

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 12, 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. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Harlan Bousema, Kathy Brock, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Darrell Sneiderman, John Doely and Bekah Porter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –The Superintendent added one item of information under the Superintendent's Report. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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: -Two 6th grade math teams will participate in the Math Bee in Boyden on March 15. The teams, sponsored by Mr. Hillary, are Team #1 – Will DeKok, Nancy Phongkeo, Dallas Ennema, Josh Steffen, alternate Matt Dykstra, and Team #2 – Meghan Hartokolis, Grant Weaver, Alexa Wallace, Cameron Bauer, and alternate Audrey Gustafson. The 7th grade math bee teams are sponsored by Mrs. Woelber, and will compete on March 29 in Boyden. The teams are: Team #1 – Katie Jongewaard, Bruce McWilliams, Kellie Goedken, Praseuth Yang, alternate Alesha Pulscher, and Team #2 – Joe Kuiper, Paige Van Wyk, Brandon Frick, Jessica Albers, and alternate Korrie Merley. The Future Problem Solving individual participants this year included Dana Wolthuizen, Erin Abele, Nicole Van Beek, and Joe Kuiper. Dana Wolthuizen placed 4th in the state and Joe Kuiper was 5th. The 2007 Middle School Jazz Band participants are: ALTO SAXOPHONE - Kori Kruger, Katie Jongewaard and Ryan Peterson. TENOR SAXOPHONE - Carlee McGuire, Nicole Van Beek and Kaitlin Dagele. BARITONE SAXOPHONE - Adam Gustafson. TRUMPET - Cody Schmith, Sean Heronemus, Blake Koedam, Daniel Westphalen, Chris Blankers, Andrew Sterk, Jessica Albers and Sara Stegemann. TROMBONE - Brittany St. Clair, John Varner, Cody Mayor, Brandon Wolfswinkel and Brandon Bousema. PIANO - Joe Kuiper, Kelsey Buyert and Paige Van Wyk. GUITAR - Nic Vust. BASS - Oliver Hickman. DRUMS - Kris Van Gent, Joe Kuiper, Griffin Goode, Nate Hartokolis, Benjamin Meendering, Korrie Merley, Lyndsie Meinecke and Alex Drenkow. High School: Congratulations to Taylor Zoelle who placed 5th in the Iowa Future Problem Solving Scenario. Congratulations to Justin Kuiper on being selected as a National Merit Finalist. State Science Fair participants are: Seniors - Alexa Groff, Cody Van Drie and Brandon McCuddin. Sophomore - Brittany Boerhave, Becca Fischer, Keesha Simington, Liz Meyer, Samantha Skaar, Kurtis Van Gent, Christine Cain and Aaron Van Gorp. Freshmen - Kace Groff, Sebastian Sciegienka, Adam Nilles, Michael DeBates and Andrew

Marshall. Mock Trial Students: Seniors - Ashley Griffin. Juniors - Stephanie McWilliams, Kim Imhoff and KC Weaver. Sophomores - Kurtis Van Gent, Kara Johnson, Taylor Zoelle, Corbin Weaver, Mandy Klein and Christine Cain. Freshmen - Mason Gustafson and Nathan Holles. Kelsey Sterk won the Regional History Day Competition, and qualifies for the State History Day.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "Why You Must Build Trust With Every Meeting," Volume 30, Number 20 was included in the Board Packet.
- b. "Six Questions To Ask Before Adopting The Budget," Volume 30, Number 21 was included in the Board Packet.
- c. Northwest AEA Board Briefs, from the February 9, 2007 meeting, were included in the Board Packet.

C. Board Member Reports - None.

Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 February 14, 2007 Regular Meeting. On Item III C (2), Kathy Brock also attended the IASB ABLE meeting held in Sheldon on February 7, 2007. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the corrected minutes. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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 – Dan Van Gorp reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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 – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report. Kindergarten registration is going well.
 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. The 3rd Qtr Office Referrals were about the same as in previous quarters, except for cell phone violations. Attendance was the highest in the last 5 years.
 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. Sheldon will be hosting the District Track Meet this year.

