

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 13, 2006

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 7:03 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Jay Matzke, Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Kathy Brock, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kecia Hickman. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, and Nathan Christophel.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Jay Matzke, 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 and Middle School students was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Mueting recognized Scott Kruger and Brian Fischer for their role in the pep rally at South O'Brien.

7:05 p.m. Kecia Hickman arrived.

- b. District - The Superintendent showed the Board the award received from the Red Cross for the District's donations to the Hurricane Katrina Relief. The Superintendent also read the letter of appreciation and thanks from KIWA for the use of the school facilities for the Taste of Home Cooking Show that was held in November, 2005.
- c. The Superintendent said that Mr. Ron Rice from the IASB would be present to present the Board with their Better Boardmanship Plaque.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board, "Vital Aspects Of Good Stewardship", Vol. 29, Number 19, was included in the Board Packet.
2. Receipt of "Thank You" cards – The District has received a "Thank You" letter from KIWA, and a "Thank You" card from Dave Haugen.

C. Board Member Reports -

1. IASB Legislative Conference - Kathy Brock & Superintendent Spears attended this. Both felt that it was interesting to talk with the politicians but the trip to visit Capitol Hill was too short. They had a chance to talk to three panels about what is being done in the legislative committees.

The motion was made by Jay Matzke and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock,

Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye.
Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the Financial Report. Roll call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Kathy Brock reviewed the bills. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – None
- B. Special -
 - 1. School Improvement Update -
 - a. Student Achievement Data - The Superintendent shared the student achievement data with the Board.
 - b. Parent/Student/Community Survey - Each Building Principal reviewed their survey results, and the Superintendent reviewed the District information with the Board.
- C. Administration
 - 1. High School - Mr. Mueting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Mueting talked about the upcoming High School Summit Meetings and also about the process of the program. The Wellness plan is moving forward.
 - 2. Activities Director – The Activities Director's report was included in the Board Packet, and was reviewed by Mr. Mueting. Mr. Mueting said that both the Show Choir and Speech will be showcased at a student assembly. There may be four wrestlers advancing to the sectionals.
 - 3. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet.
 - 4. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet.

At 8:36 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced there would be a short break

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

- 5. Superintendent
 - a. IASB Equipment Breakdown Program- Superintendent Spears explained the purpose of the program. He will get a proposal to present at the next Board Meeting.
 - b. FY07 Budget Process - The Superintendent discussed the budget process with the Board.
 - c. Possible Transportation & Maintenance Purchases - The District will need to replace the current zero-turning radius mower, and also might consider trading in

- both the Tan Taurus and an old Station Wagon for a van or Suburban. It is hoped to have bids by the March or April Board Meeting.
- d. Site Plan - the surveyors are working on the plan.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2006-07 High School Registration Booklet (2nd Reading) - Mr. Mueting reviewed the changes that had been made in the registration booklet with the Board. There were a couple of additional clarifications that the Board suggested. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Jay Matzke to approve the registration booklet. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Board Policy Review - Policies 403.7E1 thru 406.3, Employees (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke to approve the policies in this group. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment – The Superintendent has received applications for Ryan Sterler to attend the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn School District for Pre-K for the 2006-07 school year; Brian Grave to attend the Sheldon School District from MOC-FV as a 12th Grader for the 2006-07 school year; and Cheyanne Paweltzki to attend the Boyden-Hull School District for Kindergarten for the 2006-07 school year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke to approve the applications. Roll Call vote. Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignation(s) – The Superintendent has received the following resignations: Dolores Baatz, from her Elementary School teaching position; John Doely, from his High School teaching and coaching positions; Janice Ploeger, from her Elementary School teaching position, Bob Schuiteman, from his District Media Specialist, and Audio Visual positions, Ed Stephens from his Middle School instrumental music position; Dale Clefish, from his Elementary and Middle School Physical Education, and coaching positions. All of those resigning are eligible for the early retirement option as outlined by the Master Contract, and the severance will be paid out of the Management Fund. Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to accept the resignations, and to thank those resigning for their years of service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

The Superintendent has also received the resignation of Cheryl Eichelberger from her Middle School Special Education position. Cheryl requests an exception to the age 55 limit as outlined in the Master Contract. The School Attorney has drafted an agreement with the Sheldon Educational Association to amend Articles 13 & 14 of the Master Contract to allow this exception to policy. The agreement states that this is a one time deal. As Cheryl is not covered by the normal early retirement policy, her severance will be paid out of the General Fund. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke to accept this resignation, and to thank Cheryl for her years of service to the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends issuing a contract to Keri Statema as a 75 % FTE Special Education teacher at the Elementary School. The contract will be for the second semester. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke to approve the

- Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Consider Request to Attend Out-Of-State Conference - Mr. Mueting and the High School Building Leadership Team is requesting permission to attend the Model Schools Conference in Florida. This conference is part of the High School Summit project that the Sheldon High School is part of. Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve attendance at this conference. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Consider Portable Stage Purchase for the Middle School - Mrs. Barwick reviewed the proposal from School Specialties for the portable stage, at a price of \$15,764.00, Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve this purchase. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Consider Sound System Purchase for High School Auditorium - The District has received two bids for an auditorium sound system. One bid is from R & D Industries, Milford, for \$65,000-127,000 and Mid-States Audio, Sioux Falls, for \$40,400. Mr. Mueting and other individuals from the District who are knowledgeable in what type of sound system is needed in the auditorium, have checked the references on both companies, and have visited installations of both companies, and recommend accepting the bid from Mid-States Audio. The Superintendent recommends purchasing the sound system from Mid-States Audio for \$40,400. Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to award the bid to Mid-States Audio. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Board Policy Review - Policies 406.4 - 409.3R1, Employees (1st Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve these policies, and pass them to a second reading. Policies 407.6 and 407.6E are to be eliminated. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB ABLE ICN Meeting: Creating Relationships That Work, February 15, or February 21.

X. ADJOURN

At 9:51 p.m. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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.