

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHELDON, IOWA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD - ADMINISTRATOR WORK SESSION

MARCH 5, 2008

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:31 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Glen Goedken, Harlan Bousema, Gary Ihnen, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kecia Hickman. Guests: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, Danene Miller, Leisl Lidiak and Bekah Porter.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

5:35 p.m. Kecia Hickman arrived.

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

3. FY09 BUDGET PLANNING- Discussion

Superintendent Spears presented the comparison Aid & Levy sheets and explained the highlighted line items. It is hoped to certify the budget at the April 2008 Board Meeting.

At 6:12 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced that there would be a short break.

At 6:20 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the work session.

5. PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT - Discussion

Jenni McCrory reviewed the application with the Board. Jenni talked about the visits and experiences of other schools that have the grant and what could be expected. Danene Miller and Leisl Lidiak, representing Children's World and Noah's Ark Preschool, explained the pre-school program from their perspective.

4. DISCUSS SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/PPEL EXPENDITURE PLAN - Discussion.

The Superintendent reviewed the June 30, 2008 estimated balances in the Middle School Construction, the PPEL Accounts and the Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST). Superintendent Spears also reviewed the schedule showing the anticipated revenues, expenditures and ending balance in the LOSST account after the 10-year life of the tax authorization. The building principals each talked about the needs in their buildings. There was discussion on the roof leak in the High School Band/Choir storage room that connects the Band room and the Choir room.

At 7:30 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced that there would be a short break.

At 7:41 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the work session

There are three big building issues at Sheldon Community School District. They are an addition to East Elementary, a concession/ticket/locker room/storage building by the football field, and a weight room/additional locker room at the High School. There is work being done by the KIDS committee on the preliminary ideas and plans at the elementary school. There has been some discussion, planning

and sketches done on the building by the football field. The High School Weight Room/Locker Room has been discussed, but there has not been any decision on which idea is the best.

6. EARLY RETIREMENT POLICY - Discussion

The Superintendent asked the Board what their wishes were as to an Early Retirement Policy. The Superintendent is to put a proposal together and bring to the Board at the March Board Meeting.

7. ADJOURN

At 8:15 p.m., the motion was made by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.