

**SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SHELDON, IOWA**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**October 10, 2007**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:42 p.m., Secretary Bill Borchers called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Kathy Brock, Harlan Bousema, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent none. Visitors: Darrell Sneiderman, Cindy Barwick, Jenni McCrory, Matt Meendering, John, Maribeth, Kaitlyn and Brennan Vote and Bekah Porter.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Superintendent Spears added Item 8K, Date Change for November 2007 Board Meeting. Motion by Dan Van Gorp and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- III. ADMINISTER OATH AND ELECT OFFICERS**
- A. Administer Oath of Office - Bill Borchers administered the oath of office to both Kecia Hickman and Gary Ihnen.
  - B. Election of Board President - Bill Borchers conducted the election. Dan Van Gorp was elected President. Bill Borchers administered the Oath of Office to Dan Van Gorp.
  - C. Election of Vice President - President Dan Van Gorp conducted the election. Gary Ihnen was elected Vice President. President Dan Van Gorp administered the Oath of Office to Gary Ihnen.
  - D. Determination of date, time, and location for regular School Board Meetings - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to have the regular School Board Meetings on the second Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- IV. COMMUNICATION**
- A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance
    - 1. Public Comment – none
    - 2. Recognition
      - a. Students- The student recognition from each building was included in the Board Packet. Sneiderman said that Tyler Drenkow and Kace Groff made All Conference in Boys Cross Country.
      - b. District Staff - Mr. Spears presented Dave Hillary with a clock, and thanked him for his 35 years of service to the District. Dave thanked the Board for their support during his years.
  - B. Correspondence
    - 1. The Board, "When You Break The Chain Of Command," Volume 31, Number 10 was included in the Board Packet.
    - 2. The Board, "Separating Problem Solutions From Problem Symptoms," Volume 31, Number 11 was included in the Board Packet.
    - 3. Board Briefs - Northwest AEA Board Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2007 meeting minutes were included in the Board Packet.
    - 4. Receipt of "Thank You" Cards - None.

**C. Board Members Reports**

1. School Board Research: Main Lines of Inquiry – Kathy Brock and Robin Spears attended. This seminar was last held in 1975. The presenters at the seminar were researchers.
2. IASB District 1 Meeting – Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Harlan Bousema, and Robin Spears attended. It was held in Sheldon in the High School commons. Approximately 70 people from other Boards and Administrators attended. A good meal provided by the cooks and service by the student servers. There is talk of moving the meeting to June next year.
3. Bethel Reformed Church Dinner - Kecia Hickman attended the teacher and school employee appreciation dinner furnished by Bethel Church. The food was good and so was the entertainment.

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the correspondence and recognition as part of the official Board Minutes. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, 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. Administrators

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, and distributed copies of The Bridge.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report.
3. High School – Mr. Meendering reviewed his report.
4. Activities Director - Mr. Sneiderman reviewed the report that was included in the Board Packet. The Marching Band received a 1 rating at the State Marching Band Contest, and received the highest point total of the bands that were here.
5. Superintendent
  - a. District/Building/Class Enrollment - Superintendent Spears reviewed the BEDS and Certified Enrollment numbers.
  - b. Update on August 15, 2007 Work session topics - Superintendent Spears said that there needs to be an Educational Foundation Meeting and Chris Goeb is working on that. Scott Wynja and Superintendent Spears need to work on a joint meeting agenda. The teachers are working with staff on facility needs and wants. There needs to be a committee formed to study how to use the time to improve student learning. Superintendent Spears will be working with the car dealers and maintenance equipment companies to see if the District can partnership with them on some things. American Fence is working on the gate and fencing at the athletic field.
  - c. SILO Repeal, Penny Replacement, Property Tax Reform Resolution - Discuss and act on the resolution at the November Board Meeting.
  - d. Audit - Exit Interview - Superintendent Spears will have the exit interview with the auditors while he is in Des Moines. The auditors will call Bill Borchers for an exit interview.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS - none.**

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment – District has received applications from Reid and Ryan Juelsgaard to attend the Sheldon District from the South O'Brien District, and Samantha Madsen and Jesse Whitney to attend the Sheldon District from the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn District. The District has received an information only application for Logan Luinstra to attend the Sibley-Ocheyedan District from the Sheldon District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations – The District has received, from Kathy Brock, her resignation from the Board effective October 22, 2007. The Board will discuss the options they have at the November Board Meeting. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to accept the resignation, and to express their thanks and gratitude to Kathy for her service on the Board. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Abstain; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Kecia Hickman, Aye, Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contracts - none.
- D. Designate District Publication Newspaper for 2007-08 - Motion by Harlan Bousema and seconded by Kecia Hickman to designate The Sheldon Mail Sun and the Northwest Iowa Review as official newspapers for the Sheldon Community School District. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Appoint Legal Counsel for 2007-08 - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to appoint Tom Whorley of Wolff, Whorley, DeHoogh, and Schreurs to be the District's legal counsel. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Approve Lane Advancement for Certified Staff - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the following lane advancements:

<u>Lane Advancement</u>	<u>From Lane</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>To Lane</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Matt Vermeer	MA/7	\$39,935	MA+30/7	\$41,965	\$2,030
Jodi Grant	BA/10	\$39,935	BA+15/11	\$41,965	\$2,030
Carol McDowell	BA/10	\$39,935	BA+15/11	\$41,965	\$2,030
Steve McWilliams	BA+15/12	\$42,980	BA+30/13	\$45,010	\$2,030
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,120</b>

Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- G. American Education Week Proclamation - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to approve the resolution designating November 11-17, 2007, as American Education Week. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Appoint Board Members to O'Brien and Sioux County Conference Boards - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to have Dan Van Gorp serve as the O'Brien County Board member and Kecia Hickman as the Sioux County Board member. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Nay. Motion carried.
- I. Consider School Budget Review Committee Allowable Growth Application - Will consider at a later Board Meeting.
- J. Board Policy Review - Policies 200.1 thru 208.1E1, Board of Directors (1st Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to publish the policies as presented. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

K. Consider Changing November Board Meeting Date And Time - Since the Board will be attending the IASB School Board Convention during the regularly scheduled date for the November Board Meeting the motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Harlan Bousema to approve changing the November Board Meeting to Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock; Abstain; Harlan Bousema; Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

- A. IASB ABLE I: Orientation to Effective Board Service, October 30, Sheldon, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- B. IASB Board Leadership Conference, Ames, November 2, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- C. IASB Early Bird Conference/Delegate Assembly, November 14, 2007
- D. IASB Annual Convention, November 15 & 16, 2007, Des Moines

**X. ADJOURN -**

At 7:10 p.m. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kathy Brock to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.