

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SHELDON, IOWA  
FY 07 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING  
MAY 30, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Harlan Bousema, Kecia Hickman, Kathy Brock, Gary Ihnen, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Guests: Marv Van Riesen, Jim DeJong, Merlyn Kruse, Scott Wynja, Kurt Tatsumi, Rod Fonkert, and Bekah Porter.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING -

At 5:31 p.m., Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kathy Brock to open the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

A. Amendment of Current Budget (Fiscal Year 2006-07) Superintendent reviewed the current budget spending limits by category, and explained why it was necessary to amend the budget for the current school year. Superintendent noted that there will be no increase in taxes. District has received no written or oral objections to, or statements in favor of, the proposed amendment. Merlyn Kruse questioned why the re-estimate that was used for the 2007-08 Certified Budget, didn't match the proposed Amended Budget in the Support Services area. The Superintendent explained that the re-estimate was done in March 2007, and the Amendment was done in May 2007, and during that time the expenses changed. Hearing no further questions or objections, President Dan Van Gorp asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 5:35 p.m. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to close the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

4. ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to adopt the amendment to the current budget. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

5. CONTRACTS - The Superintendent recommends that the following contracts be issued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Connie Van Meeteren	Increase Teaching Contract From ½ time to full-time position	\$48,055
Adam Orban	7-12 Vocal Music; Co-Curricular Vocal Music; Market Factor Pay of \$6,000 over a three year period.	\$42,495

Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Harlan Bousema to issue the contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

6. DISCUSS INDOOR POOL FACILITY - The Superintendent stated that the District has discussed needs for a Wrestling/Weight Room, and an additional Girls Locker Room. The question is should we convert the pool to a Wrestling/Weight Room? Do we consider this? Do we want to get additional information to

see if this is feasible? Scott Wynja said that the City had hoped for a bid opening on the demolition by July 2, 2007. Gary Ihnen asked Scott Wynja to provide specifics on the evaluations and proposed cost of the refurbishing of the pool. Scott Wynja to give the pool feasibility and asbestos study to Superintendent Spears. Superintendent Spears said that the estimated square footage of the Weight and Wrestling Room was between \$6,000 and \$9,000 depending on the configuration. Harlan Bousema asked what the condition of the HVAC in the building is. Scott Wynja/Superintendent Spears said that the HVAC probably will need to be replaced. Kathy Brock asked where the asbestos was. Scott Wynja said in the roof. Gary Ihnen asked if there were any asbestos removal grants. Scott Wynja said there were none that they were aware of. Scott Wynja said the location of the future aquatic center needs to be worked out. Dan Van Gorp put the question to the Board - should we get cost estimates to remodel? Would it be feasible to have cost estimates by the June 12, 2007 Board Meeting? Kathy Brock - we will need the cost of remodeling and also operational costs in order to make a decision. Harlan Bousema asked if there was enough information now. Superintendent Spears said that the costs and studies available are to use the building as a pool, not anything else. Kathy Brock asked what the cost of a wall is, as the roof and all the HVAC, electrical, etc., will be removed. All that would be left would be walls. Dan Van Gorp said that the cost of remodeling needs to be compared to adding on to the High School. Dan Van Gorp asked for comments from the public, and asked them to limit their remarks. Marv Van Riesen said that the idea of the District accepting the building is absurd. The City doesn't want to spend the \$200,000 to remove the asbestos. The upkeep on the building would be expensive. Should consider the building of the addition at the Elementary school, the special needs areas and the gym is important. Feels that the mold, etc., in the pool would be a deterrent to the District. Merlyn Kruse was on the Rec Committee when the pool was started, and said that the utility costs for the first 6 months of the pool operation exceeded the budgeted amount for the year. Feels the District should reject the City's offer. Rod Fonkert said that the City is going to have a big expense in the demo of the building. Are they willing to share in the cost to remodel the building for the District's use? Feels that looking at costs to remodel not a bad idea. It just might make sense to look at costs, and to gather additional information. Jim DeJong said that if the building is converted to a weight/wrestling room it would be used by the wrestlers for practice. Where the meets would be held? We need a facility, and feels that it is better to build new even if the same cost as an old building and remodel. Dan Van Gorp asked if we want to seek additional information for remodeling, and will need the information by the June Board Meeting. Harlan Bousema says he is leery of the building, and is in favor of Jim Ruble getting additional information. Kecia Hickman agrees with Harlan Bousema, and asked what the benefit is to having a separate building. Gary Ihnen says the best thing to do is have Superintendent Spears get two proposals. One to build new, and one to remodel. General consensus is to seek data and bring back to the Board at the June meeting. Harlan Bousema asked what the coaches want.

7. INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY INFORMATION - Superintendent Spears to bring to the June Board Meeting for discussion and possible resolution.
8. ADJOURN - At 6:20 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.

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