

**SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 18, 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, Harlan Bousema, Glen Goedken, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kecia Hickman. Visitors: Cindy Barwick, Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, Jenni McCrory, Rick Dean, John Doely and Lindsay Hoepfner.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, 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 – Middle School: 7th Grade Softball Participants; Shelby Bruns, Brittany Van Gorp, Cally Hatting, Andrea Johnson, Courtney Scholten, Amy Warnke, Abbie Provost, Tori Meendering, Alissa Jager, Audrey Gustafson, Alexa Wallace, Cassie Ennema, Janessa Holles, Hannah Hickman and Jessica Weppner. 7th Grade Baseball Participants; Grant Weaver, Nathan Oostra, Chris Balster, Mitchell Jensen, Josh Gorter, Brett Ogle, Caleb Hatting, Peter Fonkert, Will DeKok, Zach Haning, Quinn Groff, Brandon Van Beek, Dallas Ennema, Matt Dykstra, Blake Mulder, Tom Brown, Wyatt Sachen and Toby Maggert. 8th Grade Baseball Participants; Adam Gustafon, Andrew Sterk, Joe Kuiper, Allen DeGoei, Brandon Frick, Trevor Johnson, Zach Kleinwolterink, Bruce McWilliams, Mitchell McDonald, Chad Den Hartog and Cody Hatting.
- B. Correspondence
1. The Board
 - a. "Six Steps To Building Strong College Relationships," Volume 32, Number 3 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Harnessing The Benefits of Board Service," Volume 32, Number 4 was included in the Board Packet.
 2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - none.
 3. Thank You Cards-The District has received a Thank You card from Noreen Vande Weerd thanking the Board for their service and Cindy Rungers for the Relay for Life use of the facilities.
- C. Board Member Reports - IASB District Meeting-All members liked the new technology for the automatic update of the survey presented.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING – none.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee-none

5:47 p.m. Kecia Hickman arrived.

B. Special -

2. Bonding/Financing East Elementary Building Project - Beth Grob from the Ahlers Law Firm explained the borrowing on the Statewide Sales Tax. The Statewide amount to each school is based on a rolling average. Beth explained the difference between Revenue Bonds (Sales Tax) and General Obligation Bonds, how the bond buyers look at the bonds, and what percentage is needed by the voting public before issuing the bonds. Beth also explained the Reserve that is needed when issuing the Revenue Bonds.
3. EMC District Insurance Program Summary/Dividend Receipt - Superintendent Spears explained that the District had received a dividend of \$17,336.92 from the IASB Safety Group. Ron Rensink with Perspective Insurance reviewed the District's Insurance Coverage with the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to increase the Crime and Fidelity coverage to \$500,000 for an additional premium of \$205.
1. Concession/Restroom/Locker Room Facility Project - Rick Dean, from the architect firm of Cannon Moss Brygger and Associates, reviewed the proposed changes to the project to bring it within the budget that the District had for the project. After discussion, motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to reject all bids. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet, and talked about the pre-school grant.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet, and distributed the 7th & 8th Grade yearbooks to the Board.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. The Booster Club is looking at scoreboards for both baseball and softball, and is also looking at press box/storage for the softball complex.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet, and also reviewed the Senior Exit Survey.

At 8:45 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp announced a break.

At 8:52 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

VI. REPORTS

C. Administration

5. Superintendent -

- a. Pre-School Grant- The Superintendent and Mrs. McCrory talked about the grant with the Board.
- b. City of Sheldon - Sidewalk Ordinance Notification/Deferment Application - The Superintendent showed the Board where the City wants sidewalks, and he also explained his letter requesting deferment on putting in the sidewalks.
- c. City of Sheldon - Request for Financial Contribution/Risk Assessment - The Superintendent is having a representative from the District's insurance carrier, EMC, look at the layout of the pool and the softball field and determine if the District has a liability that needs to be addressed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy Review - Policies 503.4R2 & 604.10 (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these polices. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye, Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. 2008-09 Staff Activity Handbook - (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. 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 - None
- B. Resignations - The District has received a letter of resignation from John Boender as a regular bus driver, but he will still be a substitute driver. Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the resignation and to thank John for his service to the Sheldon District. Roll call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the following contracts at this time:

