

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 10, 2007

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 5:34 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, Wade Campbell, Chuck Missman and Bekah Porter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –Superintendent Spears added Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on December 13, 2006, The Initial Proposal from the Sheldon Education Association, to the Minutes of Past Meetings for Approval, and also some information reports under the Superintendent's Reports. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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 – Recognition was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Mueting said that Corbin Weaver and Sebastian Sciegienka had been invited by REP Steve King to join the first-ever Fifth District Congressional Youth Advisory Board.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board “Five Signs That It Is Time To Exit,” Volume 30, Number 16 was included in the Board Packet.
2. The Board, “Getting The Most From Outside Consultants,” Volume 30, Number 17 was included in the Board Packet.
3. Northwest AEA Board Briefs from the December 18, 2006 meeting were included in the Board Packet.

C. Board Member Reports - none.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

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

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING - None

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee – None

B. Special - None

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory showed the winning bookmarks from the Bookmark Contest held at East Elementary. Mrs. McCrory also said that she had been elected as President of the Children's World Board of Directors. Mrs. McCrory said that there was a Children's World construction meeting tomorrow. Francis Hiemstra is painting the existing rooms at Children's World, and they are colorful and clean looking.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. The mini computer labs have been set up in the pods and are being used. Existing computers were used for these labs.
3. High School - Mr. Muetting reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. A counter has been put on the Web Page/Parent Access, and is averaging 25-50 hits per day.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and stated that Linda Gude will help Mr. Van Gelder with the Show Choir.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. Gym Floors - The son of the Phillips Floor Company did a good job refinishing the MS-Gym floor. The HS-Gym is scheduled to be redone this summer starting on May 29, 2007, and will be closed for two weeks.
 - b. Inventory of Vehicles - The Superintendent explained the schedule that was distributed to the meeting attendees. The schedule shows the age and mileage of the District's vehicles.
 - c. IASB Legislative Conference - The Superintendent will attend the conference that will be held next Tuesday in Des Moines.
 - d. The Sheldon High School has received a letter of congratulations from the Iowa Association of School Boards for being selected to participate in the High School Project.
 - e. Property Tax Summary by County - The Superintendent distributed a schedule showing the valuation by county, and also the TIF valuations from 1996-97 to the present.
 - f. Update on the John Bower Scholarship - The Superintendent said that the paperwork had been sent off, and we haven't heard anything more.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 503.2 thru 505.3, Students (2nd Reading) - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to pass these policies. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - None
- B. Resignations - None
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the following contracts be issued:

Name	Position	Wage
Lori Meinecke	East Elementary Special Education Instructional Associate - 6 ½ Hours/Day	\$8.25/Hour
Jason Jackson	Substitute Bus Driver	\$14.52/Hour Reg. Route \$13.50/Hour Sp Ed/Act Rt.

- Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Kathy Brock to issue the contracts. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Authorize Participation in IASB Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to participate. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
 - E. Consider Purchase of School Bus - The District has received bids from School Bus Sales, for \$71,368 for a 65 passenger bus; Thomas Bus Sales, bid #1, \$73,018 for a 65 passenger bus; Thomas Bus Sales, bid #2, \$71,074 for a 71 passenger bus; and Hoglund Bus Company, \$69,985 for a 65 passenger school bus. The Superintendent recommends purchasing the 71 passenger school bus for \$71,074. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the school bus purchase as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
 - F. 2007-08 High School Registration Booklet (1st Reading) - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Harlan Bousema to pass to the second reading. There was discussion, and Mr. Muetting explained the changes. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
 - G. Board Policy Review - Policies 505.4-507.3E3, Students (1st Reading). Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to pass these policies to their second reading. There was discussion and suggested changes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
 - H. Contract between Northwest Iowa Community College and Sheldon Community School District for College Credit Jointly Administered Courses for Class Size Projects With Addendum, 2006-07 Academic 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.

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 6:57 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:03 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 7:23 p.m. the Board came out of closed session and left.