

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 13, 2006

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 5:30 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Harlan Bousema, Kathy Brock, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Darrell Sneiderman, Susan Battani, Chuck Missman and Bekah Porter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Superintendent Spears added Item 8(J) to the agenda. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, 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 –

High School - Congratulations to the following “Most Improved Students”. The students have shown the most improvement in their grade point averages as compared from the first semester of 2005-06 to the second semester of 2005-06.

Seniors: Amanda Bents, Angela Henning, Ashley Lambirth, Stephanie Landhuis, Adam Schuetz, and Paul Vincent. Juniors: Alexa Groff, Carissa Holtrop, Maren Larson, Kelli Lemke, and Tim Vanden Berg.

Sophomores: Nicholas Abels, Austin Fischer, Lindsay Gustafson, Cole Schnider, and Cassie Siemonsma.

Freshmen: Dustin Hofmeyer, Kelley McCarty, Stacia Merley, Heather Romer, and Andy Shea.

b. District Staff - Superintendent Spears recognized Darrell Sneiderman for his selection as the 2007 Northwest District Middle School Athletic Director of the Year by the Iowa High School Athletic Association, and Joe Mueting for his selection as High School Principal of the Year for the part of northwest Iowa formerly known as AEA 4. Mr. Mueting will be placed in a pool along with about fifteen other High School Principals, around the state, for selection of the School Administrator Principal of the Year. Mr. Sneiderman will be introduced as the 2007 Northwest District Middle School Athletic Director of the Year and honored at the Iowa High School Athletic Director Association State Convention in March.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board “The Board’s Role In Formulating Legislative Strategy,” Volume 30, Number 14 was included in the Board Packet.

2. The Board, “Balancing Professional Expertise and Good Board Service,” Volume 30, Number 15 was included in the Board Packet.

3. Northwest AEA Board Briefs have not been received.
 4. Receipt of "Thank You" cards – District received a card from the Arnold Family.
- C. Board Member Reports -
1. IASB Annual Convention - Robin Spears, Dan Van Gorp, Kathy Brock, Harlan Bousema, Gary Ihnen, and Bill Borchers attended. Kathy Brock said it was nice to see our school represented in the Show N Tell Booths. Harlan Bousema felt that the sessions he attended had practical information, and he enjoyed hearing the keynote address that the Teacher of the Year gave. Gary Ihnen felt that the sessions were fine, and enjoyed talking to the vendors. Dan Van Gorp said that IASB runs a good show. The convention attendance was up, but Show N Tell participation was down. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
Transfer Authorization - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to authorize transfer of funds from the Local Option Sales Tax fund to the Debt Service fund for payment of the interest on the Middle School Bonds. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Harlan Bousema reviewed the bills. Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING - None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – None
- B. Special -
 1. FY 06 Independent Audit Report - Susan Battani from the State Auditor's Office was present to review the Audit Report with the Board. Mrs. Battani discussed several areas of the report.
- C. Administration
 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory stated that Excellence for East has met. Transitional Kindergarten has moved into its room at Children's World.
 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet.
 3. High School - Mr. Mueting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet.

4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and explained the schedule changes. Mr. Sneiderman also said that all of the other conference schools have some type of medical person at the home games, and that there is no charge for this service to the district, as all referrals go to the area hospital or the medical staff.
5. Superintendent - The Superintendent updated the Board on the Letter the District had received from the City of Sheldon in response to the District's letter concerning TIFF. The Superintendent also told the Board of the results of the IPERS audit that the District had. The Superintendent stated that the custodians continue to work on the High School gym floor to remove the slickness, and also the scuff marks in the floor finish.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 502.2-503.1R2, Students (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to pass these policies. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received the following applications: Dakota Strubbe, Bram Meyer, and Catlynn Meyer to open enroll from the Sheldon District into the HMS District due to a change in residence; Jordan Lo Van, Austin Rhodes, Preston Rhodes, Logan McConnell and Landon McConnell to open enroll from the Sheldon District into the Sibley-Ocheyedan District due to a change in residence. Jack Carlson, a Kindergarten student for the 2007-08 school year has also applied to open enroll from the Sheldon District into the Sibley-Ocheyedan District. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Kathy Brock to receive these applications. No action is needed as they are with just cause and are timely filed. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - Dave Hillary has resigned his Middle School teaching position effective at the end of the school year, and Teresa Dighton has resigned her Middle School Secretary position effective December 22, 2006. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the resignations, and to thank both Teresa and Dave for their years of service to the District. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends the following contracts be issued:

Name	Position	Wage
Doreen Kruse	Middle School Secretary/Clerical and Custodian Position – 40 hours/week	\$9.00/hour
Kent De Zeeuw	9 th Grade Wrestling Coach	\$1,814
Lisa Vander Berg	Elementary Special Education Instructional Associate (PK Program) 4 hrs/day	\$8.25/hour

- Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to issue the contracts. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Adopt the 2007-2008 School Calendar - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to adopt. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- E. Review/Approve School Bus Bids Specifications for 2007-08 Bus Purchase - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve School Bus Chassis and Body Specifications as printed. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Consider Agreement(s) for Jointly Administered Classes with NCC - The Agreements are for EMT Classes and also an Entreprep Program for the 2006-07 School Year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Abstain; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Consider Cooperative Alternative High School Agreement with NCC - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Abstain; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Consider Student Discipline Recommendation(s) - Superintendent Spears recommends Student A be expelled for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to expel Student A per the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried. The Superintendent recommends Student B be expelled for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to expel Student B per the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried. Superintendent Spears recommends Student C be expelled for the third quarter of the 2006-07 school year. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to expel Student C per the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Board Policy Review - Policies 503.2-505.3, Students (1st Reading). Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to pass these policies to their second reading. There was some discussion. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Approve Execution of Nonprobate Transfer of Scholarship Donation to the Sheldon Community School District for the John N. and Irene B. Bowers Memorial Scholarship - John N. Bowers, a Sheldon High School Alum, has donated funds to the Sheldon District for the express purpose of providing a scholarship to a graduating senior who merits such a scholarship in nursing and teaching. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the execution of nonprobate transfer of the scholarship donation to the Sheldon Community School District for the John N. and Irene B. Bowers Memorial Scholarship. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Legislative Conference, January 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Des Moines
- B. IASB School Law Conference, Tuesday, May 15, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Des Moines.
- C. IASB Human Resources Conference, Thursday, June 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Johnston

X. ADJOURN

At 7:37 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:40 p.m. the Board entered into 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.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board came out of closed session and left.