5. Superintendent -
 - a. Health Insurance Program Update - Superintendent reviewed the various plans for both the two tier and four tier plans and the corresponding premiums.
 - b. EMC Safety Group Insurance Program Dividend - The District has received a dividend of \$13,748.08 from IASB and EMC.
 - c. John N. and Irene E. Bowers Scholarship Update - The transfer of funds to the Edward D. Jones office in Sheldon has been completed. Will determine the scholarship amount in April, 2007. Applications to go to the students tomorrow with a return date of April 1, 2007.
 - d. Preliminary FY 08 Budget Information - The Superintendent reviewed the revised Aid & Levy sheets with the Board. The sheets had been revised after the March 7, 2007 Board Work Session.
 - e. Lakes Conference Update - The Superintendent updated the Board on the request by Sergeant Bluff - Lutton to join the Lakes Conference.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 507.4 thru 508.4, Students and 601 thru 603.9R1, Education Program (2nd Reading) - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve these polices. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received applications for Katlyn Elbon, and Nicholas Elbon to Open Enroll into the MOC-Floyd Valley District; Wyatt Klaahsen to Open Enroll into the Sioux Center District; and for Jenna Maggert to Open Enroll into the George-Little Rock District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these applications. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - Pam Grove has resigned her Elementary School teacher associate position at the end of the current school year. Pam has been with the Sheldon District for 28 years. Ilse Hansen has also resigned her Elementary School teacher associate position at the end of the current school year. Ilse has been with the Sheldon District for 12 years. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to accept the resignations, and thank Pam and Ilse for their service to the Sheldon District. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the following contract be issued:

Name	Position	Wage
Kent De Zeeuw	Assistant HS Baseball Coach	\$2,992**

** = Coaching salary will be adjusted after the negotiated contract has been finalized between the Sheldon Community School District and the Sheldon Education Association.

- Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to issue the contract. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Consider Annual Application for Renewal of Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity (High School Wrestling Sharing Agreement with South O'Brien CSD). Motion by Gary

- Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Designate Lawn Care Provider for Summer 2007 - Superintendent has received bids from both Meyer Lawn Care and Jeff's Lawn Care. Superintendent recommends Meyer Lawn Care. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the use of Meyer Lawn Care for the Summer of 2007. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Set Date for FY08 Budget Hearing and Certification - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Harlan Bousema to hold the April Board Meeting on April 9, 2007 starting at 7:00 p.m., and to hold the Budget Hearing on April 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye, Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Consider Resolution For Continued Participation in the EMC Safety Group Insurance Program - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to continue to participate in this program. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Ratify Tentative PPEL Expenditure Plan - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to ratify the expenditure plan as presented by the Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. East Elementary School Facilities Advisory Committee - The purpose of this committee will be to work in conjunction with an architect to develop plans to meet the facility needs of East Elementary. Once appointed, the committee will begin working with Jenni McCrory, Jim Ruble, and the Superintendent to determine the needs for East Elementary, look at a long-range plan, develop building specs and plans, and then present the information to the Board of Education. Committee members include: Steve & Amber Van Kekerix, Brian & Jill Van Meeteren, Stewart & Niki Cooper, Jeff & Angie DeVries, Scott & Susan Lichty, Craig & Kelli Klatt, Dave & Shelly Serrano, Brian & Mindy Albrecht, Don & Noelle Fjeld, Derek & Robyn Johnson, Matt & Jody Radke, Jeff & Myrna Wagner, Jay Joersz, Pam Thornton, Joan Whitsell, Wendy Roder, Anna Van Gorp, Kristie Simonsen, Keri Statema, Angie Lickhart, Jenni McCrory, Tony Haning, Patty Haden, Marv Van Riesen, and Glen Goedken. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the committee members. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Authorize Transfer of Investment for a Portion of the John and Irene Bowers Scholarship Fund - Superintendent recommends transferring \$137,817 from a Tax-Free Money Market Fund to a Taxable Money Market Fund. This transfer would increase the earnings on this investment, since the school district is tax exempt and would not have to pay taxes on the earnings. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the transfer. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Board Policy Review - Policies 603-10 - 605.3R1, Education Program (1st Reading) - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

X. ADJOURN

At 6:22 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adjourn. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 6:25 p.m. The Board entered a 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 6:52 p.m. The Board came out of the closed session and left.