

## SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 14, 2007

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:00 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order in the High School Library. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Harlan Bousema, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kathy Brock. Visitors: Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Darrell Sneiderman, Marv Van Riesen, Scott Wynja, John Doely and Bekah Porter.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 Student Recognition-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball:** Sarah Blankers, Alexis Bart, Jessica Behrens, Jen Brown, Kelsey Buyert, Rachel Cain, Abbie Gesink, Alyssa Jensen, Tristen Klein, Kori Kruger, Abigail Lammers, Liz O'Clair, Lindsey Otis, Olamae Megason, Alesha Provost, Brittany St. Clair, Tara Schwarz, Amber Smit, Kelly Van Wyk; Managers-Shelby Vogel, and Joelle Brown. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball:** Erin Abele, Jessica Albers, Nancy Arizmendi, Megan Boone, Shelby Burns, Kelsey Cutsinger, Miranda Eschenbach, Kellie Goedken, Chelsea Hakeneis, Michelle Fischer, Shelby Houtsma, Emily Jansen, Hannah Jinkinson, Katie Jongewaard, Kelly Kobbe, Jenna Kruger, Carlee McGuire, Ashley Meyer, Lindsey Nilles, Alesha Pulscher, Crystal Rodger, Meranda Schwarz, Sara Stegemann, Brittney Thompson, Nicole Van Beek, Paige Van Wyk, Jocie Wollmuth, Brenda Zybarth, Korrie Merley, and Dana Wolthuizen. **7/8 Wrestling:** Spencer Hansen, Alex Drenkow, Adam Gustafson, Austin Van Beek, Judd Andringa, Travis Nelson, Spencer Tischer, Anthony Strouth, Joe Kuiper, Chris Granstra, Kaleb Van Ginkel, Mike Schilling, Griffin Goode, Michael Lovan, Bruce McWilliams, Ryan Dodge, Ben Huff, Mitch McDonald, Austin Steffen, Nathan Mordick, Cody Hatting, Ryan Mordick, Zach Kleinwolterink, Cody Mayer, and Jeremy Sheriff. **Science Fair Winners:** \*1<sup>st</sup> place – Ben Huff, and Greg Marshall; \*2<sup>nd</sup> place – Joelle Brown, and Kelsey Buyert; \*3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tomas Weishuhn, and Toby Lo. \* Will attend the State Science Fair in Ames in late March. Honorable Mentions: Shelby Vogel, Sarah Blankers, Mikeal Cooper, Blake Koedam, Kelly Van Wyk, Brittany St. Clair, Amy Wilson, Lyndsie Meinecke, Ashlee McDonald, Lindsey Otis, Chris Blankers, Oliver Hickman, Ben Meendering, and Michael Lovan. **Young Music Inventor Fair Winners:** Kayla Johnson, Olivia DeKok, Garrett Lang, Christina DeKok. Trophy Winner for the Best Invention in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade was Olivia DeKok. **Future Problem Solving Participants:** Erin Abele, Nicole Van Beek,

