

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 10, 2005

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 7:00 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 Elaine Getting. Absent: Bill Borchers. Visitors: Nathan Christophel and Wayne Barahona.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion 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; and Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- III. COMMUNICATION** –
- A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance
1. Public Comment – None
 2. Recognition
 - a. Students – none
- B. Correspondence
1. The Board, “What Makes School Board Service Special,” Vol. 28, Number 16, was included in the Board Packet.
 2. The Board, “Your Role In Orienting New Board Members,” Vol. 28, Number 17, was included in the Board Packet.
 3. AEA4 Board Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2004 was included in the Board Packet.
 4. Receipt of “Thank You” cards – none
- C. Board Member Reports
1. Dan Van Gorp was re-elected as the Director for District 1.
- Motion by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to accept the correspondence at part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye. Motion carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF**
- A. Minutes of Past Meetings. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Kecia Hickman reviewed the bills this month. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve for payment. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye. Motion carried.
- V. PUBLIC HEARING** – None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – none
- B. Special
 - 1. Educational Programming/Student Achievement – Robin Spears reviewed information that showed data on student proficiency in math and reading from the Class of 1998 to the Class of 2017.
- C. Administration
 - 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed the report and spoke of the Special Needs Preschool.
 - 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed the report. She also shared information on ELL students, and a Writing Club for students called “The Pen Pushers.”
 - 3. High School – Mr. Mueting reviewed the report.
 - 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed the extra-curricular activities and shared information on projected expenses for 2004-05 regarding entry fees and officials.

At 8:45 p.m., Board President Van Gorp announced a short break.

At 8:52 p.m., Board President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

- 5. Superintendent
 - a. 2003-04 Iowa School Profile – Information was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. Update Regarding Drainage Tile Project at Middle School – Project should be done by spring. Mr. Spears is working with Scott Wynja.
 - c. Middle School Demolition/School Sale Update – Plans are to have the demolition done by May 27. The school sale is scheduled for February 5.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve policies. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment – The Superintendent has received the following open enrollment application: Paige Poppema from Sheldon to the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn School District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the application. Roll call vote: Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignation(s) – none
- C. Contracts(s) – none
- D. Authorize Participation in IASB Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve participation. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Designate Independent Auditor for FY05 – Discussion was held about having the State do the audit. Mr. Spears was directed to solicit cost information from other auditing firms.
- F. Review Vote Canvas from December 7 Special Election (PPEL) – Mr. Spears discussed the voting results.

- G. Resolution Calling a Special Election on the Question of a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy – An election is scheduled for February 22, 2005. Included in the board packet was information on identified facility, maintenance, physical plant and equipment needs. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to go to a 5 year length on the PPEL resolution to be presented to the voters. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. 2005-06 High School Registration Booklet (1st Reading) – Mr. Mueting discussed the handbook with the Board. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve to a second reading. Roll call vote: Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Board Policy Review – Policies 700-706.2, Non Instructional Operations & Business Services (1st Reading) – Motion by Gary Ihnen and second by Kecia Hickman to approve to second reading. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB/SAI Conference, January 12 or 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Site TBD
- B. IASB Legislative Conference, January 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Des Moines, Mr. Spears is attending this conference.
- C. IASB ABLE I: Advocacy, February 10 or 16 or 22, 7 to 9 p.m., ICN Session
- D. IASB Human Resources Conference, March 4, 2005, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., West Des Moines

IX. ADJOURN

At 9:52 p.m. a motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

At 9:52 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 10:10 p.m. the Board came out of the closed session.

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION

JANUARY 24, 2005

President Dan Van Gorp welcomed the guests, Board Members, and the press.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:04 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Mark Brown, Kathy Brock, Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent none. Guest: Mr. Nathan Christophel.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Kathy Brock made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

3. DISCUSS PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT LEVY - Discussion

The Superintendent will prepare three mailings, and will update the brochure. Even with the PPEL levy, the property tax will not increase, due to the LOST being applied to the MS Bonds. The mailings will make sure that the patrons know that no salaries can be paid from PPEL, and that the levy will be used for safety, maintenance of physical plant, carpet. The levy won't be used for the recreational facilities currently be discussed by the Sheldon City Council, and the Recreation Study Group. There was discussion on how to get District Patrons to vote on this levy.

4. DISCUSS 2005-06 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Discussion

The Calendar Committee has met. The Parent Survey is in favor of a start date around the 24th of August 2005. The Calendar Committee is in favor of a start date around the 15th of August 2005. There was discussion on maybe a different start date for the High School as compared to the other two buildings. Items that would be affected by a split start date would be additional transportation, and lunch expenses. Items that would be affected by an earlier start date are Drivers Education, Band and Choir.

5. ADJOURN

At 8:33 p.m., Kathy Brock made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.