

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 10, 2008

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:03 p.m., President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Van Gorp, Gary Ihnen, Glen Goedken, Kecia Hickman, Randy Merley, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Matt Meendering, Darrell Sneiderman, Cindy Barwick, Jenni McCrory, Claude Struve, Connie Van Meeteren, Laurie Pruiksmā, Mary Kay Todd, Rick Dean, John Van Gorp and Lindsay Hoepfner.

- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Superintendent Spears added an action item to Item VI (C)-5c. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; 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 – Claude Struve asked that consideration be given to including Western and Unity in the non-conference basketball games. He stated several reasons why playing Western and Unity would be beneficial to the Sheldon Basketball Program. Mr. Struve also requested that a basketball game be held in Sioux City, so if Sheldon got to the Sub-State Basketball game, the players would be familiar with the location and the size of the facilities.
 2. Recognition
 - a. Students – Middle School: MS Jazz Band-Kaitlin Jongewaard, Hannah Hickman, Ryan Peterson, Will DeKok, Meghan Hartokolis, Carlee McGuire, Erin Abele, Nicole Van Beek, Emily Jansen, Adam Gustafson, Carrie Wahlstrom, Scott Stallmann, Cody Mayer, Jacob Ihnen, Brian Vander Berg, Dalton McQueen, Ryan Reiser, Gage Karolczak, Crystal Rodger, Dana Wolthuizen, Sara Stegemann, Jessica Albers, Andrew Sterk, Ashley Meyer, Jett Korver, Blake Mulder, Brittany Van Gorp, Nate Hartokolis, Paige Van Wyk, Alex Drenkow, Alex Vust, Zach Haning, Shelby Bruns, Kaitlin Dagle, Joe Kuiper, Noah Hickman, Zach Kleinwolterink and Karl Arnold. Middle School students who attended the ILCC Jazz clinic on November 19: Clinton Kolbeck – trumpet; Jacob Sample – trumpet; Brian Vander Berg – trombone; Noah Hickman – bass guitar; Ryan Reiser – trombone; Benjamin Lichty – drums; Dalton McQueen – trombone; Sara Stephens – tenor sax; Brennan Vote – trumpet; Katlyn Holtrop – alto sax; Ellie Clark – guitar; Gage Karolczak – trombone; Bailey Buenger – piano; Katherine Bomgaars – piano; Zach Haning – drums; Alex Vust – guitar; Jacob Ven Huizen – trumpet; Scott Stallmann – trombone; Jett Korver – trumpet; Amy Warnke – trombone; Toby Maggert – drums. High School: Show Choir: Hayden Adkins, Judd Andringa, Evan Ascherl, Kristine Arnold, Anne Bomgaars, Jennifer Brown, Michael DeBates, Chris De Vries, Kace Groff, Michael Kirschbaum, Jackie Klein, Mandy Klein, Kelly Kobbe, Jenna Kruger, Kori Kruger, Blake Koedam, Joe Kuiper, Alex Jinkinson, Connor Larson, Michael Lovan, Kevin Meinecke, Kellie Merley, Kori Merley, Jamie Nieuwenhuis, Emily Palecek, Caleb Popkes, Jeremy Sheriff, Amber Smit, Andrew Sterk, Kelsey Sterk, Paige Van Wyk, Ashley Wagner, Jordan Whitsell, Megan Whitsell, Amanda Henning, and Oliver Hickman.

HS Jazz Band: Saxophone – Sebastian Sciegienka, Kori Kruger, Katie Jongewaard, Carlee McGuire, Ryan Peterson; Trumpet – Cody Schmith, Sean Heronemus, Andrew Sterk; Piano – Kelsey Sterk; Drums – Elizabeth Ihnen. Boys Varsity Basketball team: Tony Rodger, Dustin Lowe, Andy Goeb, Dustin Elgersma, Adam Nilles, Jakob Gamboa, Michael DeBates, Andy Dykstra, Ben Van Kekerix, Ethan Camarigg, Nathan Van Gorp, Nic Meendering, Taylor Zeutenhorst, Andrew Marshall, and Nick Oostra. The team is coached by Claude Struve. JV Boys Basketball team: Kace Groff, Josh Van Kekerix, Blake Koedam, Michael Kirschbaum, Kris Van Gent, Ben Meendering, Brandon Bousema, Nick Vust, Cody Schmith, Austin Johnson, Jordan Dykstra, Tomas Weishuhn, Caleb Popkes, Dakota Boerhave, and Mikeal Cooper. The team is coached by Jason Groendyke. Freshmen Boys Basketball team: Trevor Johnson, Joe Kuiper, Matt Youngers, Brandon Frick, Cody Hatting, Adam Gustafson, Travis Nelson, Andrew Sterk, Chad Den Hartog, and Allen De Goei. The team is coached by Thad Dykstra. Girls Varsity Basketball team: Jill Kobbe, Mackenzie Gustafson, Abby Lammers, Keesha Simington, Amy Den Hartog, Christine Cain, Felicia Feekes, Brittnie Fritz, Alexis Bart, Samantha Skaar, Becca Fischer, Kelsey Buyert, Corbin Weaver, and Brittany Boerhave. The team is coached by Kris Groff. JV Girls Basketball team: Lindsey Otis, Mackenzie Gustafson, Abby Lammers, Rachel Cain, Elizabeth Davis, Amy Den Hartog, Tristen Klein, Alesha Provost, Kori Kruger, Margaux Vandenberg, and Kelsey Buyert. The team is coached by Larie De Groot. Freshmen Girls Basketball team: Crystal Rodger, Lindsey Nilles, Kelly Kobbe, Kelsey Cutsinger, Nancy Arizmendi, Miranda Eschenbach, Chelsea Hakeneis, Michelle Fischer, Alesha Pulscher, and Meranda Schwarz. The team is coached by Erin Youngers. Sheldon/South O'Brien Wrestling team: Austin Bainbridge, Dylan Logan, Hayden Adkins, Mike Faust, Jud Maggert, Jeff Tentinger, Andrew Koehlmoos, Kevin Meinecke, Knute Klinker, Tim Jennes, Tanner Matthews, Bruce McWilliams, Pete Matthews, James Granstra, Bret Doorenbos, Joe Feekes, Alex Drenkow, Matt Williams, Jon Crowhurst, Zane Roberts, Chris Granstra, Craig De Boer, Dan Ridenour, Scott Ney, Ryan Dodge, Michael Schilling, Spencer Tischer, Anthony Strouth, Evan Ascherl, Dustin Hofmeyer, Trevor Lansink, Mitchell McDonald, Jordan Holtrop, Ryan Mordick, and Bryan Goettsch. The team is coached by Kent De Zeeuw, Andrew Lundgren, and Glenn Van Der Vliet.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "What Are Your Aspirations?" Volume 32, Number 15 was included in the Board Packet.
- b. "Why You Need To Develop Standards For Budgeting," Volume 32, Number 16 was included in the Board Packet.

