

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 11, 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, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Harlan Bousema. Visitors: Jenni McCrory, and Bekah Porter.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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 – None.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board
 - a. "Should You be an Expert On Everything," Volume 31, Number 4 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "A Fundamental Mission of the Board: Promoting Democracy," Volume 31, Number 5 was included in the Board Packet.
 - c. "A Best Practices Approach to Accountability," Volume 31, Number 6 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs, from the June 11, 2007 meeting, were included in the Board Packet.
3. Thank You Cards-Cindy Runger-Relay for Life.

C. Board Member Reports - none

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

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

- C. Summary List of Bills – Gary Ihnen reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – none.

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee – None

B. Special -

1. EMC District Insurance Program Summary - Tom Fuoss from Perspective Insurance reviewed the program with the Board. EMC is allowing Districts to put a stated value on buses newer than 10 years for an additional premium. This would reduce the risk of having a funding shortage when replacing the buses if they were destroyed in a fire similar to what happened to Sergeant Bluff-Lutton as a result of their transportation building fire.

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 would start next weekend.
2. Middle School – The report was included in the Board Packet.
3. High School - The report was included in the Board Packet.
4. Activities Director – The report was included in the Board Packet.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. School Board Candidate Election Information-The Board seats of Gary Ihnen and Kecia Hickman are up for election this year.
 - b. Children's World Construction Update - The Superintendent has written a letter to the director of Children's World concerning the slow progress of the construction of the Children's World addition.
 - c. Partnerships/Sharing with City of Sheldon - The Superintendent updated the Board on the meeting that he and Gary Ihnen had with the City Manager, Mayor and Councilman Rensink on July 2, 2007.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss/Adopt IASDB 2007 Legislative Action Priorities - The Board discussed the priorities, and decided on five. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adopt priorities numbered 1, 2, 9, 13 and 23 in the listing of 2007 IASB Legislative Action Resolutions. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried. The Legislative Action Resolutions are: (1) The IASB supports legislation allowing school bond issues to be passed by a simple majority vote and to permit the local school board to levy a combination of property taxes and income surtaxes to pay the indebtedness; (2) The IASB supports extending the school infrastructure local option tax to a statewide penny sales tax distributed on a per pupil basis, recalculated annually to adjust the statewide average revenues per student; (9) The IASB supports full state funding to implement

quality professional development to improve student learning through each school district's Career Development Plan. Additional days should be funded and required until a minimum of 10 days of quality professional development exists in every school district. The school district is the appropriate authority to determine the content and participation in professional development; (13) The IASB supports funding to ensure that all three and four year olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program to be funded by including preschool students in the enrollment count with revenues that do not divert what would otherwise be K-12 resources. Funding should be allocated for literacy-based programs with well-articulated standards of high quality; (23) The IASB supports including school boards in the approval of tax increment financing (TIF) districts, enterprise zones and urban revitalization areas. IASB supports a mandatory sunset of existing TIF areas and projects. The state should require that property improved in an economic development TIF must be taxable within 10 years. Likewise, TIF should only be used in areas that experience a decline in valuation, thus necessitating reversal of the trend with local investment. School district should have the ability to implement TIF for certain types of facility expenditures.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - None.
- B. Resignations - The District has received the following resignations: Ericka Downie as Middle School Language Arts Instructor; Kent DeZeeuw as Assistant High School Boys Track Coach; and Angela Ogle as JV Girls Basketball Coach. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to accept the resignations, and thank each individual for their service to the Sheldon District. The release of the individuals is contingent upon finding suitable replacements. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, 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>
John Jinkinson	Regular Route Bus Driver	\$15.52/Hour
Matt Meendering	High School Principal	\$76,380
Ruth Vogel	Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$2,926
Jill Kruger	9th Grade Volleyball Coach	\$2,310
Carla Kleinwolterink	7th Grade Volleyball Coach	\$1,848
Kris Groff	Assistant Cross Country Coach	\$2,156
Larie Sterk	Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach	\$3,080
Donna Nagel	8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,054
Justin Albers	Assistant Boy's Track Coach	\$2,618

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

- D. Consider Boiler Repair At East Elementary Building- The estimate to repair the boiler is \$16,790, while the cost to replace the boiler is estimated to cost \$100,000. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to repair the boiler. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Approve Expenditure(s) for Bleacher Painting - The cost to sand-blast the framework of the home side football bleachers is \$7,500, and the cost to paint the framework is \$14,485. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these expenditures. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Review/Accept Milk Bids for 2007-08 School Year - The District has received a milk bid from Joe's Dairy the distributor for Blue Bunny out of Sibley. The Superintendent recommends accepting this bid. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept this bid. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Review/Accept Bread Bids for 2007-08 School Year - The District has received bids from Interstate Baking, Sara Lee/Old Home Bakery and Casey's Bakery. The Superintendent recommends accepting the bid from Sara Lee/Old Home Bakery. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to accept the bid from Sara Lee/Old Home Bakery. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Authorize Fee And Reduced-Priced School Meals Participation - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to authorize the Superintendent to apply for participation. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Authorize NW AEA Transportation Request - The District is requesting permission to travel into contiguous school districts for the purpose of safety and/or saving riding time on specific bus routes. The Superintendent recommends approval of this request to the AEA. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the request to the NW AEA. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Approve Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Application for 2007-08 - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the application. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Resolution To Consider Participating In The Instructional Program & Set Date For Instructional Support Levy Resolution Hearing - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to hold the hearing on August 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Discuss Dates For Board Work session/Joint Meeting With Sheldon City Council - Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to hold a work session on August 15, 2007 after the regular Board Meeting, and to schedule a date and time for the joint meeting with the Sheldon City Council

- after the Board work session is completed. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- M. Board Policy Review - Miscellaneous Policies (1st Reading)- Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these policies to the first reading, with the modification of the limit that the Superintendent can purchase without competitive bids, and also without prior Board approval from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Nay; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Fiscal Management Conference, Wednesday, July 18, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Ames.

X. ADJOURN

- At 6:41 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.