Lundgren	Andrew	High School Special Education Teacher BA Lane, Step 1	\$31,605
Lundgren	Andrew	Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$3,161
Sneiderman	Jan	Head Girl's Golf Coach	\$3,161

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

- D. Designate IASB Legislative Action Network Member and Delegate Assembly - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have Kecia Hickman continue in this position. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Discuss IASB 2009 Legislative Action Priorities - The Board discussed the priorities and felt that maybe adding something on help with the rising cost of fuel, and also repealing the Election Law.

- F. Set School Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2008-09 School Year - The Superintendent recommends increasing student breakfast prices by \$.25 to \$1.35 and adult by \$.30 to \$1.70. He also recommends increasing the student lunch prices by \$.30 to \$2.00 and adult by \$.40 to \$2.70. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the increases. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Set Athletic Ticket Cost for 2008-09 - The Superintendent recommends that the prices stay the same. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Consider Cooperative Athletic Agreement with St. Pat's - The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Consider Cooperative Athletic Agreement with Sheldon Christian School - The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement. The agreement is for football only. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Approve Wrestling Program Sharing Agreement Between the Sheldon Community School District and the South O'Brien Community School District - The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Consider Alternative High School Cooperative Agreement with NCC - The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Consider PPEL Expenditures - The Superintendent recommends repair at several locations on the High School roof, with a portion of the cost being paid by EMC Insurance. Other recommendations are for the replacement of areas of the High School sidewalks, and purchase of a commercial mower and establishing an exclusive purchasing agreement between Sheldon Implement and the Sheldon Community School District for the anticipated equipment as listed in the Board packet. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to authorize the expenditures. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- M. Consider Textbook Adoption (s) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the adoption of the textbooks as presented by the building principals. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- N. Adopt Board Member Term Transition Plan Resolution - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adopt Option 5 as recommended by the Superintendent. The transition plan resolution is:

Director Kecia Hickman, Director District #3, and Director Gary Ihnen, Director District #2, were each elected to 3-year terms in 2007, which would have expired in 2010. For the transition to the 4-year terms, Director Kecia Hickman, Director District #3, and Director Gary Ihnen, Director District #2, terms are lengthened to expire in 2011.

Director Harlan Bousema, At-Large Director was elected to a 3-year term in 2005, which will expire in 2008. Director Harlan Bousema, At- Large Director, has indicated that he will not run for re-election in 2008. This At-Large Directorship shall be a 3-year term beginning in 2008 and running through 2011.

Director Dan Van Gorp, Director District #1, was elected to a 3-year term in 2005, which will expire in 2008. Director Dan Van Gorp plans to run for re-election in 2008 and has voluntarily indicated that the District #1 Directorship should be a 1-year term. Therefore, the Director District #1 shall be for a 1-year term beginning in 2008 and running through 2009.

Director Kathy Brock, At-Large Director, was elected to a 3-year term in 2006, but resigned in October 2007. Director Glen Goedken, At-Large Director, was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next election which would be September 2008. The position held by Director Glen Goedken, At-Large Director, will be on the ballot in 2008 listed as a 1-year term to fill a vacancy, and the term will still expire in 2009. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- O. Consider Request (s) for Early Graduation - Mr. Meendering has received requests from Keri Mosier and Tenika Thomas to graduate at the end of the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. The Superintendent recommends approval of the requests pending completion of all Sheldon Community School District High School Graduation Requirements. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the requests. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- P. Board Policy Reading (1st Reading) Policies 605.6, 605.6R1, 605.6E3 and 905.2. The policies deal with the District Network (Orabnet), and the Smoke Free Environment Policies. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these polices to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Fiscal Management Conference, Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m., Ames.

X. ADJOURN

At 9.32 p.m., Motion 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.