmative Action Plan. Second reading is scheduled for January 2015 meeting.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken
Voting

Unanimously Approved

J. Board Policy Review

Board members considered first reading of Board Policy No. 402.5-403.6R2.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken
Motion seconded by: Mark Brown
Voting

Unanimously Approved

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB District Meeting, January 13, 2015, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Sheldon Middle School

Board members were encouraged to register for the IASB District 1 meeting scheduled for January 13, 2015. Susan Rensink, Glenn Goedken, Mark Brown and Kecia Hickman plan to attend.

B. IASB Legislative Conference, January 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board President Kecia Hickman called for a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley
Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary