

**SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BUDGET HEARING**  
**April 11, 2005**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 7:01 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Mark Brown, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kathy Brock. Visitors: Nathan Christophel, Wayne Barahona, and Merlyn Kruse.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda.

7:02 p.m. Kathy Brock joined via a telephone conference call.

Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

7:05 p.m. Kathy Brock left the telephone conference call in order to view additional information that was distributed to the Board.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – none
2. Recognition

- a. Students – **Middle School** - The Sine Nominee Honor Band participants were: Leah Heibult, Heather Romer, Kelsey Sterk, Sarah Wahlstrom, Kelsey Bruns, Emily Palecek, Nichole Lange, Samantha Skaar, Kaitlin Fiddelke, Cassie Lukkes, Sloan Matzke, Michael Kirschbaum, Taylor Zeutenhorst, Garrett Crawl, Ryan Warnke, Clayton McGuire, Kevin Meinecke, Tony Rodger, Anthony Lo, Nic Meendering, Amanda Klein, Nathan Vos, Graeme St. Clair, and Christopher De Vries. The Builder's Club helped Fieldcrest residents decorate egg cookies. The members in this community service club are: Sam Storm, Dan Ridenour, Aaron Van Gorp, Andy Dykstra, Anthony Lo, Tyler Drenkow, Chris DeVries, Ben Shill, Kelsey Bruns, Andy Goeb, Tony Rodger, Megan Whitsell, Marisa Robideau, Karissa Meyer, Megan Elgersma, Bret Doorenbos, Anne Bomgaars, Amy Den Hartog, Dalton Klein, Katie Getting, Brittany Smith, Kyle Rensink, Taylor Matonak, Brandon Bousema, Jackie Klein, Jordan Dykstra, Kellie Goedken, Adam Gustafson, Kelsey Cutsinger, Allen DeGoei, Brandon Frick, and Hannah Jinkinson. The 6th Grade Math Bee Teams attended the AEA 4 6th Grade Math Bee at the Demco Community Center in Boyden. The team members are: Shelby Vogel, John Varner, Austin Johnson, Amy Wilson, Alex Dykstra, Blake Koedam, Amanda Leikvold, Ryan Lode, and Ben Meendering. Three members, Alex Dykstra, Austin Johnson, and Shelby Vogel, were classified as "Medalists" and received a medal for being in the top twenty individual scores. Future Problem Solving team members are Joe Kuiper, Erin Abele, Shelby Vogel, Liz Ihnen, Crystal Rodger, Dana Wolthuizen, Joelle Brown, Graeme St. Clair, Brandon Frick, Nicole Van Beek, Alex Dykstra, Michael Kirschbaum, Kaitlin Jongewaard, Rachel Ihnen, Caleb Popkes, Kevin Meinecke, Nathan Vos, and Megan Whitsell. All State Science Fair participants received I (blue) ratings. Amanda Hunt and Kara Johnson received first place in biological sciences for their dog treats project and also received a Discovery Award. Aaron Van Gorp, Sloan Matzke, and Keesha Simington received a 6<sup>th</sup> place physical

