

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD - ADMINISTRATOR WORK SESSION

AUGUST 15, 2007

President Dan Van Gorp welcomed the guests, Board Members, and the press.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:15 p.m. President Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Harlan Bousema, Kecia Hickman, Gary Ihnen, Kathy Brock, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Guests: Jenni McCrory, Cindy Barwick, Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, and Bekah Porter.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Superintendent Spears added Item 9.5 Athletic Trainer. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the amended agenda. Roll Call vote: Kathy Brock, Aye; Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

President Van Gorp explained that this was a working dinner meeting, and that the items on the agenda are not action items, and are for discussion only.

3. BOWER'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Discussion

Darrell Burns, from Edward D. Jones, presented the options on income and appreciation in the fund. There was discussion on how and who manages the investment of the fund.

4. PARTNERSHIP/SHARING WITH THE CITY OF SHELDON - Discussion

Superintendent Spears and the Board discussed various recreational and facility ideas. There was discussion about the City Summer Rec program, the land north of the Middle School, ball field development, and restroom facilities.

5. SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES - Discussion

Items discussed included football practice fields, 7 & 8 grade softball and baseball fields, fields for the summer rec, and also playground, the Elementary School addition, the High School edition/weight/wrestling room, restroom facilities at the sports fields, ticket/concessions. The PPEL expenditure plan was reviewed, and will be prioritized before being presented to the Board. The high school girls second locker room needs to be added to the list of needs.

At 8:55 p.m. President Van Gorp stated that there would be a short recess.

At 9:02 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the work session.

6. INNOVATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR - Discussion

Discussion was on how soon do we want to do this. Need to look at research, examples, what impact it would have on student achievement. Would it be a single district, or would

there be sharing with another district? How would the end result look? Need to look at having a sub-committee, and have a vision proposal for the May 2008 Board Meeting.

7. CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS EQUIPMENT NEEDS - Discussion.

Questions about other items that might be able to be obtained through a corporate partnership agreement. Have Superintendent engage in conversation with local businesses for equipment needs. Activities Director to check and see what other Districts do. Do they do anything special through the booster clubs? Superintendent Spears to check on preferred provider concept with local businesses.

8. VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN - Discussion.

Do we gather information and get it ready for the 2008-09 School year? Jenni McCrory to be the coordinator.

9. CAREER LADDER & PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PILOT PROGRAMS - Discussion.

Need to clarify the vision on what it looks like as an end product. Superintendent Spears will try to do some work on this.

9.5 ATHLETIC TRAINER - Discussion.

Superintendent Spears talked to Chip Miller, Sanford-Sheldon administrator. Sanford-Sheldon needs a commitment of \$15,000 from the District, or the program that has an athletic trainer available for help with the athletic programs will have to be terminated. The Superintendent needs some direction on what the Board wants to do. The Superintendent will try to locate the funds.

10. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION - Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1i) - to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. At 10:00 p.m. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 10:47 p.m. Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Kecia Hickman to come out of closed session. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

11. ADJOURN

At 10:47 p.m., Motion by Kathy Brock and seconded by Gary Ihnen to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Harlan Bousema, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kathy Brock, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.