

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 14, 2005

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 7:02 p.m., Board President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Mark Brown, Kathy Brock, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: none. Visitors: Nathan Christophel, Marv Van Riesen, Janet Wahl and Wayne Barahona.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- III. COMMUNICATION** –
- A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance
1. Public Comment – Janet Wahl, as spokesperson for several parents, spoke about the possibility of an earlier start for the next school year. They see a problem with a late end this year and then an earlier start next year. The problem is with the Middle School age children getting in all events during the summer before school starting. Mr. Spears said the calendar would probably be finalized in March 2005. If anyone has any calendar concerns, please get them to the Superintendent.
 2. Recognition
 - a. Students – The students were recognized in the information distributed with the Board Packet. Mr. Mueting also recognized the Show Choir, Sectional Wrestling Results, and Scott Krueger for his 100 Wrestling Victories, and Coach Claude Struve for his 300 wins.
 - b. District – The District has received an award from the State of Iowa, Bureau of Children, Family and Community Services for excellence in reporting for a Perfect Special Education Supplement.
- B. Correspondence
1. The Board, “What You Need To Know About Special Education,” Vol. 28, Number 18, was included in the Board Packet.
 2. The Board, “Conquering Controversy Without Losing Your Balance,” Vol. 28, Number 19, was included in the Board Packet.
 3. The Board, “Communicating While Cutting,” Vol. 28, Number 20, was included in the Board Packet.
 4. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2005 was included in the Board Packet.
 5. Receipt of “Thank You” cards – The District has received a “Thank You” letter from the Siouxland Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, for the donation to the Tsunami Relief, and special recognition of C. J. Wurpts for his leadership of the fundraising effort for the Tsunami Relief.
- C. Board Member Reports - none

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to accept the correspondence at part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings. Motion 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.
- B. Financial Report – Motion 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.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Gary Ihnen reviewed the bills this month. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve for payment. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – none
- B. Special - none
- C. Administration
 - 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed the report and told the Board about the Title I Parents Meeting that had been held.
 - 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed the report.
 - 3. High School – Mr. Muetting reviewed the report.
 - 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed the reports.
Superintendent
 - a. Update Regarding Independent Auditor Request for Proposal – Bill Borchers is working on the RFP. Marv Van Riesen explained to the Board why the District was using the State Auditor, and hopes that the Board continues to use the services of the State Auditor.
 - b. 2005-06 School Calendar Update – The Superintendent hopes to have the calendar finalized for Board approval by the March Board Meeting.
 - c. IASB Legislative Conference Report – Superintendent Spears attended and visited with the Legislators.
 - d. FY 06 Preliminary Budget Information – The Superintendent has just received the aid & levy worksheets. Will review at the March meeting for approval at the April meeting.
 - e. RAGBRAI Activities Report – The Superintendent is on the Advisory Committee. The Superintendent will be having a meeting with all school organizations.
 - f. PPEL Referendum Update – Vote is February 22, 2005, with the polls open from noon to 8:00 p.m. All voters will vote at the Sheldon Community Services Building.
 - g. Sheldon Educational Foundation – The Foundation will use approximately 1,000 bricks from the old Middle School as a fundraiser.

At 8:27 p.m., Board President Van Gorp announced a short break.

At 8:44 p.m., Board President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2005-06 High School Registration Booklet (2nd Reading) – There is one correction; the requirements on Life Skills. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Mark Brown to approve. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Board Policy Review – Policies 700-706.2, Non-Instructional Operations & Business Services (2nd Reading) – Motion 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.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment – The Superintendent has received the following open enrollment applications: Tristan Roetzel from Sheldon to the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District; Phoenix Engelkes currently attending Sheldon, and wants to continue attending Sheldon, even though the family moved to Boyden; Ashlee McDonald from George Little Rock to the Sheldon Community School District, Alex Strouth from George Little Rock to the Sheldon Community School District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve the applications. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignation(s) – The Superintendent has received a resignation from Brenda Beenken, as a school cook, effective January 28, 2005. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve with thanks to Brenda for her service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contracts(s) – none
- D. Review Bids/Award Bid for Old Middle School Demolition – The District received bids from ten (10) contractors for the demolition. The bids ranged from \$177,500 to \$693,000. The contractors were from the states of South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota. The low bid was submitted by Steve Thomas & Sons Construction from Chamberlain, South Dakota for \$177,500, for the demolition of the complete old Middle School. The alternate bid of leaving the old Middle School Gym was an addition of \$17,500 to the \$177,500 bid. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to award the contract to Steve Thomas & Sons Construction for the complete demolition of the old Middle School including the gym. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Board Policy Review – Policies 707.1-711.8, Non Instructional Operations & Business Services (1st Reading) – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve to second reading. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Human Resources Conference, March 4, 2005, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., West Des Moines
- B. IASB School Law Conference, May 4, 2005, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Johnston
- C. AEA 4 Super Board Meeting, March 29, 2005, at NCC, Sheldon

X. ADJOURN

At 9:14 p.m. Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 9:23 p.m. the Board entered closed session as provided in Chapter 20, Section 20.17(3) of the Iowa Code to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning the employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

At 9:41 p.m. the Board came out of the closed session.