

Attendees - voting members

Kecia Hickman	President
Susan Rensink	Vice President
Jessica Brink	Board Member
Mark Brown	Board Member
Randy Merley	Board Member

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

At 5:03 PM, Board President Kecia Hickman called the meeting to order, with the following members present: Kecia Hickman, Susan Rensink, Jessica Brink, Mark Brown and Randy Merley. Superintendent Robin Spears and Board Secretary/Business Manager LaDonn Hartzell were also present.

Administrators: Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal; Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal; Sherrie Zeutenhorst, High School Principal. Justin Albers, Activities Director, was supervising a basketball game.

Visitors: Tracy Meyer, Lori Richards, Adam Besaw

Press: Tom Lawrence, Iowa Information

II. Approval of Agenda

There being no additions, Board President called for a motion to approve the agenda as published.

Motion made by: Jessica Brink

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

III. Communications

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Recognition

a. Student

Board Members reviewed student lists for recognition and the principals had no additions to the lists.

b. Presentation - District Security Camera System Overview

Superintendent Spears demonstrated the district security camera system, installed over the summer. He was able to view several different areas in and around each of the district building sites.

B. Correspondence

1. "The Board" Publication

a. The Board, "Five Ways to Avoid Confirmation Errors," Volume 40, Number 15

b. The Board, "A Powerful but Largely Untapped Resource for Learning," Volume 40, Number 16

2. NW AEA Board Meeting Minutes - November Board Meeting

Board Members received minutes from the NWAEA Board of Directors meeting of 11.21.16.

3. Receipt of "Thank You" Cards

None.

Board President called for a motion to accept all correspondence.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Board Member Reports

1. Board Work Session Update

Board members received information from Harry Heiligenthal with IASB, who facilitated the Board Work Session on November 10.

Kecia Hickman and Susan Rensink met to discuss options on how to proceed. Attachment B seems to best fit the district, and they would like to encourage the board to use this as a guide to write the district statements and strategies. The remaining board members encouraged Kecia and Susan to present the first reading of these district statements at the January meeting.

2. IASB Annual Convention

Mark Brown, Kecia Hickman and Superintendent Spears attended the Annual Convention in Des Moines on November 16 and 17. They shared highlights from the convention.

3. Other

IV. APPROVAL OF:

A. Minutes of Past Meeting(s)

Board Members reviewed minutes from the November 10 work session, as well as the minutes from the regular meeting of November 14. Board President called for a motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Financial Reports

Board Members received Financial Reports, including bank reconciliations, Activity YTD report, Nutrition Fund YTD report, Cash & Investments, and the first FY17 Categorical Funds Report.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Approve Bills

Jessica Brink reviewed the bills this month and recommended all bills for payment.

Motion made by: Jessica Brink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

V. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. Motion to Enter Public Hearing

Board President called for a motion to enter the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, for discussion of the 2017-18 school calendar.

Entered Public Hearing at 5:33 PM.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Motion to End Public Hearing

There were no comments from the public regarding the 2017-18 school calendar. After reviewing the calendar, Board President called for a motion to end the public hearing.

Public Hearing ended at 5:36 PM.

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Consider Adoption of 2017-18 School Calendar

Board President called for a motion to adopt the 2017-18 school calendar as presented.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee

None.

B. Special

1. Excellence for East Parent Group

Lori Richards, Tracy Meyer and Adam Besaw, representing Excellence for East (parent group), were present to outline their proposed playground equipment structure for East Elementary.

Their proposal included construction of a 37' x 55' playground structure, which would not replace the current playground equipment, but add to the existing equipment. Their goal would be to complete this project during the summer of 2017. Approximate cost is \$66,000, including the concrete and surface padding. Excellence for East has plans to contribute approximately \$5,000; the Sheldon Education Foundation may be able to contribute, in addition to district funds and private contributions.

Superintendent Spears recommended the board consider approximately \$35,000 as their contribution to this project, mostly based on the fact that the district saved money on the technology projects completed during the summer of 2016.

