

## SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 15, 2005

President Van Gorp welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:00 a.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: Rachel Ihnen, Jacob Ihnen, Sherrie Zeutenhorst, and Nathan Christophel.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The motion was made by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 5:01 p.m. Kecia Hickman arrived.

### **III. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – None
2. Recognition
  - a. Students – Summer Athletics: Softball; - Honorable Mention All-Conference - Molly Chickering and Paige Whorley. Baseball; - 2nd Team All-Conference - Trevor Kuiper. Honorable Mention - All Conference - Zach Sawyer and Jacob Cowl.

#### B. Correspondence

1. The Board, "Why Sticking With Policy Matters", Vol. 29, Number 6, was included in the Board Packet.
2. The Board, "Your Challenge: To Build Leadership Capacity", Vol. 29, Number 7, was included in the Board Packet.
3. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2005 was included in the Board Packet.
4. Receipt of "Thank You" cards – The District has received a "Thank You" cards from the Sheldon RAGBRAI Committee, and also from a family from Reinbeck, IA, thanking the school for their hospitality, and opening up the school buildings for shelter from the storm.

#### C. Board Member Reports

1. IASB Fiscal Management Conference - This conference was attended by Mark Brown, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Mark Brown attended a session on how Economic Development is an important part of the School. It was also stated at the session, that the consolidation of schools is normally blamed for the decline of a town, when in actuality; the school closing is the last thing. The town has declined too far to support the school. Both Mark and Robin commented on the methodology of third party people against bond issues.

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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 the minutes. 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 Mark Brown to approve the Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Dan Van Gorp reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve the bills for payment. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

#### **V. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

#### **VI. REPORTS**

- A. Committee – None
- B. Special -
  - a. High School 5 - Year Graduate Follow-Up Study - Mr. Mueting reviewed the report with the Board.
- C. Administration
  - 3. High School – Mr. Mueting's reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet.
  - 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet.
  - 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet.
  - 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Sneiderman said that today was the first day for fall sport practices, and the participation numbers seem about the same as prior years.
  - 5. Superintendent
    - a. In-Service Days - The activities were outstanding. Accomplished the mandatory training, viewed a DVD on assessments, and how to use assessments to increase study learning. Angela Meyers, a professor from Drake University spoke to the faculty about methods to help with reading improvement.
    - b. First Day of School - The Superintendent said that it went smooth, and the children liked the Well's Blue Bunny milk.
    - c. Yearbook - The Superintendent gave the Board Members Sheldon High School Yearbooks to distribute to the public businesses, and also school pocket calendars.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Open Enrollment – The District has received open enrollment applications from the following: Jessica Myers into Sheldon from MOC-FV; Dylan Foreman from Sheldon into George-Little Rock; Jessica Chinn from Sheldon into Boyden-Hull; Kayla Johnson from Sheldon into Boyden-Hull; Noah Hermann from Sheldon into Sibley-Ocheyedan;

Spencer Kuiper from Sheldon into South O'Brien; Jeffrey Peterson from Sheldon into South O'Brien; and Dakota Johannes from Sheldon into South O'Brien. The Superintendent recommends accepting these applications. Mark Brown made and Gary Ihnen seconded the motion to approve these applications. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Resignation(s) – The Superintendent has received a letter of resignation from Matt Meendering, as Girls Softball Coach. Mark Brown made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to accept the resignation, subject to finding a suitable replacement, and to thank Matt for his years of service to the District as Softball Coach. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
  - C. Contract(s) – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to issue a contract to Carmen Holtrop as a Special Education Instructional Associate at the rate of \$8.25/hour for 6 ½ hours per day. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
  - D. Approve 2005-06 Bus Routes - Gary Ihnen made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to approve the bus routes as presented. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
  - E. Consider Transportation of Pre-School Students - Gary Ihnen made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to continue the transportation of Pre-School students. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
  - F. 2005-06 Title I Application - Mrs. McCrory reviewed the application with the Board. The funding from the State is continuing to be reduced, and the expenses keep increasing. There might have to be some adjustments made to the Summer School. The Title program helped 56 students at East Elementary and 10 students at St Pat's and Sheldon Christian Schools last year, with reading assistance. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to authorize the Superintendent to file the application for the Title I program for the 2005-06 School Year. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
  - G. Cooperative Agreement for 7th and 8th Grade Athletics with St. Pat's and Sheldon Christian Schools - Kathy Brock made Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to continue the agreement again this year. Roll Call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
  - H. Designate Level I Investigators(s) and Alternate Level I Investigators - Mark Brown made and Gary Ihnen seconded the motion to approve the following investigators:
 

<u>Building</u>	<u>Level I Investigator</u>	<u>Alternate Level I Investigator</u>
Elementary School	Jenni McCrory	Joan Whitsell
Middle School	Cindy Barwick	Jan Sneiderman
High School	Joe Mueting	Sherrie Zeutenhorst
District	Robin Spears	Mary Seehusen
- Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Set Life Insurance Coverage for Certified Staff - The annual amount the District shall pay for Life Insurance for the Certified Staff, as set by the Master Contract, allows for

the purchase of \$90,000 term life insurance for each certified staff member. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to set the life insurance amount at \$90,000/certified staff member. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- J. Designate Gas and Diesel Fuel Supplier - The Superintendent has received the following quotes:

Farmers Cooperative Oil Company - \$.05 over cost per gallon (diesel & gas)

Midwest Farmers Coop - \$.05 over cost per gallon (diesel only)

Sheldon Sinclair - \$.035 over cost per gallon (diesel & gas)

The District uses about 25,000 gallons of fuel per year. The difference between the \$.035 and \$.05 costs over the school year would amount to approximately \$375. When you weigh in the convenience of moving buses around the property and the other services provided by Farmer's Cooperative Oil Company, the difference of \$375 is even less significant. The Superintendent recommends designating Farmer's Cooperative Oil Company as the District's fuel supplier for the 2005-06 school year. Gary Ihnen made and Mark Brown seconded the motion to designate Farmer's Cooperative Oil Company. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- K. Consider Request for Attending the National FFA Convention - The Sheldon FFA chapter is requesting authority to attend the National FFA Convention being held in Louisville, KY from October 26-29, 2005. The chapter attends this convention every other year. There will be an administrative chaperone going with the chapter. The Superintendent recommends approval. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the request. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Authorize Disposition of School Equipment - The District has excess school equipment, and the Superintendent requests authorization to have a Garage Sale to dispose of the surplus equipment. Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to approve the authorization. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. IASB ABLE II: Legislative Advocacy, August 17 or August 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m., ICN.
- B. IASB Employee Relations Conference, September 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., West Des Moines.
- C. IASB District # 1 Meeting, October 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Sheldon.

## **X. ADJOURN**

At 6:23 p.m., Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.