

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 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, Kecia Hickman, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Darrell Sneiderman, Mark Brown, Chuck Missman 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; Kecia Hickman, 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 – Recognition for the High School and Middle School students was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. Board - The Superintendent explained that all the members of the 2004-05 Board had gotten their Better Boardmanship Award, and as a result of that, the Board has received an Award of Achievement from the Iowa Association of School Boards. Due to the snow storm, Ron Rice of the IASB could not be here, but will be at a later meeting to make the official presentation to the Board.
 - B. Correspondence
 1. The Board, “The Law of Substandard Performance”, Vol. 29, Number 20, was included in the Board Packet.
 2. The Board, “Real Character Is Demonstrated in Challenging Times”, Vol. 29, Number 21, was included in the Board Packet.
 3. AEA 4 Board Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2006, were included in the Board Packet.
 4. Receipt of “Thank You” cards – The District has received “Thank You” cards from Dale Clefisch and the Middle School Staff.
 - C. Board Member Reports -
 1. Other - Several people have told Board Members that it was nice to have the SCDC Home Show in the gym.
The motion was made by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:08 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced that there would be a short break.

At 7:17 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

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 – Jay Matzke reviewed the bills. Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Jay Matzke, 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 her report, which was included in the Board Packet.
 - 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet Mrs. Barwick said that the 6th Grade Math Bee was held, and the two teams from the Middle School placed 2nd and 4th. The team that placed 2nd will go on to State.
 - 3. High School - Mr. Muetting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. There will be an assembly, sponsored by the Sheldon Ministerial Association, in April. The Wellness Committee has met and will present their plan at the next meeting.
 - 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. Mr. Sneiderman also told the Board that the District has received a letter from the principal of West High School in Sioux City, stating that the fans and students were well behaved as they supported the Orabs during the Sub-State Basketball Final, which was held at West High School on March 4, 2006.
 - 5. Superintendent
 - a. Health Insurance Program Update- Superintendent Spears explained that the proposed premium increase is 8.11% for the current \$250 deductible. If the deductible would increase to \$500, the premium increase would only be 4.17%. The Superintendent will poll the teachers to see if they are willing to go to the \$500 Deductible Plan.
 - b. Preliminary FY07 Budget Information - The Superintendent reviewed the budget worksheets and process with the Board.
 - c. Site Plan of School District Grounds - The Superintendent updated the Board on the progress of the surveyors.
 - d. Instructional Time Requirement Survey Data - The Superintendent explained the data that was included in the Board Packet.
 - e. Supplemental Weighting for Dual Credit Courses - The Superintendent discussed the Iowa Code and also the email that he had received from the Director of the Department of Education, and also the current usage of supplemental weighting by the District.

- f. Legislative Update - The Superintendent will be in Des Moines next Monday, along with several other AEA 4 Superintendents, and the AEA 4 Director. They plan to meet with the Senators and Representatives from the area, and also discuss the legislative issues, and the impact they have on the area schools.

At 8:28 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced there would be a short break

At 8:35 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 406.4 thru 409.3R1, Employees (2nd Reading) - Policies 407.6 and 407.6E1 will be deleted. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke 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 – The Superintendent has received open enrollment applications for Ashley Mastbergen to attend the Sheldon District from the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn District for Grade 11 for the 2006-07 school year; Brandon Statema to attend the Sheldon District from the Rock Valley District for Grade 4 for the 2006-07 school year; Whitnee Statema to attend the Sheldon District from the Rock Valley District for Grade 6 for the 2006-07 school year; Skyler Vanderheiden to attend the Sheldon District from the MOC-Floyd Valley District for Grade 12 for the 2006-07 school year; Ashley Van Egdome to attend the Sheldon District from the South O'Brien District for Grade 10 for the 2006-07 school year; Austin Van Egdome to attend the Sheldon District from the South O'Brien District for Grade 7 for the 2006-07 school year; Nicholas Elbon to attend the MOC-Floyd Valley District from the Sheldon District for Grade 9 for the 2006-07 school year; Payton Luinstra to attend the Sibley-Ocheyedan District from the Sheldon District for Kindergarten for the 2006-07 school year; Amanda Hunt to attend the Sibley-Ocheyedan District for Grade 10 for the 2006-07 school year; and Brittany Hunt to attend the Sibley-Ocheyedan District from the Sheldon District for Grade 12 for the 2006-07 school year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke to approve the applications. Roll Call vote. Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Resignation(s) – None

- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends issuing the following contracts:

Name	Position	Wage
Travis Kooima	HS-Head Baseball Coach	\$4,275*
Brad Zeutenhorst	HS-Asst Baseball Coach	\$2,850*
Wayne Wallinga	MS-Head Baseball Coach	\$1,482*
Larie Sterk	HS-Head Softball Coach	\$4,275*
Erin Youngers	HS-Asst Softball Coach	\$2,850*
Michele Hoogers	MS Softball Coach	\$1,482*
Erica Wassenaar	MS-Softball Coach	\$1,482*

* = Coaching Salary will be adjusted after the negotiated contract has been finalized between the Sheldon Community School District and the Sheldon Education Association.

- 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. Set Date for FY07 Budget Hearing and Certification - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have the hearing on Wednesday April 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Approve Wrestling Program Sharing Agreement Between the Sheldon Community School District and the South O'Brien Community School District - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve this agreement. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Consider Annual Application for Renewal of Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity (High School Wrestling Sharing Agreement with South O'Brien) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the application. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Authorize Issuance of 2006-07 Teacher/Coaching Contracts - The Superintendent requests permission to issue the contracts for the 2006-07 school year. Since the negotiations between the Sheldon Community School District and the Sheldon Education Association have not been finalized, the contracts will be issued with the 2005-06 salary, and the salary amount will be adjusted after the negotiations are complete. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Jay Matzke to authorize issuance of the contracts. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Authorize Student Teacher Partnership Agreement with Dakota State University - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to authorize this agreement. Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Consider Request To Submit Candidacy for Iowa Representative On The American Association of School Administrators Governing Board - Superintendent Spears has been serving on this board, and would like to submit his name to SAI for consideration as a representative of the AASA Governing Board for a three-year term. Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve Superintendent Spears to submit his name to SAI for this position. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Board Policy Review - Policies 409.3R2 - 413.4, Employees (1st Reading) Motion by Jay Matzke and seconded by Gary Ihnen to pass these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Jay Matzke, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB School Law Conference, Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., West Des Moines.
- B. IASB Human Resources Conference, June 13, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., West Des Moines.

X. ADJOURN

At 8:53 p.m., Motion made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Jay Matzke, 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.