

**SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 9, 2008**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:38 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, Merlyn Kruse 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 – Included in Board Packet.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board
  - a. “If Your Vote Is In The Minority,” Volume 31, Number 17 was included in the Board Packet.
  2. Board Briefs-Northwest AEA - Minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting.
  3. Thank You Cards-none.

C. Board Member Reports - none.

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF**

A. Minutes of Past Meetings –The minutes were from the December 12, 2007 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 Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Summary List of Bills – Dan Van Gorp reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, 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 – The Elementary School report was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. McCrory said that there would be a building meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The focus of the meeting would be on the needs and wants of those present, and to also elect a co-chairman of the committee.
  - 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed the report with the Board. Mrs. Barwick said that Jessica Hinojosa had been hired as the ELL associate for both the Middle School and High School.
  - 3. High School - Mr. Meendering discussed the report with the Board. Mr. Meendering said that the long-term sub for Mr. Chambers would be Pam Fuller, and that Mr. Van Der Vliet will be back starting on Thursday of this week. He plans to teach only ½ days until his strength is built back up.
  - 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report with the Board. The Speech Large Group contest will be in Spencer on January 19, 2008. Sheldon will be hosting three rounds of Girls Basketball semi-finals. The winter sports have started - Girls basketball for the 7th & 8th grade, and 7th & 8th grade wrestling.
  - 5. Superintendent -
    - a. Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) - Superintendent explained that 106 school districts in the State of Iowa are not affected by TIF. Superintendent explained the effect of TIF on the tax rate. Merlyn Kruse addressed the Board and commented on the use of TIF.

At 6:38 p.m. President Van Gorp said there would be a short break.

At 6:45 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 211 thru 218, Board of Directors (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve these policies. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. 2008-09 High School Registration Booklet (2nd Reading) - Kecia Hickman had some suggested changes. Dan Van Gorp asked Mr. Meendering questions on the booklet. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the Registration Booklet with the suggested changes. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has an application for Megan Jager to attend the Sheldon District from the George District. The District has also received applications for Morgan and Brady Prescott 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.
- C. Resignations - None.
- D. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that a contract be issued to Jessica Hinojosa as an ELL associate for 5 hours per day at the rate of \$8.25/hour. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve issuing the contract. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye;

Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Teacher Quality Committee Recommendation Regarding Use of Market Factor Pay Funds - It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the recommendation of the Teacher Quality Committee regarding the use to Market Factor Pay for tuition reimbursement (50%) for coursework taken to obtain additional certification resulting from an involuntary assignment change caused by the school district. The reimbursement would be paid upon receipt of a transcript showing satisfactory completion of the coursework. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the use of the Market Factor Funds as recommended by both the Superintendent and the Teacher Quality Committee. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Consider Student Discipline Recommendation (Tentative) - The Superintendent recommends the expulsion of Student L for the 2nd semester of the 2007-08 School Year. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to expel Student L as recommended by the Superintendent for the 2nd Semester of the 2007-08 School Year. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Set Date for Board/Administrative Work Session - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have the work session on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a 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, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Set Date for February Board Meeting - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to have a meeting on February 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room to approve the bills for payment, and to have the regular meeting on February 20, 2008 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Board Policy Review - Policies 700-706.2, Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services (1st Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to pass these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. IASB Legislative Conference, January 22, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Des Moines
- B. IASB ABLE: Effective Superintendent Evaluation Practices, 6:30-9:30 p.m., February 5, in Clear Lake and February 14, in Denison.

## **X. ADJOURN**

At 7:31 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:35 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 8:15 p.m. the Board came out of closed session and went home.