

**Sheldon Community School District
Meeting Minutes**

**Special Board Meeting
3/18/2015 6:30 PM
Board Room**

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 6:30 PM, Board President Kecia Hickman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Susan Rensink, Glen Goedken, Mark Brown and Kecia Hickman. Randy Merley was present by phone.

Superintendent Robin Spears and Board Secretary LaDonn Hartzell were present.

Members of the Press: Mark Mahoney

Visitors: Kevin McCarville, Amber London, Karen Dagele-Witham, Amy Otto

II. Approval of Agenda

There were no additional items to the agenda.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

III. Consider KeBecca Education Service Contract

Board members continued discussion regarding the continuance of the KeBecca program, a Level III Special Education Behavioral Disorder Program, which operates at East Elementary.

Superintendent Spears reported that he communicated to the four school districts with students attending the KeBecca program, in regard to possible additional therapy costs. If individual therapy is included in the student's IEP (Individualized Education Program) the therapy costs are considered a viable special education cost. However, family therapy will not be included in the IEP and would not be considered under special education. School districts would have to agree to incur the additional therapy costs with general education dollars. Of the four districts contacted, three agreed to pay the additional costs for therapy outside the IEP, while the fourth district could not commit.

Superintendent Spears also presented cost comparisons for KeBecca and Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls. Transportation expense adds to the cost per student traveling to and from Sioux Falls on a daily basis. Board members agreed that travel time to and from Sioux Falls each day is not in the best interest for the student.

Kevin McCarville, co-founder and co-director of the KeBecca Program, thanked the district for the past three years of providing the program and shared his passion for the program and students. His hope is to continue the partnership with Sheldon Community School District, but added he would respect the decision of the board.

The motion was to continue the KeBecca Program for one more year, continuing to evaluate progress of the students and monitor the number of students anticipated for future years. Other districts participating in the program will be expected to agree to pay all costs, including therapy or they will not be allowed to participate.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

IV. Select Health Insurance Provider for 2015-16 School Year

Superintendent Spears began discussion regarding the 2015-16 health insurance provider. He shared that the teachers heard a presentation introducing Coventry as an alternative to Wellmark. Teachers were provided with comparisons for a new Wellmark plan through Iowa Star Schools, as well as Coventry. Following the presentation, 77 teachers voted 81% in favor of the Wellmark plan with Iowa Star Schools.

Superintendent reminded board members that board policy 406.5 states that health insurance benefits "shall not be altered without negotiation with the Association."

The motion was to transfer the Wellmark Agent of Record to Dennis Krehbiel, to begin the process for the potential move to Iowa Star Schools group. Wellmark will communicate to the group whether or not Sheldon Community Schools would be advantageous to the group. Following recommendation from Wellmark, the Iowa Star board of directors will vote to accept or deny our district. Should our district be denied, the Coventry plan would still be available.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Kecia Hickman - Yes

Susan Rensink - Abstain

Mark Brown - Yes

Glen Goedken - Yes

Randy Merley - Yes

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, Board President called for a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary