

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 16, 2005

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:00 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Mark Brown, Kathy Brock, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kecia Hickman. Visitors: Nathan Christophel, Wayne Barahona, Ashley Nieuwenhuis, Don McDowell, Lou A. Goeb, and Norene Bunt.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The motion was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- III. COMMUNICATIONS**
- A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance
1. Public Comment – Don McDowell asked why the school start date for 2005-06 had been moved up one week. Superintendent Spears responded the earlier start date was similar to the start date of NCC, and that allowed more students the opportunity to take classes. Spears stated that the early start date also allowed the High School students to complete the first semester before the Christmas break, and making it so the students didn't have to study for finals during the Christmas break. McDowell asked if a survey had been taken and what were the results of the survey. Spears said that approximately 51% of the parents, and students responding, favored a later start date. The Administration felt that the benefits of an earlier start date outweighed a later start date. McDowell asked why this year, when there was already a later last day of school. Spears said that the change had to be made some year, so why not this year. Mr. Mueting introduced Norene Bunt, who has been visiting classes in the District, as part of the requirements for a class she is taking.
 2. Recognition
 - a. Students – High School: State of Iowa Scholars-Erin Claar, Trevor Kuiper, Robben Schat, Keith Van Beek.
 - b. Board - Superintendent Spears thanked the Board for all they do, and presented them with portfolios, and watches, paid for by the Administrators.

5:07 p.m. Kecia Hickman arrived.

- B. Correspondence
1. The Board, "The Boards Role in Creating and Sustaining a Learning Community", Vol. 28, Number 24, was included in the Board Packet.
 2. The Board, "When You Are Asked to Talk About the Schools," Vol. 29, Number 1, was included in the Board Packet.
 3. The Board, "The Amazing Power of Appreciation," Vol. 29, Number 2, was included in the Board Packet.
 4. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2005 was included in the Board Packet.
 5. Receipt of "Thank You" cards – The District received no "Thank You" cards this past month, but did receive a copy of a letter that one of the Sheldon Alumni, Steve Ferguson, had written congratulating another Sheldon Alumni, Connie Schultz, on being awarded a Pulitzer Prize.

6. Letter from Mr. Meendering and the Entrepreneur Class inviting the School Board to view the class projects, on Friday, May 20, 2005, at 2:15 p.m. in the High School Commons.

C. Board Member Reports

1. IASB School Law Conference - Kathy Brock and Superintendent Spears attended. Speakers were great. I was recommended that the District hire the speakers to address the District, on Diversity, at an in-service meeting.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion 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.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Mark Brown reviewed the bills. Motion by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, 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. First week in May was Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Kindergarten signups are currently at 70. Summer School has 70 students signed up to attend.
 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed the report. The Middle School held a practice evacuation drill. The refinishing of "Abe" is proceeding.
 3. High School – Mr. Muetting reviewed the report. Commented on the Summer Program in conjunction with NCC. As the Administration representative, Mr. Muetting also thanked the Board for their service.
 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed the report. The track resurfacing will take place mid-late June. Mr. Sneiderman also commented on the fact that both the Girls and Boys track team would have representation at the Coed State Track Meet in Des Moines.
 5. Superintendent
 - a. Update on Old Middle School Demolition Project – The demolition is about one week behind schedule due to the weather, and illness of one of the supervisors. Looking at a June 3, 2005 completion date.
 - b. Update on New Middle School Ditch - City of Sheldon has contracted with Farmer's Market Excavating and Concrete to work on the ditch.
 - c. Old Middle School Property Appraisal - Vander Werff has appraised the property at \$82,000. Bethel Reformed Church has expressed an interest in the property. Spears asked the Board what is their desire. The Board decided to let the Superintendent handle it, as far as sale of the property.
 - d. 2004-05 Better Boardmanship Award Program. Mr. Spears will get the applications to the Board members.

- e. IASB District 1 Meeting - Superintendent Spears has received a request from the IASB to have Sheldon host the meeting. The Board agreed, and the meeting will be held on October 4, 2005 in the Middle School commons, with the meal starting at 6:00 p.m.

VII OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review – Policies 900-905.2 - School District Community Relations (2nd Reading) – 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.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment – The Superintendent has received an open enrollment application for Kolby Mulder into Sheldon from Boyden-Hull. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the application. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignation(s) – The Superintendent has received resignation letters from Larie Sterk as the Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Brad Van Roekel as the Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, Shirley Knock as library associate at East Elementary, and Susan Archibald as the vocal music instructor for grades 7-12. Superintendent recommends accepting the resignations pending suitable replacements. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Kathy Brock to accept the resignations with thanks for their service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to issue the following contracts: Middle School Softball Coaches @ \$1,482 per position; Michele Hoogers, Erica Wassenaar, and Erin Youngers. Middle School Baseball Coaches @ \$1,482 per position; Jared Cox, Wayne Wallinga, and Brad Zeutenhorst. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. 2005-06 Classified Staff Salary Adjustments - The Superintendent recommends approval of the wage adjustments per the listing included in the Board Packet. The listing is for the Office Secretaries/Clerical, School Nurse, Instructional Associates, Food Service, Custodians and Transportation hourly employees. The recommended increase represents a 3.35% increase over 2004-05. Motion 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.
- E. Cooperative Athletic Agreement with St. Patrick's and Sheldon Christian - Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement to share the 7th & 8th grade Baseball and Softball programs with St. Patrick's and Sheldon Christian. At this time, Sheldon Christian only wants to share the baseball program. This agreement will add the 7th & 8th Grade Baseball and Softball to the existing athletic agreement with St. Patrick's, in which they furnish a certified volleyball coach, in lieu of a charge for athletics. The cost to Sheldon Christian will be \$200 per shared sport. Motion made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Cooperative Agreement for Student Teaching With UNI - 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.
- G. Discuss 2006 Legislative Action Priorities - The priorities will be discussed at the June Board Meeting, and adopted at the July Board Meeting.

- H. Set Date for Board Worksession - Motion by Gary Ihnen, and seconded by Mark Brown to hold the worksession, Special Board Meeting, and Budget Amendment Hearing on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. 2005-06 Staff Activity Handbook (1st Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve to the second reading. Darrell Sneiderman, Gary Ihnen, and Superintendent Spears to work on the meal allowance. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. 2005-06 Student Handbooks (1st Reading) -
 - 1. Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook
 - 2. Middle School Student/Parent Handbook
 - 3. High School Student/Parent HandbookMotion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve, and pass all three to the second reading. Roll Call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. East Elementary Summer School 2005 - Mrs. McCrory discussed the program with the Board. Motion by Mark Brown and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Fiscal Management Conference, Wednesday, July 13, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., West Des Moines.

X. ADJOURN

At 6:40 p.m., the motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye, Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.