

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 15, 2007

President Dan Van Gorp welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board.

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 5:30 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Kathy Brock, Kecia Hickman, Harlan Bousema, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, Merlyn Kruse, Valerie Slyter and Bekah Porter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –Superintendent Spears added a couple of items under his report. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – None
2. Recognition
 - a. Students – Included in Board Packet.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board
 - a. “Six Things To Do Before Every Board Meeting,” Volume 31, Number 7 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Thank You Cards-none.

C. Board Member Reports - IASB Fiscal Management Conference-Attended by Gary Ihnen, Kathy Brock and Bill Borchers.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings –Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Dan Van Gorp reviewed the bills. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee – None

B. Special - None

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – The Elementary School report was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory said that the installation of the playground tiles was completed. There would be a Children's World construction meeting this week.
2. Middle School – The report was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. Barwick said that the Middle School had started the ORAB reading time.
3. High School - The report was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Meendering said that the library has been updated with new furniture paint and additional computers for students in the library.

V. PUBLIC HEARING –

A. Hearing on the Proposed Instructional Support Levy Resolution -

At 6:01 p.m. motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to open the public hearing. Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Spears explained the purpose of the Instructional Support Levy (ISL), and that the District was in the second year of the current 6 % rate. The Board is considering a five-year 10% rate Instructional Support Levy. The Levy will not be used for payment of salaries.

President Dan Van Gorp asked if there were any public comments. Merlyn Kruse came forward and addressed the Board. Mr. Kruse said that he had read the article in the paper, and had looked at the Budget that was certified in April and noticed that the current 6 % ISL generated about \$22,000, and wondered how much the 10% ISL would generate. Superintendent Spears explained how the State wasn't funding all it said it would fund, so the amount generated would not increase at the same rate as the ISL percentage increase. Mr. Kruse was also concerned about the increase in the value of the TIF property, and acknowledged that the Board couldn't do anything about the increase. Mr. Kruse thinks that the increased TIF valuation passes the tax rate to the non-TIF taxpayers.

President Van Gorp thanked Mr. Kruse for his comments and concerns. President Van Gorp asked if the District had received any verbal or written objections or support for the ISL. Superintendent Spears explained there had been none. President Van Gorp asked for a motion to close the hearing.

At 6:09 p.m. motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to close the hearing. Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

B. Resolution to Participate in the Instructional Support Program -

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to participate in the Instructional Support Program for five (5) years at a rate that will be determined annually, and will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district costs for the budget year and moneys received under Iowa Code section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year. The program will be funded with a combination of property taxes and income surtax, and will begin with the year ending June 30, 2009. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. Reports (Continued)

4. Activities Director – The report was included in the Board Packet.
Mr. Sneiderman said that replacement of both the visitor and home bleachers at the football field, and the new concrete areas for the shot put area south of the football field, have been completed. Darrell also explained that the volleyball, cross-country and football teams will participate in the Press Day, scheduled for August 24, 2007 starting with a volleyball scrimmage starting at 5:00 p.m. in the High School gym. The cross country and football events will take place following the volleyball scrimmage, and will be held at Orab Field.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. Compliance with Implementation of IDEA Part B Requirements - The District has received a letter from the State of Iowa Department of Education saying that all requirements were met and filed correctly.
 - b. High School Gym Floor Report - Phillips Floor has agreed to sand, repaint and refinish the High School Gym Floor next summer, for the cost of a normal yearly maintenance fee. The refinishing is necessary due to the water-based and oil-based finishes not working as expected.
 - c. Correspondence from A & S Services, Inc. - The Superintendent shared the letter the District had received from A & S Services, in response to the letter the District had written to Children's World concerning the progress of the Remodeling and Addition.
 - d. ACT 5-Year Results - The Superintendent shared the results from the ACT.
 - e. Bleachers - The Superintendent updated the Board on the progress of the installation of the football visitor and home bleachers. Need to finish the hand rails, steps and fencing on the home side bleachers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Miscellaneous Policies (2nd Reading) - Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve these policies. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Nay; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received an application for Katie Getting to open enroll into the Sheldon Community School District from the Sioux Center District. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the application. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - The District has received resignations from Matt Meendering as high school business teacher, and also the Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the resignations, and thank Matt for his service in those positions. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the following contracts be issued:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Kristin Noack	MS Language Arts Teacher - MA/8	\$40,950
Ruth Vogel	HS Special Education Teacher - BA/3	\$32,830
Cassie Kirschten	Elem Special Education Teacher - BA/2	\$31,815
Rhonda Van Donge	Secondary TAG Teacher (0.2 FTE)	\$7,378
Rhonda Van Donge	Mock Trial Sponsor	\$1,140
Rhonda Van Donge	NHS Sponsor	\$770

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

- D. Approve Title I Application - The application was in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory and Superintendent Spears reviewed the application with the Board. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the application. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Consider Agreements(s) for Jointly Administered Course at NCC - Superintendent reviewed the agreements with the Board. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve these agreements. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Designate Level I and Alternate Level I Investigators - The Superintendent recommends that the following District Level I Investigator and Alternate District Level I Investigator for the 2007-08 school year:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Level I Investigator</u>	<u>Alternate Level I Investigator</u>
Elementary School	Jenni McCrory	Jay Joersz
Middle School	Cindy Barwick	Mary Kay Todd
High School	Matt Meendering	Sherrie Zeutenhorst
District	Robin Spears	Mary Seehusen

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

- G. Set Life Insurance Coverage for Certified Staff - The life insurance rates have not changed for the upcoming year. The Master Contract amount of premium paid by the District calculates to \$90,000. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to have the coverage remain at \$90,000. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Consider Amendment/Modification to EMC Insurance Program - The cost to add the stated cost coverage to the vehicle portion of the District's EMC Insurance program would be \$1,344. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to have EMC add the stated cost coverage to the vehicle portion of our insurance program. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- I. Approve Beginning Administrator Mentoring/Induction Program Agreement - Information concerning this program was included in the Board Packet. The Superintendent recommends approval of this agreement. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve this agreement. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Designate Administrative Representatives for Teacher Quality Committee (SF277) - As required by Senate File 277, each District must have a Teacher Quality Committee to oversee the Teacher Quality monies appropriated through Senate File 277. The committee must have equal representation of administrators and teachers. The Superintendent recommends that the Board appoint Robin Spears, Matt Meendering, Cindy Barwick and Jenni McCrory to the committee. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to appoint those individuals as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Approve 2007-08 Bus Routes - The proposed routes were included in the Board Packet, and have been recommended for approval. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the routes. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Consider Transportation of Pre-School Students - The Superintendent recommends that the District continue to transport pre-school students. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to continue the transportation of pre-school students. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB ABLE: Legislative Advocacy Skill ICN Meeting, August 28 or 29 or 30, Locations to be announced.
- B. A National Symposium of Scholars of School Board Governance Conference, September 14 & 15, 2007, Des Moines.
- C. IASB Employee Relations Conference, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2007, West Des Moines.
- D. IASB District Meeting, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2007, Sheldon.

X. ADJOURN

At 6:55 p.m., Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.