

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 20, 2008

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, Kecia Hickman, Harlan Bousema, Glen Goedken, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: none. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman and Bekah Porter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, 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 – Superintendent Spears stated that the District had received a letter from the Iowa High School Speech Association congratulating the students who presented the Choral Reading of EA (Steel Magnolias) for being selected as Outstanding Performers at the IHSSA State Large Group Contest, and the students qualified to perform at the Large Group All-State Festival that was held on Saturday, February 16, 2008. Middle School Students - **8th Grade Girls' Basketball:** Erin Abele, Jessica Albers, Shelby Burns, Kelsey Cutsinger, Miranda Eschenbach, Kellie Goedken, Chelsea Hakeneis, Hannah Jinkinson, Katie Jongewaard, Kelly Kobbe, Jenna Kruger, Ashley Meyer, Lindsey Nilles, Alesha Pulscher, Crystal Rodger, Brittany Thompson, Paige Van Wyk, Brenda Zybarth, Meranda Schwarz, Michelle Fischer. **7th Grade Girls' Basketball:** Kami Ackerman, Payge Blumeyer, Shelby Bruns, Cassie Ennema, Destiny Ginger, Audrey Gustafson, Meghan Hartokolis, Hannah Hickman, Janessa Holles, Alissa Jager, Andrea Johnson, Teighlor Lonning, Shannon McCarty, Tori Meendering, Courtney Meyers, Abbie Provost, Cheyenne Van Beek, Brittany Van Gorp, Carrie Wahlstrom, Amy Warnke, Thressa Weishunn, Kaitlin Youngs, Jessica Wepler, Michaela Wagner, Kim Roder, Nancy Phongkeo, Cally Hatting, Amanda Bartles. **7/8 Wrestling:** Jack Beahler, Tyler Fischer, Toby Maggert, Bodie Osborn, Adam Gustafson, Grant Weaver, Alex Drenkow, Zach Kleinwolterink, Austin Van Beek, Travis Nelson, Cody Hatting, Anthony Strouth, Joe Kuiper, Kaleb Van Ginkel, Josh Steffen, Connor Burns, Bruce McWilliams, Mitchell McDonald, Allen DeGoei, Nathan Mordick, Joe Barron, Dana Wolthuizen (mgr.), Emily Jansen (mgr.), Sara Stegemann (mgr.), Jocelyn Wollmuth (mgr.), Spencer Hansen (mgr.). **Science Fair Winners:** *1st place – Zach Kleinwolterink, *2nd place – Praseuth Yang, Allen DeGoei, *3rd place – Alex Drenkow, Adam Gustafson. The winners in all three places will attend the state science fair in Ames in late March. Honorable Mentions: 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, Brandon Frick, Nate Hartokolis. **Regional and State Spelling Bee Participants:** Dana Wolthuizen - 1st place at local bee; Kayla Johnson - 2nd place at local bee; 4th place at regional bee; Noah Hickman - 3rd place at local bee. **FPS Participants:** Erin Abele, Brandon Frick, Adam Gustafson, Katie Jongewaard, Jenna Kruger, Joe Kuiper, Bruce McWilliams, Crystal Rodger, Nicole Van Beek, Dana Wolthuizen, Nate Hartokolis, Toby Maggert, Emma Beahler, Jena Van Marel and Brittany Van Wyk. **History Day participants:** Emma Beahler, Jena Van Marel, Brittany Van Wyk, Crystal Rodger, Nicole Van Beek, Dana Wolthuizen, Paige Van Wyk, Erin Abele, Jenna Kruger, Emily Jansen, and Kellie Goedken. **The Middle School Jazz Band** received a 3rd place trophy at the Northwest Iowa District Jazz Band Competition held at the Sioux City Convention Center on February 5, 2008. High School Students: **“On-A-Roll” Academic Recognition Award:** Sara Kinderknecht, Christine Cain, Sadie Schilling, Samantha Skaar, Amanda Meester, Katy Rensink, Samantha Roder, Elise Wolthuizen and Cassandra Wurpts. **“Most Improved Students”** (comparing 2nd semester last year to 1st semester this year): Sophomores - Hayden Adkins, Kathy Kolbeck, Alisa Lewchuk, Scott Ney, Nick Oostra. Juniors: Kristine Boone, Tara Ferguson, Josh Rozeboom, Brianna Vogelaar, Jesse Wielenga. Seniors: Dustin Beenken, Tasha Boom, Tommy Duncanson, Katie Gesink and Kendra Vander Bush. **Congratulations** to the speech team for receiving excellent ratings at the District Large Group Speech Contest. Thirteen of our 15 performances will be going on to the state contest. **Congratulations** to the speech team who received a total of seven Division I ratings and six Division II ratings at State Large Group Speech Contest. **IHSSA Large Group All-State Festival:** Twenty-four Sheldon students have been nominated. **Congratulations** to the choral reading group, “Prairie Flowers” (Kristine Arnold, Anne Bomgaars, Joelle Brown, Katie Knight, Kori Kruger, Connor Larson, Cassie Lukkes, Lyndsie Meinecke, Erin Nielsen, Chelsey Olson, Jordan Rector, Brittany St. Clair, Kelly Van Wyk, Jordyn Vogel, Elise Wolthuizen), the ensemble acting group, “Steel Magnolias” (Katie Knight, Erin Nielsen, Katy Rensink, Ashley Wagner, Cassandra Wurpts), and the one-act play “Scuba Lessons” (Chris De Vries, Lukas Johnson, Jordan Rector, Sebastian Sciegienka, Lindsay St. Clair, Kurtis Van Gent,). **All Lake Conference – Winter Sports- 2007-2008** - Girls Basketball: Katie Pruiksma-2nd team, Brittany Boerhave-2nd team, Amanda Meester-Honorable Mention. Boys Basketball: Andy Dykstra-1st team, Matt DeJong-2nd team. Wrestling: Chris Helms, Thor Klinker, Josh Ihnen. **State Wrestling Qualifiers:** Chris Helms, Josh Ihnen-State Champion.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. “When A Key Member Leaves The Board,” Volume 31, Number 18 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Why Every Board Needs A Behavior Code," Volume 31, Number 19 was included in the Board Packet.
 - c. "How Media Centers Are Important To Academics," Volume 31, Number 20 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Board Briefs-Northwest AEA - Minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting.
 3. Thank You Cards-none.

