

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 9, 2008

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 5:34 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Glen Goedken, Kecia Hickman, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Harlan Bousema. Visitors: Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, Jenni McCrory, Walt Pruiksmas, and Jeff Grant.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Glen Goedken, 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 – Recognition was included in the Board Packet.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

a. “The Board's Role In Planning A Bond Issue,” Volume 32, Number 5 was included in the Board Packet.

2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from June 16, 2008 meeting.

3. Thank You Cards-None

C. Board Member Reports - None

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

B. Financial Report – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Summary List of Bills – Glen Goedken reviewed the bills. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the List of Bills. Glen Goedken asked about the on-line classes taught at NCC, he felt that they were a duplicate of the classes that we offered. Superintendent Spears explained the on-line classes. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee-None

B. Special - None

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. Said the projected numbers looked good. Mrs. McCrory said that Mrs. Anema had received notification that the District had received a grant to be used for physical education in the elementary school.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick's report was included in the Board Packet.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. School Board Candidate Election Information- Superintendent Spears explained the Board Seats that are up for election, and their term of office as a result of the change by the State.
 - b. Athletic Conference Affiliation - Superintendent Spears explained the benefits and disadvantages in switching from the Lakes Conference to the Siouxland Conference. The Board requested additional information on the switch be presented at the next meeting.
 - c. FY 08 Financial Update - Superintendent Spears updated the Board on the final General Fund revenue and expenditure totals for the year ended June 30, 2008. The District dipped into their cash reserve by spending approximately \$63,000 more than the revenues for the year.
 - d. Discuss School Facilities/Tour High School Building, Football/Track Area, Baseball and Softball Fields - The Board toured the listed areas and talked about many items concerning the areas. These items will be further discussed at the next Board Work Session, which will be determined as Item I in New Business.
 - e. City of Sheldon Sidewalk Ordinance Notification/Deferment Application Update - Superintendent Spears informed the Board that the District had received a deferment on placing sidewalks in the areas notified by the City. Superintendent Spears said that the issue of sidewalks on the north side of east 6th street will be discussed at a later City Council meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy Review - Policies 605.6, 605.6R1, 605.6E3 and 905.2 (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these polices. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Discuss IASB 2009 Legislative Action Priorities - The deadline for selecting the Board's priorities will be before the next Board Meeting. There was discussion on the priorities as listed in the Board Packet, and also the Board's previous priorities. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to have the following priorities.
 1. Repeal the new election law as it doesn't help School Districts.
 2. #6 - Supports the creation of an additional funding mechanism for school districts' transportation costs that does not directly or indirectly impact funding for the educational program.
 3. #14 - Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. The allowable growth rate should be set no lower than 6 percent. Equivalent state categorical funding is not a substitute for adequate allowable growth.
 4. #17 - Supports full funding of the state's portion of the instructional support levy.
 5. #24 - 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.
 6. #26 - 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 districts should have the ability to implement TIF for certain types of facility expenditures.

Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Nay; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - None
- B. Resignations - None
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the following contracts at this time:

DeZeeuw	Kent	Head Wrestling Coach	\$4,741
Boone	Arlan	Regular Route Bus Driver	\$16.12/hour
Boender	John	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.12/hour

Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the contracts.

Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Nay; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- D. Review/Accept Milk Bids for 2008-09 School Year- The District received bids from Joe's Dairy - Blue Bunny and Roberts Dairy. The Superintendent recommends that the Joe's Dairy bid be accepted. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the bid of Joe's Dairy. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Review/Accept Bread Bids for 2008-09 School Year - The District received bids from Interstate Baking Company, Sara Lee/Old Home Bakery, and Casey's Bakery. The Superintendent recommends that the Sara Lee/Old Home Bakery bid be accepted. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept the bid from Sara Lee/Old Home Bakery. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Authorize Free and Reduced-Priced School Meals Participation - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to authorize participation for the 2008-09 School Year. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Authorize NW AEA Transportation Request - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to authorize the District's request. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Approve Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Application for 2008-09 - The Superintendent recommends approval of the application. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the application. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Set Date for Board/Administrative Work Session - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have the work session immediately following the August Board meeting on August 13, 2008. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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.
- B. IASB Grassroots Advocacy Conference, Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Spencer.

X. ADJOURN

At 8.28 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.