

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 12, 2008

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:31 p.m., Vice President Gary Ihnen called the meeting to order. Members present: Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Harlan Bousema, Glen Goedken, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Dan Van Gorp. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, Kim Buenger, Becky Tatsumi, Pam Thornton, Kathy Arnold and Bekah Porter.

Vice President Gary Ihnen welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board.

- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – None
2. Recognition

- a. Students – **Elementary School** -Haley Junger and Anna Marie Fjeld did well at the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Haley got first place and Anna Marie got second place at the local competition. Both went on to Cherokee on March 2 to compete in the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee. Haley got sixth place and Anna Marie got first place in the competition outlasting twenty other contestants. Anna Marie will be going to Ames on Sunday, April 6. **Middle School** - The Future Problem Solving individual participants this year included: Dana Wolthuizen, Erin Abele, Nicole Van Beek, Crystal Rodger, and Joe Kuiper. They each participated in Scenario Writing which required them to write a 1500 word essay solving one of four problems provided by FPS. Crystal Rodger placed fourth in the state with her entry. Our 8th grade team consisting of Crystal Rodger, Dana Wolthuizen, Jenna Kruger, and Nicole Van Beek took 2nd place in the region qualifying them for the state FPS Bowl in Decorah the last weekend in March. Congratulations to all of these girls! (Note: This is the same team who qualified for the international competition in Colorado two years ago.) Science Fair Winners: 1st Place - Zach Kleinwolterink; 2nd Place - Allen DeGoei and Praseuth Yang; 3rd Place - Alex Drenkow and Adam Gustafson. These students will attend the state science fair in Ames on March 28-29. Honorable mention at our local fair went to the teams of Dana Wolthuizen & Nicole Van Beek, Kellie Goedken & Katie Jongewaard, Jenna Kruger & Lindsey Nilles, Bruce McWilliams & Joe Kuiper, Erin Abele & Emily Jansen, Jessica Albers & Hannah Jinkinson and Brandon Frick & Nate Hartokolis. 6th Grade Math Bee: On March 11, two 6th grade Math Bee teams journeyed to the Demco Center in Boyden for the annual Northwest AEA Math Bee. This representatives this year are Bailey Buenger, Clinton Kolbeck, Benjamin Lichty and Brennan Vote on one team, with, Bethany Lenderink, Cody Schwarz and Marti Vogel on the other. Our two alternates are Emily Lidiak and Mackensy Radke. Mrs. Barwick said that the 6th Grade Math Team of Bailey Buenger, Clinton Kolbeck, Benjamin Lichty and Brennan Vote won 1st place, and

Katlyn Holtrop had received a medal. 7th Grade Math Bee: The 7th grade math bee will be held on March 27th, at the Demco Center in Boyden. This year fifteen 7th graders competed for a place on the team. Sheldon Middle School can take two teams. Each team consists of 4 members and one alternate. The math bee consists of 6 rounds, 5 individual rounds, and one team round. The individual rounds consist of: Number Sense, Operations, and Estimation; Patterns, Relations, and Functions, Geometry & Measurement; Statistics & Probability; and Ratio, Proportions, and Percents. This year's participants include: Jack Beahler, Toby Maggert, Meghan Hartokolis, Grant Weaver, Dallas Ennema, Audrey Gustafson, Jacob Ihnen, Will DeKok, Matt Dykstra, and Alexa Wallace. Congratulations to those competing! **High School** -The following students were named to the All-Conference team in their respective sports: Girl's Basketball – Katie Pruiksma – 2nd team; Brittany Boerhave – 2nd team; Amanda Meester – Honorable Mention; Boy's Basketball – Andy Dykstra – 1st team; Matt De Jong – 2nd team; Wrestling – Josh Ihnen, Chris Helms, Thor Klinker. The following students were named to the All-Conference Academic team in their respective teams: Girl's Basketball – Katie Pruiksma; Boy's Basketball – Matt De Jong, Kevin Huss, Logan Robideau, Jill Bomgaars, Kyle Huss – Honorable Mention; Nick Pulscher – Honorable Mention; Wrestling – Josh Ihnen, Thor Klinker, Brian Tjossem, KC Weaver, Kurt Kruger – Honorable Mention; Cheerleaders – Amalie Appleton, Rachel De Goei, Erin Nielsen, Jordyn Vogel, Cassandra Wurpts. Congratulations to the students who performed at District Individual Events Speech Contest at Akron-Westfield. 19 of our 34 performances will be going on to the state contest. Amalie Appleton, Katie Knight, Cassandra Wurpts, Chris DeVries, Mason Gustafson, and Sebastian Sciegienka will take BOTH of their performances to the state competition. In addition, Jordan Rector, Amanda Roush, Ashley Wagner, Nick Youngers, Cassie Lukkes, Graeme St. Clair, and Oliver Hickman will be performing at the state contest. Congratulations to the following FFA members for their placing at the FFA Leadership Contest held in Sibley: Jill Bomgaars - 1st Place Gold in Job Interview Competition; Anne Bomgaars, Cassie Lukkes, Ashley Klein, Reid Juelsgaard, Hayden Adkins, John Laubach, Joe Feekes – 4th Place in Conduct of Meetings (Demonstration of Parliamentary Law); Amanda Hay – silver rating in Creed Speaking . The following Sheldon High School students will be attending the State Science Fair in Ames, Iowa on the ISU Campus March 28th and March 29th: Brittany Boerhave, Keesha Simington, Becca Fischer, Christine Cain, Liz Meyer, Samantha Skaar, Jackie Klein, Kace Groff, Aaron Van Gorp, Ryan Warnke, Sam Storm, and Nathan Eschenbach. Superintendent Spears stated that the District had received a letter from the Iowa High School Speech Association saying that four entries were invited to present at the All State Speech Festival being held at UNI on March 31, 2008. The High School Show Choir received 2nd place in Class 2A at the contest at the University of South Dakota.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board
 - a. "Whose Agenda Should Prevail?" Volume 31, Number 21 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Implications Of Narrowing The Curriculum," Volume 31, Number 22 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Board Briefs-Northwest AEA - Minutes of the February 18, 2008 meeting.
3. Thank You Cards- None

