

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHELDON, IOWA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 6, 2006

President Dan Van Gorp welcomed the guests, Board Members, and the press.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:10 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Harlan Bousema, Kecia Hickman, Kathy Brock, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: Gary Ihnen. Guests: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Cindy Prewitt, Scott Wynja, Bekah Porter.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

President Dan Van Gorp explained that the items on the agenda are not action items, and are for discussion only.

3. ACADEMIC/EDUCATION PROGRAM: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, CORE CURRICULUM, 9TH GRADE TRANSITION, 7-12 6-YEAR PLAN, AT-RISK PROGRAM, AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - Discussion

The Superintendent explained that the At-Risk program is in all three buildings, and that Parent/Teacher Conferences are also being held in all buildings. Mr. Mueting explained the proposed graduation requirement changes, the ideas and goals of the Math and Science programs.

At 5:17 p.m. Gary Ihnen arrived.

Mr. Mueting also discussed the Life Skills program and how it affects the incoming freshmen class. Mr. Mueting also explained that PE can't be waived by 9th Grade students. Also discussed were the vocational programs for the 9th Graders, and how they are exploring options for the 9th graders to take more vocational programs.

At 6:23 p.m. Dan Van Gorp announced a short break.

At 6:32 p.m. Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

Mr. Mueting also discussed the 9th Grade Transitional Workshop, and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

6. FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, AND GROUNDS: AREA NORTH OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING; LOCKER ROOMS/CONCESSION STAND/RESTROOMS AT THE FOOTBALL/TRACK COMPLEX; EAST ELEMENTARY BUILDING NEEDS - Discussion

Scott Wynja, City Manager, discussed some of the recreational options that the City of Sheldon is looking at and the possibility of working with the School District on sharing some in the construction and use of those facilities. Superintendent Spears discussed the needs of East Elementary. The needs are: different office facilities, a music room, transitional kindergarten room, a multi purpose room/gym. The needs at the High School are a second girl's locker room, and a weight room. Mr. Spears showed the Board a sketch of a proposed Halftime Room/Concession Stand/Shower/Locker Room/Storage Facility that is about 1,200 sq. ft., with an unofficial estimated cost of \$1,200,000. The estimated cost to convert both the home and visitor's bleachers at the football field, from wood to aluminum, and to place the visitor's bleachers on a concrete slab, would be around \$100,000.

At 8:00 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced that there would be a short break.

At 8:10 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the work-session.

The Superintendent explained that he had been discussing the proposed football field facility with the coaching staff, and will continue to work with them on what is best for a wrestling room, weight room, and a second locker room for girl's sports. Mrs. McCrory stated that the needs at East Elementary are four classrooms which would be used for Special Education, a custodial equipment storage area, and an area for the preschool program.

4. YEAR-AROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR - Discussion

The Superintendent stated that the Calendar Committee met on Monday and discussed the 2007-2008 calendar, and also problems that would need to be addressed with a Year-Around Calendar. Some of the problems discussed were Driver's Education, vacations, harvest and planting, 4H, State and County Fairs, and student employment in the summer for college expenses.

5. ACADEMIC STAFFING/BUDGET FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR - Discussion

The Superintendent said that it estimated that the District will receive approximately \$68,000 in new money next year. The District has received one confirmed resignation, and there is one additional resignation possible.

7. ATHLETIC TRAINER - Discussion

The Northwest Iowa Health Center (NIHC) would like to form a partnership with the District to pay for an athletic trainer, that would be at all practices and all home sports activities. Both the District and NIHC would pay approximately \$20,000 for the trainer. The Superintendent will get more information on what the other schools in the area and Lakes Conference do.

8. VEHICLE PURCHASE PLAN - Discussion

The Superintendent explained that the plan is to purchase a bus in the 2007-08 school year, a car in 2008-09, a bus in 2009-10, and a car in 2010-11.

9. MARKET FACTOR PAY - Discussion

The District will receive \$7,000. The Board needs to think on how to best use these funds. This is the first year of a 3-year funding.

10. EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN INSURANCE - Discussion

The Superintendent is to get a quote on this insurance.

11. ADJOURN

At 9:08 p.m., Motion by Kathy Brock & seconded by Gary Ihnen to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.