science award for their biorhythms project. Kace Groff received a 10<sup>th</sup> place physical science award for his insulation project, other participants were: Liz Meyer – I rating (blue), Kaitlin Fiddelke – I rating (blue). Felicia Feekes - I rating (blue), Chris DeVries - I rating (blue), Anthony Lo - I rating (blue), and Ryan Warnke - I rating (blue). The Middle School Track season has begun. There are over 90 students participating in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track. The participants are: Hayden Adkins, Evan Ascherl, Ethan Camarigg, Jaymason Carlson, Chris Davis, Michael DeBates, Taylor DeKok, Bret Doorenbos, Nick Elbon, Jared Fedders, Trevor Fuerstenberg, Kace Groff, Nathan Holles, Jared Holtrop, Jordan Holtrop, Schuyler Holtrop, Jeremiah Huff, Michael Kirschbaum, Cole Kleinwolterink, Nick Lambirth, Andrew Marshall, Kevin Meinecke, Scott Ney, Adam Nilles, Brady Ogle, Nick Oostra, Dillon Postma, Matt Schoneman, Graeme St. Clair, Jordan Whitsell, Chris Wiarda, Cory Wright, Nathan Van Gorp, Taylor Zeutenhorst, Jared Bernhardt, Mike Bruns, Garrett Crawl, Chris DeVries, Tyler Drenkow, Jason Duckett, Andy Dykstra, Dustin Elgersma, Andy Goeb, Ben Groen, Dustin Hofmeyer, Matt Krogman, Anthony Lo, Clayton McGuire, Nic Meendering, Danny Ridenour, Tony Rodger, Andy Shea, Ben Shill, Sam Storm, Kasey Van Ginkel, Aaron Van Gorp, Ryan Warnke, Jesse Wielenga, Nick Youngers, Taylor Zoelle, Samantha Albers, Melissa Barron, Felicia Feekes, Kaitlin Fiddelke, Leah Heibult, Amanda Hunt, Kara Johnson, Nichole Lange, Tysa Lloyd, Sloan Matzke, Stacia Merley, Liz Meyer, Emily Palecek, Jordan Rector, Sadie Schilling, Keesha Simington, Sam Skaar, Delaney Story, Katie Beldt, Corbin Weaver, Christine Cain, Ashley Wagner, Brittany Boerhave, Becca Fisher, Megan Chickering, Amy Den Hartog, Mackenzie Gustafson, Elizabeth Ihnen, Rachel Ihnen, Sara Kinderknecht, Connor Larson, Maddie Lonning, Kellie Merley, Cassie Lukkes, Chelsey Olson, Megan Whitsell, Alysha Peterson, and Jennifer Roder. **High School - FFA** students who will be attending the State FFA Convention on April 18 and 19 in Ames, IA. are: Ashley Nieuwenhuis, Jennifer Groen, Kirsten Hansen, Kaylee Streicher, Christina Vander Plaats, Sara Yenzer, Elicia Camarigg, Justin Beldt, Jill Bomgaars, John Oldenkamp, Austin Fischer, Ryan Van Gorp, Cassie Houtsma, April Schroder, Joel Boender, Sara Hunt, Adam Ruden, Jason Blankers, Shawna Henning, and Scott Ruden. FFA Members who competed in the District FFA Leadership Contests on Saturday, March 12 at Sioux Central were Delegates: Christina Vander Plaats and Scott Ruden. Greenhand Quiz: Jill Bomgaars-Gold, 6th Place Overall; Steven Landhuis-Gold; Adam Ruden-Silver; Joel Boender-Bronze; and Kim Imhoff-Bronze. Farm Business Management: Justin Beldt-Gold and Ryan Van Gorp-Silver. Floriculture Test: Sara Yenzer-Silver; and Kaylee Streicher; Bronze. Job Interview: Sara Hunt-Silver. Congratulations to three Sheldon FFA Members who will all be receiving their Iowa FFA Degree. The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest degree a member can attain in the State Organization. They are to be commended: Justin Beldt, Sara Hunt, and Scott Ruden. Capital Project '05 Students Experiencing Government Sarah Chambers and Brittany Hunt have made application and have been selected to attend a 3-day conference in Des Moines. Glenn Van Der Vliet will be taking six juniors and seniors to the capital on April 7 to also take part in a one day experience that is part of the Capital Project '05. The students attending are Seniors-Trevor Kuiper and Heather De Goei, and Juniors-Katie Arnold, Bethany Warnke, Tony Sneiderman, and Raleigh St. Clair. The new NHS members inducted on April 7 are: **Seniors**: Michael Helgerson, Keith Van Beek and Michaela Youngers. **Juniors**: Joann Bautista, John Doely, Jennifer Groen, Charlene Johnson, Lindsey Korbyn, Jered Matzke, Ann McCarty, Becky Oldenkamp, and Adam Van Gorp.

**Sophomores:** Craig Blankers, Jennifer Brock, Nicole Bruns, Megan Clark, Stephen Kirschbaum, Justin Kuiper, Elizabeth Mueiting, Nathan Mueiting, John Nieuwenhuis, Kayla Olson, Mandi Rodger, Michael Ten Clay, Kayla Van Wyk, Kellie Vust, Chris Wagner, Clarissa White, and Allison Youngers.

The Board was invited to view the Science Fair exhibits in the Science Room, and the artwork on the library counter.

**B. Correspondence**

1. The Board, “Strategies For Maintaining Facilities”, Vol. 28, Number 23, was included in the Board packet.
2. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2005 was included in the Board Packet.
3. Receipt of “Thank You” cards – The District received no “Thank You” cards this past month.

**C. Board Member Reports**

1. IASB ABLE I-March 22, 2005-Paullina- Brown attended this meeting. Commented on the Sample Annual Report to the Public, and how it talked about student achievement.
2. NCC/AEA/LEA Super Board Meeting-March 29, 2005-NCC-The speaker was good. NCC shared their facilities, and what is available for student achievement.

The motion was made by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Mark Brown to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF**

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings** – The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

7:12 p.m. Kathy Brock rejoined the meeting via telephone conference call.

- B. Financial Report** – The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried. It was decided that only the current activity and totals needed to be printed for Board review at the meeting. No need to print the history, and use excess paper.
- C. Summary List of Bills** – Kathy Brock reviewed the bills. Dan Van Gorp reviewed the payment to NCC. The motion was made by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. Committee** – None

**B. Special** - None

**C. Administration**

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed the report. Kindergarten signups are currently at 67. The actual Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for April 23, 2005 from 1-3 p.m. Ordered 350 cookbooks, and ½ are sold. The Village will also sell the books for Excellence for East.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed the report.
3. High School – Mr. Mueiting reviewed the report. Mr. Van Gorp and Mr. Spears participated in the NHS induction ceremony. Mr. Mueiting reported that the Music Trip went well, and the students were great. The Music Boosters are ready to take over fund

raising and trip preparation for the next trip. There will be a new yearbook publisher for next year. The change in publishers will save \$11 per yearbook. The Spring play starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman’s report was in the Board packet.