Board Members will take this project into consideration for possible district contributions, at the regular January meeting.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School Principal

Elementary Principal, Jason Groendyke, reviewed his written reports and was available for questions.

2. Middle School Principal

Middle School Principal, Cindy Barwick was present to review her written report and was available for questions. Mrs. Barwick left the meeting for a Middle School concert at 5:55 PM.

3. High School Principal

Sherrie Zeutenhorst, High School Principal, reviewed her written report and was available for questions.

4. Activities Director

Justin Albers, Activities Director was not present since he was supervising a Middle School basketball game.

5. Superintendent

a. Early Literacy Law Update

Superintendent Spears shared a letter that will be sent home to elementary parents, informing them of the changes in the Iowa Early Literacy Law.

b. 2016 Differentiated Accountability Accreditation Desk Audit

Superintendent Spears reviewed the Differentiated Accountability Accreditation Desk Audit, which is a DE requirement.

c. Department of Education Data Reporting Recognition

Superintendent Spears shared that the Sheldon Community School District has been recognized as a Platinum Star Status recipient, in regard to Fall Certified Enrollment reporting. Mr. Spears commended the work of the building principals for their contributions in completing the enrollment process.

d. Building and Grounds Vehicle

Superintendent Spears recommended the board consider the purchase of a used pickup truck to replace the 1995 truck we currently have. Board

Members encouraged Superintendent Spears to inquire locally to see what is available.

e. TIF Consultation Meeting - City of Sheldon

Superintendent Spears made Board Members aware of the upcoming consultation meeting conducted by the Sheldon City Council, regarding the possibility of additional TIF areas in the district. The Sheldon School District will have seven days to respond with a written recommendation of any modification to the submitted plan.

Board Members agreed this is a positive step for the City of Sheldon and if the City continues to utilize the TIF areas like it has in the past, we need to support the City in its endeavors and encourage community growth.

f. Nurse's Report

The November Nurse's Report was received for information.

g. Transportation Report

The November Transportation Report was received for information.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board Policy Review

Board Members considered second reading of Board Policies 603.2 through 603.9:

- 603.2 Summer School Instruction
- 603.3 Special Education
- 603.4 Multicultural and Nonsexist Education
- 603.5 Health Education
- 603.5E1 Human Growth and Development Student Excuse Form
- 603.6 Physical Education
- 603.7 Career Education
- 603.8 Teaching About Religion
- 603.8R1 Teaching About Religion Regulation - Religious Holidays
- 603.9 Academic Freedom

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Enrollment Application(s)

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the following Open Enrollment Applications:

- A. M.--9th gr., from Sheldon CSD to Sibley-Ocheyedan CSD
- C. C.--5th gr., from MOC-FV CSD to Sheldon CSD

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Resignation(s)

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the following resignations:

Angie Clark, MS Instructional Associate, effective December 23, 2016

Chis Stotz, HS Industrial Arts instructor, effective the end of 2016-17 school year

Motion made by: Jessica Brink

Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Contracts

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the following contracts:

Becky Schwarz, Food Service--\$15.58/hour x 6 hrs/day (replacing Marcia Poyzer)

Kami Van Egdome, Food Service--\$14.98/hour x 3.75 hrs/day (replacing Becky Schwarz)

Danelle Perry, MS Associate--\$9.50/hour x 7 hrs/day (replacing Angie Clark)

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

D. Consider School Bus Purchase

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board award the bus bid to School Bus Sales for the purchase of a 78-passenger Blue Bird (gasoline) bus at the net cost of \$82,113.00 for the 2017-18 school year with delivery after July 1, 2017.

Bus Bids received:

School Bus Sales -- \$82,113 (gasoline) with \$1,200 trade-in; \$85,716 (diesel) with \$1,200 trade-in

Thomas Bus Sales -- \$85,783 (diesel) with \$500 trade-in

Hoglund Bus Co. -- \$86,259 (diesel) with \$500 trade-in

Board President called for a motion to award the bid to School Bus Sales for \$82,113 for a 2017 Bluebird bus.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

E. Approve At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application for 2017-18

Superintendent Spears presented the 2017-18 At-Risk/DropOut Prevention Application, requesting Modified Supplemental funding of \$310,832. He outlined the individual areas as follows:

Behavior Interventions & Support	\$ 35,625
Guided Studies	\$ 210,874
Extended Services (Summer School)	\$ 27,000
Alternative High School (NCC)	\$ 17,000
Interventions	\$171,842
After School Programs (Elem/MS)	\$ 12,240

Board President called for a motion to approve the 2017-18 At-Risk/DropOut Prevention Application as presented.

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

F. Approve Contract for Students Receiving Educational Services

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the following student services contracts for resident students receiving educational services in other school districts:

- Student "S.A." – Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District
- Student "J.N." - HMS Community School District
- Student "W.R." - Council Bluffs Community School District

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

G. Consider Resolution of Support for the Promise of Iowa Public Schools Campaign

Iowa Association of School Boards recommends school boards consider adoption of the Promise Iowa Resolution, to focus attention on the future of Iowa public school students and to rally support for public education in Iowa.

WHEREAS, The state's children constitute "The Promise of Iowa" through their potential as our

future leaders, citizens, innovators and caretakers of their generation; and

WHEREAS, We believe funding a strong system of public education is the best investment Iowans

can make to strengthen our economy, create thriving communities and improve the quality of life for every Iowan; and

WHEREAS, Our students face new challenges and opportunities in a changing world, and their public

schools are evolving to help students prepare for their future; and

WHEREAS, We must continue to find ways to close achievement gaps so that Iowa public schools

fulfill the ideal of equity and opportunity for all; and we must keep pace with

improvements in other states, to ensure our public schools provide our students and state with an advantage; and
WHEREAS, State policy makers, locally elected school board members, educators and the business community all made a shared commitment in 2013 landmark legislation to ensure the next generation of Iowa students receives a world-class education; and
WHEREAS, The Legislature has made progress in investing in public education, but in this era of competing priorities and limited resources, state funding has fallen short in meeting the real needs of our students; and
WHEREAS, The case must be made to the Legislature that Iowa taxpayers and voters support greater investments in our public schools and are willing to commit public resources to ensure every student in our state has a well-rounded curriculum and safe, modern school facilities in each community; and
WHEREAS, As locally elected citizens entrusted with public education, Iowa school boards must take on the responsibility to tell the story and rally public support and understanding for continued investments in public education that move our state forward.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheldon Community School District Board of Education pledges to join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Iowa" campaign to ensure that Iowa lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the community schools that create opportunities for more than 480,000 public school Iowa students.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 12th day of December 2016.

Board members agreed to adopt the resolution.

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

H. Cast Vote for IASB Director District #1

Board Members considered two individuals interested in the IASB Board of Directors' position: Kyle Grimes from Sibley-Ocheyedan CSD and Bob Hansen from Okoboji CSD. Board Members agreed to cast their vote for Kyle Grimes, Sibley-Ocheyedan.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

I. High School 2017-18 Registration Handbook (1st Reading)

Board Members reviewed the first reading of the 2017-18 High School Registration Handbook. Sherrie Zeutenhorst, HS Principal highlighted the changes from the current year.

Board President called for a motion to approve first reading of the 2017-18 HS Registration Handbook.

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

J. Board Policy Review

Board Members considered first reading of Board Policies 603.9R1 through 604.4:

603.9R1 Teaching Controversial Issues

603.10 Global Education

603.11 Citizenship

604.1 Competent Private Instruction

604.1E1 Competent Private Instruction Report

604.2 Individualized Instruction

604.3 Program for Talented and Gifted Students

604.4 Program for At-Risk Students

604.5 Religious-Based Exclusion from a School Program
Board President called for a motion to approve first reading of these board policies.
Motion made by: Susan Rensink
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley
Voting
Unanimously Approved

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB Day on the Hill

Superintendent Spears invited Board Members to attend the IASB Day on the Hill, on January 24 at the Iowa State Capitol.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board President called for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Motion made by: Jessica Brink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary