

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 8, 2004

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 7:00 p.m. 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: Jim Buenger, Ruby Storm, Janice Ten Kley, Lyle Kuiper, Dave Van Den Brink, Scott Wynja, Les Douma, Jerry Adams, Dennis De Jong, Wayne Barahona and Nathan Christophel.

President Van Gorp welcomed the Board, Administration, Media and guests.

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

III. COMMUNICATION

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – None
2. Recognition –
 - a. Students- Listing was in the Board Packet

B. Correspondence

1. The Board, "Your Responsibility in Preventing Harassment," Volume 28, Number 12 was included in the Board Packet.
2. The Board, "The Trap of Across-The-Board Budget Cutting," Volume 28, Number 13 was included in the Board Packet.
3. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes - October, 19, 2004 was included in the Board Packet
4. Receipt of "Thank You" Cards - None

C. Board Members Reports

1. IASB Board Leadership Conference - Kathy Brock and Robin Spears attended the conference. Both felt that the conference was informative. Some of the topics covered were, Open Meetings, Minutes, Leadership Academy, and NCLB.

Dan Van Gorp mentioned that Bethel Church would like to continue to use the asphalt at the old Middle School for parking on Sundays. The Board consensus was that the church could continue to use the asphalt, if they did the snow removal on it.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF:

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings - Kathy Bock wants to keep the item from the Board Work session concerning Foreign Language in the Elementary School in the forefront. Mark Brown made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Financial Report – Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to approve the financial report as presented by the Treasurer. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills - Kathy Brock reviewed the bills this month. Kathy Brock made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – none
- B. Special -
 - 2. Update Regarding AEA 4 & AEA 12 Merger - Les Douma - Mr. Douma explained the process that has been used. The process has used the input of the AEA Superintendents, and will use the input of the AEA principals and teachers. The building at Sioux Center will remain open, with the Administrative offices probably located in Sioux City. Any savings from the merger will be reallocated to positions that support students.

V. PUBLIC HEARING –

- A. The Public Will Be Heard For Or Against Proposed Sale of Real Estate - At 7:32 p.m. Gary Ihnen made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to go into Public Hearing. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried. Dan Van Gorp asked if there had been any written objections received. Bill Borchers and Superintendent Spears stated that none had been received. Ruby Storm spoke in favor of selling the lot to Lyle Kuiper. She said that the Bank traffic shouldn't interfere with school traffic. The Board discussed the proposed sale. At 7:38 p.m. Kathy Brock made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to close the hearing. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Sale of Real Estate - Gary Ihnen made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to sell the lot to Lyle Kuiper, with a 60-day option, for \$70,000. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

- B. Special -
 - 1. Update Regarding Recreation Research Committee-Scott Wynja - Mr. Wynja updated the Board on what has happened since the Committee was started. The Committee has looked at other facilities in other towns. He explained that an architectural firm has been hired to help with the process of site selection, and also facility design.
- C. Administrators
 - 5. Superintendent
 - a. Update on New Middle School Building & Old Middle School Demolition - Superintendent Spears said little things are left to be completed on the New Middle School. The Demo Specs for the old Middle School will be ready for the December Board Meeting. The trees, shrubs, and stamped concrete for the New Middle School will be done in the spring.
 - b. Update Regarding PPEL - The Superintendent and the Board discussed the draft copy of the informational brochure that will be mailed.
 - c. Highway 18 Water Run-Off Issue - The Superintendent and Scott Wynja are working on possible solutions to the water run-off problems on Highway 18, adjacent to the District's property north of the new Middle School.

- d. BEDS Enrollment Update- Superintendent Spears updated the Board on the breakdown of the enrollment in the buildings by class, ethnic background, and teacher/pupil ratio.
4. Activities Director - Mr. Sneiderman reviewed the State Cross Country, Honor Band and Choir, State Dance Team participants. The 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball, High School Girls Basketball seasons have started. The High School Boys Basketball and the High School Wrestling meetings have been held with a good turnout. The company will be here this week to repair the running track.
3. High School – Mr. Muetting reviewed the High School report. Mr. Muetting also commented on the artwork in the hallways.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed the report. The Smarter Kids grant has been approved and the funds will be used to offset some of the costs for smart boards at the New Middle School.
1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed the report.

At 8:55 p.m. President Van Gorp announced there would be a short break.

At 9:06 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to approve the policies with changes to 210.2 and 201, and to table 203 for further review and modification. 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 – none.
- B. Resignations – The Superintendent has received a resignation from Mike Swalley as 9th Grade Baseball Coach. Kathy Brock made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to accept the resignation, and to thank Mike for his service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contracts - The Superintendent recommends issuance of contracts to Jay Joersz, as MS Wrestling Coach for \$1,863, and Gene Bomgaars as 9th Grade Baseball Coach for \$2,085 (based on 2004-05 Salary Schedule). Mark Brown made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to approve the contracts. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss 2005-06 School Calendar - The Superintendent distributed the survey that is being distributed during the Parent/Teacher Conferences. The results will be tallied later.
- E. Approve Lane Advancement for Certified Staff - The Superintendent recommends approval of lane advancement for Matt Meendering for \$2,000 and Sherrie Zeutenhorst for \$1,000. Gary Ihnen made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to approve the lane advancements. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Consider Agreement(s) for Jointly Administered Classes with NCC - Gary Ihnen made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to approve. Roll Call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Abstain; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Consider Alternative High School Cooperative Agreement with NCC - Mark Brown made and Gary Ihnen seconded the motion to approve. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Abstain; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- H. Consider Recommendation to Exclude An Individual(s) From School Activities - The Superintendent recommends excluding both Chris McAlpine and Nick Meyer from participating in or attending any activity on Sheldon Community School District property for a period of one year. Motion by Mark Brown and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the recommendation. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Designate Board Negotiation Team Representatives - Kecia Hickman made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to have Kathy Brock and Gary Ihnen continue as the representatives. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Discuss Possible Date for Board/Administrative Work session - The consensus of the Board was to have the work session on January 5, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library.
- K. Award Asbestos Removal Contract for Old Middle School Building - The Superintendent has received the following bids: Remediation Specialists, North Sioux City, SD, \$14,980; Horsley Specialists, Rapid City, SD, \$29,871; Bockman, Lincoln, NE, \$43,435. The Superintendent recommends awarding bid to Remediation Specialists. The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to follow Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Consider Request to Attend North Central Association Annual Conference – The conference will be in Chicago on April 17-20, 2005. The request is that the Superintendent, Cindy Barwick, and one BLT member from each building to attend. Motion made by Kathy Brock and seconded by Mark Brown to approve the request. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- A. IASB Early Bird/Annual Convention, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 17-19, 2004, Des Moines
- B. IASB ABLE II: NCLB, December 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Hartley
- C. IASB/SAI Conference, January 5, 6, 12, or 13, 2005. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Site TBD
- D. IASB Legislative Conference, January 18, 2005, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN -

At 10:12 p.m. The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.