## **V. PUBLIC HEARING –**

At 7:30 p.m., the motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

### **A. 2005-06 Budget Hearing**

1. Presentation of Proposed 2005-2006 Budget - Superintendent Spears presented the budget to the Board, and explained it. Mr. Spears explained the need for the increase in the funding for the Management Fund, as 14 individuals are eligible for early retirement during FY 06 for a total of \$299,123, 2 individuals are eligible during FY 07 for a total of \$40,730, and 6 individuals are eligible during FY 10 for a total of \$120,000. The total amount of funds needed to cover the early retirement settlement of those 22 individuals is \$459,853.
2. Taxpayers will be heard for or against the budget estimate for the period beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 – Dan Van Gorp asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on this issue. Mr. Merlyn Kruse stated that he thought that the amount budgeted for Operation of Buildings should be increased, as of the lack of PPEL funds. Mr. Kruse also asked about the merger of AEA 4 & AEA 12, and why there would be no savings. Mr. Kruse also asked if there was a possibility of getting the State to have the 1% sales tax statewide. Mr. Spears stated that we just couldn’t increase the budget for additional funds to do repairs, as General Fund Receipts couldn’t be used for repairs. Mr. Spears also explained that the merger of the two AEA’s will not save money in total, but that the savings in reduced administration costs would be spent on additional services for students. Mr. Spears stated that there is hope that the State makes the 1% sales tax statewide, and to distribute the funds on a per pupil basis. President Van Gorp asked if there had been any written objections to or support for the proposed budget. Superintendent Spears read and Bill Borchers distributed copies of a letter from Leo Kuiper in objection to the increased tax rate for the Management Fund.

At 7:57 p.m. The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to close the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Adopt Budget Guarantee Resolution – The motion was made by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to adopt. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Adopt/Certify 2005-2006 Budget – The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to adopt. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **VI. REPORTS – Continued**

5. Superintendent
  - a. Update on Old Middle School Demolition Project – Superintendent Spears said the building is coming down, and hopefully the demolition will be completed by mid-May.
  - b. State Food Service Report Summary – The results were included in the Board packet. The District’s cost of the food service is less than the State average.

- c. Update Regarding FEH Recreation Site Analysis Study – Mr. Spears discussed the proposal.
- d. Mr. Spears stated that the Iowa Senate has passed a bill making the earliest school start date to be August 22. The Superintendent will be monitoring the status of the bill.
- e. May Board Meeting – The motion was made by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Kathy Brock to change the date of the May Board meeting to be May 16, 2005, at 5:00 p.m in the High School Library. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VII OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board Policy Review – Policies 800-804.4 Buildings and Sites (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) – The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Open Enrollment – The Superintendent has received an open enrollment application for Brian Grave into Sheldon from MOC-Floyd Valley. The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve the application. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignation(s) – The Superintendent has received resignation letters from Tabby Wolf as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach and Rebecca Fonkert as the Flag Corp Coach. The Superintendent recommends acceptance pending suitable replacements. The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the resignations with thanks for their service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to issue the following contracts:
 

Brad Van Roekel	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach	\$2,138
Larie Sterk	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,850
Travis Kooima	High School Baseball Coach	\$4,275
Jared Cox	Assistant High School Baseball Coach	\$2,850
Matt Meendering	High School Softball Coach	\$4,275

 Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Authorize Participation in 2005-2006 ISCAP Program – The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Approve Negotiated Contract Between Sheldon Community School District and the Sheldon Education Association - The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. The contract increases the base pay by \$700, the amount that the District pays for health insurance by \$345. The package is a 2.95% increase. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- F. Authorize 2005-06 Certified Staff Contracts – The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the contracts. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Set Summer Driver Education Teacher Compensation - The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to set the rate at \$19.45/hour. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Set 2005-06 Substitute Teacher Pay - The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to set the pay at \$90.00/day. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Designate Auditor for FY05 Independent School Audit - The District has requested proposals from twelve audit firms. We have received responses from six firms. The Superintendent recommends designating the State Auditor as the District's auditor for the next three years. The motion was made by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Mark Brown to follow the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Authorize Track Repair/Resurfacing/Painting for Summer 2005 - The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to accept the bid from Midwest Tennis & Track Co. for \$24,200. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Adopt Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation - The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adopt proclamation of Teacher Appreciation Week for May 1-7, 2005. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Consider Spanish Club Trip Request for Summer 2006 - The Spanish Club has requested permission to plan a trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2006. The motion was made by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the trip. Roll Call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- M. Board Policy Review - Policies 900-905.2 - School District Community Relations - (1st Reading) - The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve, and pass these policies to the second reading. Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. IASB School Law Conference, Wednesday, May 4, 2005, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Johnston

At 8:36 p.m. President Van Gorp announced that there would be a short break to go to the Science Room to view the Science Fair entries.

Kathy Brock closed the conference call.

At 8:51 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

## **X. ADJOURN**

At 8:52 the motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.