C. Board Member Reports - Kecia Hickman commented that the Music article was appreciated. Dan Van Gorp stated that the O'Brien County Conference Board met on

February 5th and 19th, and that the valuation for O'Brien has decreased about \$11 million for the upcoming tax year.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings –The minutes were from last month's Board Meeting and Teacher Quality Committee meeting. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, 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 also asked the Board for which direction they would like the Preschool Committee to proceed as far as having a stand alone preschool, or use the existing preschools, and have the District just act as a fiscal agent for the funding. The Board wants Mrs. McCrory to gather more information and bring it to the Board at a later meeting. The Building Committee needs direction as to how far the Board wants the committee to proceed. The Board feels that it needs some plans and options before making any decision. At the in-service, the elementary faculty had a presentation from JMC on how the current report card would work on the JMC program.
 - 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report with the Board. Mrs. Barwick said that at the in-service the Middle School faculty had worked on the QAR (Question, Answer, and Relationships), a Middle School grading scale and worked with the High School faculty.
 - 3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report with the Board. At the in-service, the High School faculty also talked about QAR, and had training on the use of the smart boards. The three principals attended the SAI School Law Conference held in Des Moines. There was also discussion on taking the final tests on one day rather than two days.
 - 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report with the Board, and also commented on the students making All Conference for Winter Sports, and qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament.

At 6:50 p.m. President Van Gorp announced a short recess.

At 7:00 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

5. Superintendent -
 - a. Health Insurance Rates for 2008-09 - The basic policy for the teaching staff is set to increase by 5.11% for next year.
 - b. Financial Status of School District - The Superintendent reviewed the graphs and charts that were included in the Board Packet.
 - c. Preliminary FY 09 Financial Information - There was discussion on the cash reserve, instructional support and management levy, and the effect they have on the tax rate. There will be additional discussion at the Board/Administration Work Session.
 - d. State Aid Reductions - Sheldon had their State Foundation Aid reduced by \$30,000. The State Foundation Aid of other Districts in the State has also been reduced. The total amount is \$14 million, and is used by the State for juvenile services.
 - e. GASB 45 Implementation - The District will be required to implement General Accounting Standards Board Statement 45 (GASB 45) for FY 09. GASB 45 deals with the financial reporting of Other Postemployment Employee Benefits (OPEB) liability. The District will not be required to fund the liability, but it could have an effect on future District bonding or borrowing.
 - f. Recalled Meat - The District has been affected by the recall of meat processed at Westland Meat Co. The District received twelve 40# cases of frozen ground beef and one 40# case of pre-cooked beef crumbles. The District has received directions on how to destroy and dispose of the recalled meat. No recalled meat was used by the Sheldon School Lunch Program.
 - g. AASA Conference Newspapers - Superintendent Spears distributed the daily newspapers that were given to the conference attendees. Superintendent Spears thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the conference and stay on the leading edge of education.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 700 thru 706.8, Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these policies. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has applications for Chelsea Boone to attend the Sheldon District from the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn District; Jenny, Jamison and Christopher Van't Hull to attend the Sheldon District from the MOC/Floyd Valley District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to accept these applications. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried. The District has also received the following information only applications for Beth and Nicholas Egdorf to attend the Sibley-Ocheyedan District; Kelsi, Lindsey and Ryan Cuperus to attend the Boyden-Hull District; Kevin Johnson to attend the South O'Brien District from the Sheldon District.
- B. Resignations - None.
- C. Contract(s) - None
- D. Consider PPEL Projects for Summer 2008 - There was discussion about the projects listed on the schedule included with the Board Packet. The projects and the Concession Building could be decided at the Board/Administration Work Session. Ihnen suggested that the work session be a meeting so voting could be accomplished on the projects, and

- also to have Jim Ruble present at the meeting. It was decided that the prices on the projects need to be finalized so they can be looked at during the March Board Meeting.
- E. Consider Middle School Projects - There was discussion on the projects listed. It was decided that the prices on the projects need to be finalized so they can be looked at during the March Board Meeting.
 - F. Set Date for Board/Administrative Work Session - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have the work session on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 starting at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
 - G. Board Policy Review - Policies 706.3-711.8, Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services (1st Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to pass these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, 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. ICN ABLE Training - Building Relationships That Matter: School Boards and Advocacy, March 18, 2008, at George or March 25, 2008 at either Marcus, Rock Valley or Sioux City.

X. ADJOURN

At 7:45 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m. the Board entered closed session as provided in Chapter 20, Section 20.17 (3) of the Iowa Code to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning the employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

At 8:45 p.m. the Board came out of closed session and went home.