

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 13, 2006

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 8:00 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, Doug & Juanita Rodger, Melinda & Nicole Van Beek, Robert & Marlys Wolthuizen, Sherrie Zeutenhorst, Gene Bomgaars, Ryan Wolf, Jenna Kruger, Dennis & Lesa Kruger, Dana Wolthuizen, Crystal Rodger, Joe Kuiper, John Van Gorp, Randy Fonkert, Chuck Missman and Bekah Porter.

- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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 –
Middle School: Northwest Iowa Honor Band Members - Oliver Hickman, Kori Kruger (St. Patrick's), Tara Schwarz, Shelby Vogel, Erin Abele, Alexis Bart (St. Patrick's), and Carlee McGuire; Mock Trial - Joelle Brown, Jackie Klein, Shelby Vogel, Josh Van Kekerix, Ben Meendering, Brittany St. Clair, Jordan Dykstra, Caleb Popkes, Joe Kuiper, Brandon Frick, Katie Jongewaard, Dana Wolthuizen, Jenna Kruger, Crystal Rodger, Nicole Van Beek, Erin Abele, and Korrie Merley; 7th Boys Basketball - Mitch McDonald, Joe Kuiper, Alex Drenkow, Zach Kleinwolterink, Anthony Strouth, Adam Gustafson, Andrew Sterk, Travis Nelson, Charles Rassel, Brandon Frick, Bruce McWilliams, Trevor Johnson, Jeremy Sheriff, Cody Hatting, Chad Den Hartog, Austin Van Beek, Cody Mayer, Ryan Peterson, Griffin Goode, and Allen DeGoei; 8th Boys Basketball - Cody Schmith, Ryan Lode, Blake Koedam, Josh Van Kekerix, Dakota Boerhave, Kyle Rensink, Nick Vanden Berg, Brandon Bousema, Oliver Hickman, Nic Vust, Greg Marshall, Mikeal Cooper, Chris Blankers, Brandon Wolfswinkel, Kris Van Gent, Jordan Dykstra, Tomas Weishuhn, Ben Meendering, Toby Lo, Daniel Westphalen, Austin Johnson, Caleb Popkes, and Nathan Eschenbach. **High School:** The Girl's Volleyball Team has had a very successful season this year. The members are: Seniors - Jennifer Brock, Alexa Groff, Liz Mueting, Anna Sciegienka, Kayla Van Wyk, Kellie Vust, Lauren Yenser, and Allison Youngers; Juniors - Amanda Meester; Sophomores - Brittany Boerhave, Christine Cain, Becca Fisher, and Keesha Simington; Freshman - Liz Ihnen and Rachel Ihnen. The Musical Cast is: Chairman of the Music Hall Royale - Derek Wallinga; Edwin Drood - Amalie Appleton; Uncle John Jasper - Brandon Lenderink;

Edwin's fiancée Rosa Bud - Katie Rensink; Reverend Crisparkle - Aaron Van Gorp; Neville Landless - Evan Ascherl; Helena Landless - Kayla Olson; Princess Puffer - Maren Larson; Durdles - Craig Blankers; and Bazzard - Chris DeVries. Assistant directors - Kelsey Heitritter, Kelsey Plagman, and Stephanie Youngers. 2006-2007 NHS Officers: President: Justin Kuiper; Vice President: Nathan Mueting; Secretary: Kayla Van Wyk; Treasurer: Liz Mueting. The Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Teams: Senior Girls - Carissa Holtrop, Kayla Olson, and Ana Ciric; Junior Girls - Stephanie McWilliams, Elise Wolthuizen, Brittany Mosier, and Cassandra Wurpts; Sophomore Girl - Kaitlin Fiddelke; Senior Boys - Kris Tatsumi, Nathan Mueting, and Andrew Ascherl; Junior Boys - Tyler Glass, Todd Boone, and Travis Glass; Sophomore Boys - Tyler Drenkow, Clayton McGuire, Ben Groen, Dustin Elgersma, Jesse Wielenga, and Taylor Zoelle; Freshman Boys - Nathan Holles and Kace Groff.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board, "Before Responding To Lies, Rumors, And Accusations", Vol. 30, Number 12, was included in the Board Packet.
2. The Board, "Conditions That Lead To Great Board-Superintendent Relationships", Vol. 30, Number 13, 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 Dolan, Cherish and Dallas Granstra for allowing the 7th & 8th Grade boys from the Sheldon Christian School to participate in the 7th & 8th Grade football program at the Middle School.

C. Board Member Reports - None

Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Kathy Brock to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, 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.
- 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: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING - None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee – None
- B. Special -

1. Middle School Future Problem Solving - The 7th Grade team of Nicole Van Beek, Jenna Kruger, Dana Wolthuizen, and Crystal Rodger, along with Joe Kuiper, attended the National Competition held in Colorado this last summer. They told of their experiences at the competition and also the trip to Colorado.

2. Vocational Agriculture/FFA Farm Program Report - Gene Bomgaars showed a presentation on the farm, and told of his trip to the National FFA Convention held at Indianapolis, IN in October of this year.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory stated that the Elementary School had started a Chess Club, and the first day there were a lot of students participating in the club.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. Barwick explained the change in the dismissal, and how it was safer for the students.
3. High School - Mr. Mueting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. The musical went well.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and updated the Board on the number of co-curricular participants who had failing grades for the first quarter. He also compared the current numbers with the prior three years.

At 9:22 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp declared a short recess.

At 9:31 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

5. Superintendent

- a. Certified/BEDS Enrollment Update - The Superintendent explained the updated enrollment figures to the Board.
- b. FINE Foundation Invitational Working Conference - The Superintendent, a member of this conference, shared with the Board about the conference.
- c. United States Naval Academy Educator Visit - Sherrie Zeutenhorst and the Superintendent visited the Naval Academy on November 6-9, 2006. Sherrie told the Board what they had seen, and how disciplined the academy students were.
- d. Tax Increment Financing - The Superintendent explained the workings of TIF. The Superintendent also explained that with the value of the TIF projects, the District's taxpayers are paying in excess of \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed valuation to offset the diverted taxes.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 100-103, School District and Policies 500-502.1, Students (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to pass these policies. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - None
- B. Resignations - None
- C. Contract(s) – None
- D. Discuss the 2007-2008 School Calendar - The Superintendent distributed a proposed School Calendar for the 2007-08 school year. The calendar has a start date of August 15, 2007, and end date of May 16, 2008. This is for discussion only, and no action is needed at this time.
- E. Consider At-Risk Allowable Growth Budget Application - The Superintendent recommends approval of this application. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by

Kecia Hickman to approve this application request. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- F. Consider School Budget Review Committee Allowable Growth Application - This is not a tax increase, only authorization for an increase in the District's spending authority. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve this application. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Designate Board Negotiation Team Representatives - In prior years Gary Ihnen and Kathy Brock have served as Board representatives on the Negotiation Team. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to have Gary Ihnen and Kathy Brock continue as Board Representatives. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Board Policy Review - Policies 502.2-503.1R2, 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.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Early Bird/Annual Convention, November 15-17, 2006, Des Moines.
- B. IASB ABLE II: The Board's Role in Establishing and Reaching High Expectations, December 6, 2006, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Sheldon
- C. IASB Legislative Conference, January 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 10:16 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.