Joe Kuiper, Jenna Kruger, Crystal Rodger, Korrie Merley, Kaitlin Jongewaard, Dana Wolthuizen, Joelle Brown, Shelby Vogel, and Brittany St. Clair. **Regional and State Spelling Bee Participants:** Vanessa Staples - 1<sup>st</sup> place at local bee; Kayla Johnson - 2<sup>nd</sup> place at local bee; Caleb Popkes - 3<sup>rd</sup> place at local bee; 1<sup>st</sup> place at regional bee; and will attend state bee on March 3 in Des Moines. **High School Student Recognition-Honor Roll:** The following students earned a grade point average of 4.00 for the first semester of 2006-07. **Seniors:** David Doely, Stephen Kirschbaum, Justin Kuiper, Brandi Maae, Nathan Mueting, Kevin Murphy, Kimberly Rozeboom, Anna Sciegienka and Stephanie Youngers. **Juniors:** Kristopher Weaver. **Sophomores:** Justin Balster, Kelsey Bruns, Andrew Dykstra, Becca Fischer, Andrew Goeb, Anthony Rodger, Ryan Warnke and Corbin Weaver. **Freshmen:** Anne Bomgaars, Amy Den Hartog, Megan Elgersma, Katie Getting, Nathan Holles, Rachel Ihnen, Sara Kinderknecht, Sebastian Sciegienka and Kelsey Sterk. The following students earned a grade point average of 3.667 to 3.999 for the first semester of 2006-07. **Seniors:** Andrew Ascherl, Craig Blankers, Jacob Crowl, Tyler Feddersen, Kelsey Heitritter, Elizabeth Mueting, Charlie Nelson, John Nieuwenhuis, Kayla Olson, Kelsey Plagman, Mandi Rodger, Nathan Rozeboom, Kenton Schroder, Kristopher Tatsumi, Michael Ten Clay, Kayla Van Wyk, Schuyler Vreeman, Kellie Vust, Chris Wagner, Clarissa White and Allison Youngers. **Juniors:** Amalie Appleton, Jill Bomgaars, Rachel DeGoei, Michelle Groen, Stacey Honkomp, Rachel Hulstein, Kevin Huss, Joshua Ihnen, Jared Johnson, Stephanie McWilliams, Katie Pruiksma, Lindsay St. Clair, Elise Wolthuizen and Cassandra Wurpts. **Sophomores:** Kristine Arnold, Melissa Barron, Christine Cain, Garrett Crowl, Christopher DeVries, Benjamin Groen, Leah Heibult, Amanda Klein, Elizabeth Meyer, Emily Palacek, Daniel Ridenour, Keesha Simington, Samantha Skaar, Kurtis Van Gent, Sarah Wahlstrom and Taylor Zoelle. **Freshmen:** Tara Boone, Kace Groff, Mackenzie Gustafson, Kendra Hall, Elizabeth Ihnen, Michael Kirschbaum, Connor Larson, Cassandra Lukkes, Andrew Marshall, Kellie Merley, Marisa Robideau, Graeme St. Clair, Kyle Van Drie, Nathan Vos, Jordan Whitsell, Megan Whitsell and Taylor Zeutenhorst. The following students earned a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.666 for the first semester of 2006-07 – **Seniors:** Jennifer Brock, Nicole Bruns, Sarah Chambers, Paul Claar, Megan Clark, Kayla Doorenbos, Alexa Groff, Carissa Holtrop, Kelsey Ketcham, Elizabeth Krogman, Maren Larson, Kelli Lemke, Brandon Lenderink, Eric Meinecke, Corey Pottebaum, Lesley Roos, Nicholas Tanner, Tara Tischer, Cody Van Drie, Amanda Vander Plaats, Johanna Varner, Derek Wallinga, Theodore Wood and Pakou Yang. **Juniors:** Hilary Adkins, Kyle Ahlers, Daniel Anderson, Jason Blankers, Joel Boender, Matthew DeJong, Andrew DeVries, Travis Glass, Tyler Glass, Samantha Goedken, Kyle Huss, Kimberly Imhoff, Carter Kleinwolterink, Katie Knight, Kurtis Kruger, Ashley Mastbergen, Erin Nielsen, John Oldenkamp, Logan Robideau, Samantha Roder, Jessica Roos, Justin Techen, Jodi Van Gorp, Jordyn Vogel, Cassandra Wolthuizen and Bradley Youngs. **Sophomores:** Samantha Albers, Katie Beldt, Brittany Boerhave, Beth DeWaay, Dustin Elgersma, Felicia Feekes, Karyssa Houtsma, Jill Kobbe, Tylene Kreykes, Matt Krogman, Anthony Lo, Kelley McCarty, Nicholas Meendering, Jordan Rector, Samuel Storm, Delaney Story, Aaron Van Gorp, Ashley Wagner and Nick Youngers. **Freshmen:** Evan Ascherl, Michael DeBates, Taylor DeKok, Bret Doorenbos, Jared Fedders, Allie Gorter, Mason Gustafson,

