

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 12, 2007

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 7:00 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Harlan Bousema, 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; 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. "Teamwork Matters," Volume 31, Number 12 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Six Things Every Board Member Should Know," Volume 31, Number 13 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Board Briefs-Northwest AEA - Minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting.
3. Thank You Cards-
 - a. Gary Richardson-Superintendent at MOC/Floyd Valley - Thank You for the flowers for his wife's funeral.
 - b. Sandy Dietrick-Thank You for the flowers for her father's funeral.

C. Board Member Reports -

1. Other - none.

Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Gary Ihnen to accept the correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, 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: 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: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills** – Kecia Hickman reviewed the bills. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 updated the Board on the Children's World Project, and the meeting on the proposed Elementary Project.
 - 2. Middle School – The report was included in the Board Packet. Mrs. Barwick updated the Board on the Middle School assemblies on "Respect", and also the upcoming assembly on Iowa History.
 - 3. High School - The report was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Meendering discussed the report with the Board.
 - 4. Activities Director – The report was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Sneiderman said the musical went well, and reviewed the fall and winter activities. Mr. Sneiderman will have the participation of the other Lakes Conference schools for next meeting.

At 8:11 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp said there would be a short break.

At 8:22 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

- 5. Superintendent -
 - a. Certified/BEDS Enrollment Update - Superintendent Spears reviewed the updated reports with the Board.
 - b. School District Independent Audit Report - The Superintendent had an exit interview with the auditor while in Des Moines. The Superintendent and Bill Borchers need to complete their portion of the audit report. The report will be presented by Susan Battani from the State Auditor's Office at the December Board Meeting.
 - c. SnowCap Online Information - The Superintendent reviewed the alert and notification capabilities of the SnowCap system.
 - d. Distribute Yearbooks, NW AEA Directories, and School Calendars - The Superintendent distributed the items to the Board Members. The Board Members are to distribute the Yearbooks to area businesses.
 - e. Facilities Information Update - The Superintendent updated the Board on the bleacher and fencing projects at the athletic fields. It is hoped that the architect will have proposals on the Elementary Addition, Wrestling/Weight Room, and Half-Time/Storage/Concession Building for the December Board Meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 200.1 thru 208.1E1, Board of Directors (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these policies. Roll Call vote: 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 received an application for Kendra VanLo to attend the Sheldon District from the George Little Rock District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to accept this application. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

The District has also received three information only applications. The applications are for Brendon Grotjohn, Lisa Granillo, and Marcela Granillo to attend the Boyden-Hull District from the Sheldon District.

B. Resignations - none.

C. Contract(s) –

The Superintendent recommends issuing a contract to Erin Youngers as the 9th Grade Girl's Basketball Coach for a salary of \$2,526. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to issue the contract. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

D. Discuss 2008-09 School Calendar - The calendar committee has met, with 20 out of the 30 members present. A first draft of the calendar has been decided. The Board and Superintendent discussed the calendar. It will need some additional work and revision. Will bring options to the Board and Committee for approval.

E. Consider At-Risk Allowable Growth Budget Application - The At-Risk budget for the 2008-09 school year is estimated to be \$334,954. One-fourth (\$83,739) of this amount would be general fund monies and three-fourths (\$251,215) would be modified allowable growth that would be funded through property tax in the School Aid Formula. The total At-Risk Budget would fund the following positions: 1.0 FTE Elementary Guidance Counselor; 1.0 FTE Middle School Guidance Counselor; 0.5 Middle School At-Risk Teacher; 5 hours/day Middle School Instructional Associate; 0.5 FTE High School At-Risk Teacher; 5 hours/day High School Instructional Associate; and 1.0 High School Guidance Counselor. In addition to the positions listed above, the At-Risk Budget will also be funding the Summer School Programs due to reduction of Title I funds and the After-School Programs for both the elementary and middle school buildings. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve this application. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

F. Consider School Budget Review Committee Allowable Growth Application - The Sheldon Community School District has an increase of 20 Open Enrollment students who were not included in the Certified Enrollment last year. The school district also has an increased enrollment of 2.9 students from the previous school year. Current state statute allows the school district to make application to the School Budget Review Committee for additional allowable growth to provide on-time funding budget adjustments for increased enrollment and ELL excess costs. The school district is eligible to request \$103,155 of modified allowable growth for the 2007-08 school year budget. Please note that this is not a tax increase for 2007-08. This adjustment increases the school district spending authority for the current school year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve this application. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

G. Designate Board Negotiation Team Representatives - Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kecia Hickman to designate Gary Ihnen and Kecia Hickman as the representatives. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

H. Consider SILO Repeal & Penny Replacement Resolution - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve this resolution. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

I. Consider Agreement for Jointly Administered Courses at NCC - The agreement is for the EMT courses. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Abstain; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- J. Authorize Participation in the IASB Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to authorize participation in this program. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Discuss Vacant Board Seat/Consider Appointment Option - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Harlan Bousema to appoint Glen Goedken to fill the vacant seat on the Board. The appointment is until the next scheduled election. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Board Policy Review - Policies 209.1 - 210.10, Board of Directors (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; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Early Bird Conference/Delegate Assembly, November 14, 2007
- B. IASB Annual Convention, November 15 & 16, 2007, Des Moines
- C. IASB Legislative Conference, January 22, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 9:00 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.