

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
JANUARY 11, 2006

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:22 p.m. President Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Jay Matzke, Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Kathy Brock, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Guests: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Nathan Christophel.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

3. MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING EXPENDITURES - Discussion

The Superintendent reviewed the list of Middle School Building needs. There is approximately \$185,000 - \$190,000 to spend. The items that could be purchased are: a portable stage; playground area and equipment; gate to the athletic field, and finish paving the parking lot. Additional items that could be funded by PPEL funds are: a fourth locker room; an entrance door behind the bleachers, an additional computer room. There was discussion on the location of the playground, and what equipment would be in it. There was also discussion on how the playground would fit into the District Master Plan.

4. PPEL EXPENDITURE PLAN - Discussion

The Superintendent estimates that there is approximately \$315,000 to spend, based on current balances and estimated tax receipts for the balance of the year. Items discussed as possible expenditures are: high school auditorium sound system, classroom carpet in both the high and elementary schools; lift for storage at the middle school; carpet at the elementary school under the front canopy; repair and replace district sidewalks; asphalt section of the high school student parking lot; additional wrestling mats.

5. STAFFING NEEDS/ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR
- Discussion

Positions needed, as listed by the building principals: additional music educator at the middle school; math and science instructors, if the State requires additional courses to be taught at the high school level; special education; 7th grade language arts combined with reading. Spanish in the elementary school could be accomplished by adding it to the curriculum and not with an additional position. There was discussion on maybe having a person working with the Foundation, Public Relations and Grant Writing. There was discussion about a PK program.

At 7:40 p.m. President Van Gorp announced that there would be a short break.

At 7:50 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the work-session.

6. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING - Discussion
Superintendent Spears discussed the concept of redefining the High School Curriculum.
7. CHARTER SCHOOLS - Discussion
The Iowa Code only allows 10 Charter Schools in the state, and there are currently 10 Charter Schools. Mr. Muetting explained what has been tried on Charter Schools.
8. STUDENT DISCIPLINE - Discussion
The Board looked at and discussed a discipline matrix that the Administrative Team has formulated.
9. ADJOURN
At 8:44 p.m., the motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adjourn.
Roll Call vote: Jay Matzke, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.