Schuyler Holtrop, Alexandria Hunt, John Laubach, Brittany Maae, Kevin Meinecke, Karissa Meyer, Nicholas Mordick, Tyler Palmer, Morgan Poppema, Dillon Postma and Christopher Wiarda. The following students have shown the most improvement in their grade point averages. This comparison was from the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2005-06 school year to the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2006-07 school year. **Seniors:** Daniel Groen, Stephanie Reisma, Nathan Rozeboom, Neil Schettler and Theodore Wood. **Juniors:** Amanda Gross, Kimberly Imhoff, Carter Kleinwolterink, Casey Schuetz and Ashley Steffen. **Sophomores:** Kara Johnson, Devon Kruger, Kelley McCarty, Sarah Movick and Brianna Vogelaar. **Mock Trial Participants:** Ashley Griffin, Stephanie McWilliams, Kim Imhoff, KC Weaver, Kara Johnson, Mandy Klein, Christine Cain, Kurtis Van Gent, Ashley Wagner, Corbin Weaver, Samantha Skaar, Taylor Zoelle, Nathan Holles, Chelsey Olson, Cassandra Lukkes and Kevin Meinecke. Darrell Sneiderman said that Amanda Henning was a participant in the State Piano Contest.

- b. District Staff - Les Douma, from NW AEA, congratulated Joe Muetting on being selected as the representative for the old AEA 4 District, as Secondary Principal of the Year. Mr. Douma said that Mr. Muetting was one of the three finalists for the State Secondary Principal as chosen by the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI).

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "Six Actions That Will Undermine Your Credibility," Volume 30, Number 18 was included in the Board Packet.
- b. "The Most Important Personnel Question You Can Ask," Volume 30, Number 19 was included in the Board Packet.
- c. Northwest AEA Board Briefs, from the January 15, 2007 meeting, were included in the Board Packet.

C. Board Member Reports

1. IASB Legislative Conference - Superintendent Spears said that it was well attended. Kathy Brock and Superintendent Spears attended from Sheldon. Mr. Spears said that all 99 counties in the State of Iowa have passed the Local Option Sales Tax.
2. IASB ABLE Meeting-February 7, 2007 - Held in Sheldon, attended by Harlan Bousema, Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Robin Spears.

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

#### IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings –Change in the minutes: There is a change in the minutes of the January 10, 2007 Special Meeting. The Farm Bureau Agent is Randy Kruse, not Randy Clark. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the corrected minutes. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Summary List of Bills – Gary Ihnen reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

**VI. REPORTS**

A. Committee – None

B. Special - None

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – The Elementary School report was included in the Board Packet.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. The Middle School has five groups registered for the History Day Competition. The IASB School Law Conference talked about cyber bullying, and gave information on technology. The Middle School Jazz Band placed 5th out of 20 schools in the contest held in Sioux City. All Sheldon Middle School Jazz Band soloists received Soloist Awards.
3. High School - Mr. Mueting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. At the IASB School Law Conference there was discussion concerning cell phones, and the problems that schools are having with them. Mr. Mueting said that the High School Student Leadership Team does a great job helping him with some of the areas of concern at the High School.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and stated that the Dance Team night has been changed, and there are four teams coming to participate. The Show Choir got second in their class. Mr. Sneiderman also reviewed the no pass no play rules, and the effect it is having.
5. Superintendent -
  - a. State Aid Reduction for Juvenile and Foster Child Programs - Mr. Spears explained that every school in Iowa pays to support these programs by the State reducing each school's state aid.
  - b. John N. and Irene E. Bowers Scholarship Update - Superintendent Spears said that, hopefully this week, the money should be transferred to the Sheldon Community School District. The amount will be around \$600,000, and we will know what the money is invested in after the transfer is complete.

Mrs. McCrory arrived.

