

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
AUGUST 10, 2005

President Dan Van Gorp welcomed the guests, Board Members, and the press.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:32 p.m. President Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Mark Brown, Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kathy Brock. Guests: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Darrell Sneiderman, Joe Mueting, Jay Matzke, Nathan Christophel.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

The motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Mark Brown to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 5:33 p.m. Kathy Brock arrived.

3. DISCUSSION OF FINAL PROJECTS/EXPENDITURES FOR THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING - Discussion

The Superintendent reviewed the list of Middle School Building needs. The Superintendent asked if there were any additional items that the Board thought needed to be added to the list. The Superintendent and Building Administrator need to prioritize the list. Cindy Barwick reviewed the MS Playground proposal. There was discussion on the proposed playground, and equipment. The Administrative Team will come up with a plan and present it to the Board. There was talk about the gate into the football field from the East side. The need for student desks will be presented at the September Board Meeting.

4. DISCUSS CITY OF SHELDON RECREATION FACILITY - Discussion

The Superintendent has talked to the City Manager, Scott Wynja, and the City is looking at additional sites for the facility. One of the sites is an area East of Fieldcrest. The Superintendent feels that there is still some expectation, from the City, that the District will have some type of monetary commitment.

At 6:28 p.m. Dan Van Gorp left the meeting for a previously scheduled appointment.

The Superintendent discussed the past pool/school agreement.

The Superintendent is to continue discussion with Scott Wynja on what are the costs.

5. DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT REPORT - Discussion

The Superintendent reviewed the Department of Education suggestions. The Superintendent also discussed the At-Risk, ELL, TAG funding.

At 7:22 p.m. Gary Ihnen announced that there would be a short break.

At 7:30 p.m. Gary Ihnen reconvened the meeting.

6. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SCHOOL LEVIES

- A. Instructional Support Levy - The current levy is at 6%. The KID'S Committee is willing to help get the information out to the public. The ISL is the primary focus. Without the ISL there will be an adverse effect on students. Gary Ihnen feels that an election for 6% represents no raise in taxes, and that the maximum amount of the levy should come from the income surtax, with the minimum amount to be raised from property taxes. It was suggested that maybe the ISL could be voted on in October. The Superintendent will check on the availability of dates.
- B. Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Expenditure Plan - There was discussion on using either a resolution or an election. It was decided to hold off on bringing the PPEL vote to the public at this time.

7. DISCUSSION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR - Discussion

There was discussion concerning the Governor's speech about a longer school year. The Board discussed the options that are available. There was discussion about what other entities should be included in the discussion about a different school calendar.

At 8:09 p.m. Dan Van Gorp returned.

There was discussion on how do we increase student achievement.

8. ADJOURN

At 8:16 p.m., the motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Mark Brown, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.