

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 12, 2005

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 7:00 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Kecia Hickman, Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Kathy Brock, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Jay Matzke. Visitors: Jim Gude, Marv Van Riesen, Randy Porter, Marlys Gaston and Nathan Christophel.

- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- III. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance
 1. Public Comment – None
 2. Recognition
 - a. Students – The recognition for the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School students was included in the Board Packet.
 - B. Correspondence
 1. The Board, “Research on Homework”, Vol. 29, Number 15, was included in the Board Packet.
 2. The Board, “What Schools Can Do About Bullying”, Vol. 29, Number 16, was included in the Board Packet.
 3. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2005 minutes were included in the Board Packet.
 5. Receipt of “Thank You” cards – The District has received a “Thank You” letter from Teresa Groff and family.
 - C. Board Member Reports -
 1. IASB Early Bird/Delegate Assembly/Annual Convention - Kecia Hickman, Kathy Brock, and Gary Ihnen talked about the High School curriculum and the home work. All felt that there were good speakers, and enjoyed the Show And Tell sessions on the technology fair, charter schools. Mr. Mueting commented that their was a lot of discussion on high school reform, and he had many comments on both the points of pride banner, and also the Health Occupations Class that are being taught at the High School. Cindy Barwick said that it was nice to see the different audiences. Jenni McCrory said that it was good to go and see the Boards and school employees in a different spotlight, and she really enjoyed the Show N Tell portion of the convention. Superintendent Spears congratulated the Board on receiving the Better Boardmanship award, as there are few Boards that receive that distinction.

The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 Kathy Brock to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the Financial Report. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Gary Ihnen reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – None
- B. Special -
 1. FY 05 Independent Audit Report - Marlys Gaston thanked everyone for their help and cooperation on the audit. Mrs. Gaston reviewed the report with the Board. When asked by the Board President, for a letter grade, Marlys said that Sue Battani had told her that she would give us an A-, as there is always room for improvement.

At 7:23 p.m. Jay Matzke arrived.

Gary Ihnen made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to accept the audit report. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory also showed the Board the large check for \$7,500 that was awarded to East Elementary from HyVee. The HyVee food stores, in honor of their 75th Anniversary, are allowing selected stores to draw from registrations at the stores, and select a student who is the winner of an IPOD. The school where the student attends also receives a check for \$7,500 to be spent by the school. The Sheldon HyVee was selected to draw a winner, and the student, Emily Johnson received the IPOD, and the school received the check for \$7,500.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet.
3. High School - Mr. Muetting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Muetting also said that the Sheldon High School would be one of the 20 high schools in Iowa to participate in the Iowa High School Project.
4. Activities Director – The Activities Director's report was included in the Board Packet.

At 8:27 p.m. President Van Gorp announced there would be a short break

At 8:37 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

5. Superintendent

- a. 7th & 8th Grade Wrestling Sharing Agreement with South O'Brien Community School District - Superintendent Spears said that there will not be any sharing of

the 7th & 8th Grade wrestling this year. It could be worked in with the High School agreement, when it is re-evaluated.

- b. Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board Ruling - The Superintendent stated that the District had received an email from Charlie Smithson, Chairperson of the Ethics Board, stating that the District was in violation, and appreciated the self-reporting. Superintendent Spears furnished Mr. Smithson with additional information on how the violation happened. Marv Van Riesen had filed a request to discuss this issue with the Board. Marv thanked Superintendent Spears for taking responsibility for the incident. Marv said that this was not an isolated incident, and expressed his concerns about the technology of the District. He felt that the original need for technology was for the students, but felt that over the years it has gotten out of hand. Mr. Van Riesen suggested that there should be a random check on the hardware. Marv didn't receive the email, and wondered why only certain people received the email. He thinks that the policies of the District are being enforced on a double standard.
- c. Special Education - The District will advertise for a half-time person now, with the possibility of that position becoming full-time next year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 400 thru 402.4, Employees (2nd Reading) - Gary Ihnen made and Jay Matzke seconded the motion to approve the policies in this group. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment – None
- B. Resignation(s) – The Superintendent has received the following resignations: Dave Haugen, from his Middle School teaching and coaching positions; Carol Huffman, from her Elementary School teaching position, and Harold Ahlers, from his full-time bus driver position. Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to accept the resignations, and to thank Dave, Carol and Harold for their years of service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – None
- D. Adopt 2006-07 School Calendar - Superintendent Spears reviewed the calendar with the Board. The Calendar has a start date of August 16, 2006 and an end date of May 17, 2006. Any days missed due to snow will be added to the end of the calendar. There were approximately 30 individuals on the Calendar Committee, with 2/3 of them being parents of students. Jay Matzke made and Gary Ihnen seconded the motion to adopt the proposed calendar. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Set Date for Board/Administrative Work Session - Gary Ihnen made and Jay Matzke seconded the motion to have the work session on January 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. in the High School library. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Board Policy Review - Policies 402.5-403.7R2, Employees (1st Reading) - Gary Ihnen made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to approve these policies, and pass them

to a second reading. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB Legislative Conference, January 17, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 9:23 a.m. Gary Ihnen made and Kathy Brock seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

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.