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

C. Board Member Reports - None

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings –The minutes were from last month's Board Meetings and Teacher Quality Committee meeting. Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills - Harlan Bousema reviewed the bills this month. Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the bills for payment. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, 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 with the Board. Mrs. McCrory said that there had been a preschool meeting, and the consensus was that the four preschools will stay where they are. Still looking for the grant application to be available on the DE website. The elementary building committee met and hopes to have a final plan to present to the Board at next months Board Meeting. They will have another meeting in March. Jane Anema is working on a Physical Education Grant from the State.
 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report with the Board.
 3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report with the Board, and invited the Board to the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony being held on March 31, 2008 in the High School Auditorium. Mr. Meendering also reviewed the Regent Admission Index Score, and how it will impact those entering college. Some of the High School teachers visited with the 8th Graders about their classes, etc. The leak in the Band Room Music Storage Room hopefully has been fixed. The ceiling has been removed.
 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report with the Board, and also commented that of the 19 entries at Individual Speech, 18 of them received "1's", and 4 entries will be presenting at All-State Speech to be held at UNI on March 31, 2008. Show Choir received 2nd place in Class 2A at the contest at USD. Jill Bomgaars received a gold medal at the FFA Sub-District Leadership Contest held February 26, 2008 in Sibley. Spring sports have started. There are 32 girls and 68 boys out for track. Golf has 22 girls out and 21 boys.
 5. Superintendent -
 - a. Preliminary FY09 Budget Information - Superintendent Spears explained what changes had been made to the preliminary Aid & Levy Worksheets since the March 5, 2008 work session. He discussed the options on the cash reserve levy,

and asked the Board if they wanted to change it. The Board thought that it could be increased by \$15,000 - \$20,000. Superintendent Spears said that the cash reserve levy could be adjusted when we have the budget hearing, as there may be some changes in the requirements between now and the date of the budget hearing.

- b. 2008-09 Budget Reductions - The District needs to reduce the budget by about \$200,000. Some of this can be accomplished by using the Instructional Support Levy. The 1st grade can be reduced to three sections, Title I can be adjusted to the State receipts designated for Title I.
- c. Status of Negotiations - The SEA and the School District have reached a Tentative Agreement. The TA is for a three year contract, with raises of 3.5% for 2008-09, 3.6% for 2009-10 and 3.7% for 2010-11. The agreement has to be voted on by the SEA, and then approved by the Board before it becomes official. It is hoped to have the paperwork completed and ready for Board signature at the April 2008 meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 706.3 thru 711.9, Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services (2nd Reading) - Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these policies. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has an application for Jordan Ortega to attend the Sheldon District from the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn District. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept this application. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

The District has also received information only applications for Ian Kuehl and Savanna Knebel to attend the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn District from the Sheldon District.

- B. Resignations - None
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that a contract be issued to:

Name	Position	Wage
Nicole Freeman	Special Education Pre-School Instructional Associate – 3 hours/day	\$8.25/hour

Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to issue the contract per the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Middle School Projects - The District is still gathering pricing information on the projects, and will bring the recommendations to the Board at a later date.
- E. Consider Annual Application for Renewal of Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity (High School Wrestling Sharing Agreement with South O'Brien CSD) - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agreement. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Designate Lawn Care Provider For Summer 2008 - The Superintendent recommends that Meyer Lawn Care continue to be the lawn care provider for the summer of 2008. The price has been projected to be the same rate and hours as last year. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the Superintendent's

recommendation. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

- G. Set Date For FY09 Budget Hearing And Certification - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to set the date, time and location for the Budget Hearing to be April 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Board Policy 407.6 – Licensed Employee Severance Benefit - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to adopt this policy as presented. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Board Policy Review – Policies 800-804.4, Building and Sites, (1st Reading) - Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Glen Goedken to pass these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB School Law Conference, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., West Des Moines
- B. IASB District #1 Meeting, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sheldon will be hosting this meeting.
- C. IASB Human Resources Conference, Thursday, June 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Johnston.
- D. The Board will have their picture taken for the High School Annual before the April meeting.

X. ADJOURN

At 6:38 p.m., Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.