

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHELDON, IOWA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD - ADMINISTRATOR WORK SESSION

MARCH 7, 2007

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:34 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Harlan Bousema, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kathy Brock. Guests: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Joe Mueting, Darrell Sneiderman, Marv Van Riesen, 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; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, 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. AID AND LEVY WORKSHEET/BUDGET CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR 2007-08 - Discussion

The Superintendent stated that he had received the State Income Tax paid for 2005, and therefore was able to complete the Aid & Levy worksheets. Superintendent Spears also discussed the Cash Reserve, SBRC, Management and General areas of the worksheets. The Board thought that the preliminary figure on the Management Cash Reserve Levy should be reduced by \$25,000.

4. DISTRICT STAFFING FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: MARKET FACTOR PAY; ATHLETIC TRAINER; ACADEMIC PROGRAM STAFFING - The Superintendent, Administration and Board reviewed the current focus of the District. There was discussion on Special Education Issues, and other areas that need to be considered. There was discussion on cost saving strategies, and additional strategies that might help reduce the costs.

At 6:20 p.m. The meeting attendees stopped to eat the meal provided.

At 6:45 p.m. The meeting resumed, and was a working dinner.

At 7:35 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp stated there would be a short break.

At 7:45 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp resumed the meeting.

5. 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; GIRL'S LOCKER ROOM/WRESTLING ROOM/WEIGHT ROOM FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL; PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PLAN (PPEL); LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES - Discussion

The PPEL expenditure plan was reviewed, and will be presented to the Board at the next Board Meeting for approval. The building diagrams for both the Elementary and High Schools were looked at for which rooms would be scheduled for new carpet. There was discussion on the High School Library furniture, the High School Band Room acoustical and floor tiles. Also discussed were the Elementary playground, and the new tiles that will be installed to make the playground safer for the students. Wireless clocks for the High School were discussed. This would make the clocks in all the buildings wireless and the time would be set by the Atomic Clock. The payment of the facility needs was discussed as to whether to use bonds, Local Option Sales Tax, Voted Physical Plant Equipment Levy, or a combination of all three. The discussion will be continued after the costs and facility needs are decided. There was discussion of the football, baseball, softball fields and the area north of the Middle School. The Superintendent will work on purging the PPEL items from the Elementary School list. This will eliminate any duplication of needs. Jenni McCrory and Kecia Hickman to work with Children's World on a master facility plan for both the Elementary School and Children's World.

6. CONSIDER SETTING ANOTHER DATE FOR THE MARCH BOARD MEETING - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to move the March Board Meeting to Monday, March 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURN

At 9:30 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.