- c. TIF/Amendment of Sheldon Urban Renewal District - Superintendent Spears reviewed the meeting that he had with Scott Wynja and Ron Rensink. Marv Van Riesen addressed the Board, and said that we shouldn't be against TIF. The Fieldcrest building had tax abatement for 15 years. Marv said that the Board represents more than just the City of Sheldon patrons, and would like to have the District take a stand and issue a statement concerning TIF. Scott Wynja addressed the Board, and answered the question of when does a project get removed from TIF. Scott said that as soon as the debt is paid and the property is generating tax dollars, a TIF District is returned to the tax rolls. The City of Sheldon is taking a proactive approach on paying off the TIF Districts.

Gary Ihnen said that using TIF to fund the pool is a fundamental shift in the use of TIF funds. Dan Van Gorp said that it is not the role of the Board to tell the City of Sheldon how to fund a project, or how the use TIF. We need a better understanding of the long term plans for TIF. Harlan Bousema said that both the City of Sheldon and the Sheldon Community School District will benefit if we both work together.

- d. Instructional Decision Making Grant - The District has received a grant through Northwest AEA in the amount of \$10,000. One of the ways that this grant will be used is to develop a model for determining who should be receiving Special Education. Mrs. McCrory will be the District point of contact for this grant.
- e. Preliminary Aid & Levy/Budget Certification Information- Superintendent Spears included the preliminary figures, but the Aid & Levy cannot be completed until the District receives the amount of State Income Tax paid in the District for 2005. This figure will come from the State.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 504.4 thru 507.3E3, Students (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have changes made so both the policies and the handbook match. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. 2007-08 High School Registration Booklet (2nd Reading)  
Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the 2007-08 High School registration booklet. Roll call vote: 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 applications for Rachel Williams to Open Enroll into the Sheldon District, and for Alexander Van Kalsbeek to Open Enroll into the MOC-Floyd Valley District. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve these applications. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - Rebecca Lundblad has resigned her Elementary School teaching position at the end of the current school year. Mrs. Lundblad has taught at the Sheldon District for 30 years. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the resignation, and thank Mrs. Lundblad for her service to the Sheldon District. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the following contracts be issued:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Ruth Vogel	Special Education Instructional Associate 6.5 hours per day	\$8.25/Hour
Brad Zeutenhorst	Head Baseball Coach - 2007	\$4,487 **
Gene Bomgaars	9th Grade Baseball Coach - 2007	\$2,244 **
Kris Groff	MS Baseball Coach - 2007	\$1,556 **
Wayne Wallinga	MS Baseball Coach - 2007	\$1,556 **
Larie Sterk	Head Softball Coach - 2007	\$4,487 **
Erin Youngers	Asst. Softball Coach - 2007	\$2,992 **

Michele Hoogers	MS Softball Coach - 2007	\$1,556 **
Erica Wassenaar	MS Softball Coach - 2007	\$1,556 **

\*\* = Coaching salary will be adjusted after the negotiated contract has been finalized between the Sheldon Community School District and the Sheldon Education Association. Still need an Assistant Baseball Coach and a 9th Grade Softball Coach. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to issue the contracts. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Nay; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Request to Attend Out-of-State Conference - Request for Jay Joersz, Elementary School Guidance Counselor, and Mary Kay Todd, Middle School Guidance Counselor to attend a conference on working with students who have behavioral disorders, that it being held in Kansas City, MO. Estimated cost is \$1,600 for both staff members. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Set Date for Board/Administrative Work Session - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to have the work session on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Board Policy Review - Policies 507.4-508.4, Students and Policies 601-603.9R1, Education Program (1st Reading). Motion by Gary Ihnen and Kecia Hickman to pass these policies to their second reading. There was discussion concerning setting up procedures due to late starts. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. IASB ABLE ICN Meeting - Community Relations, Media Relations, Legislative Advocacy, Tuesday, February 27 or Wednesday, February 28 or Thursday, March 1.
- 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 6:15 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.