2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the November 17, 2008 meeting.

3. Thank You Cards-None

- C. Board Member Reports - IASB Convention - Randy Merley-Informative, enjoyed it. Glen Goedken-Delegate Assembly-Legislative Priorities-Try to move up Allowable Growth. Big debate on raising the dropout age from 16 to 18. Kecia Hickman-sessions good. Gary Ihnen-enjoyed visiting with other district's Board Members.

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the communications as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 Glen Goedken to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, 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; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Kecia Hickman reviewed the bills. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the List of Bills. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee- None
- B. Special -
 1. Middle School Summer School Program - Cindy Barwick introduced Mary Kay Todd, Connie Van Meeteren and Laurie Pruiksma, Middle School teachers, who work with the summer school program. The teachers explained the criteria used to identify students that are in need of the summer school program.
- C. Administration
 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, discussed the vote outcome, and listed the items that are helping student achievement at the Elementary School.
 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, and also explained the graphs showing the test results to the Board at the November Board Meeting.
 3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report.
 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and stated that the scheduling for athletic events with the Siouxland Conference is going well.

8:00 p.m. President Van Gorp recessed the meeting for a short break.

8:10 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

5. Superintendent -
 - b. Concessions/Restrooms/Half-Time Room and Storage Facility Project - Superintendent Spears introduced Rick Dean, architect from Cannon, Moss, Brygger and Associates. Mr. Dean reviewed the sketches with the Board, and asked for permission to proceed on getting plans and specifications ready for a mid-January release for bids on the project. It was the consensus of the Board that the drawings looked okay, and to get the information for a mid-January bid release. Superintendent Spears reviewed the information and sketch from Morton Buildings concerning the vehicle storage facility. The Superintendent would like to have generic specs written up for a January approval to send the specs out for bid. The Board by consensus agreed that the information and sketches seemed to be what was needed.
 - a. Review December 9, 2008 Special Election Results - Superintendent Spears reviewed the preliminary election results.
 - c. Special Education Supplement Report - Superintendent Spears reviewed the Special Ed Supplement, and how the Board needed to approve the report and request additional funds from the State to help with the deficit. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the report and ask the State for assistance. Roll Call Vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- d. School District Financial Information - Superintendent Spears reviewed the graphs that were included in the Board Packet.
- e. Board Policy 508.4 - Use of School Facilities - The Superintendent asked for guidance when the District dismissed school for inclement weather. Is all usage of District facilities also cancelled for that day, or are there exceptions? There was some discussion. The Superintendent is to do some checking and bring the policy back to the January meeting for approval.
- f. Update Regarding Bus Accident - Superintendent Spears informed the Board that the District would have the bus repaired and use it until May, 2009. This is the bus that will be traded in on a new bus set to be purchased in the 2009-2010 School Year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 400 thru 402.4, Employees (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received applications for Noah Jager to Open Enroll into the Sheldon District from the Sibley-Ocheyedan District, and Oscar Gonzalez to Open Enroll into the Sheldon District from the Boyden-Hull District. The District has also received an application for Edgar Hinojosa to Open Enroll from the Sheldon District into the Boyden-Hull District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to accept and approve the applications as received. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - None
- C. Contract(s) - None
- D. Consider 2009-10 School Calendar Adoption Recommendation - Superintendent Spears presented the calendar that was developed utilizing feedback from the District Calendar Committee, Building Leadership Team, District Leadership Team and the Board of Education. The calendar has the first day of school being Thursday, August 13, 2009, and the last day of school, without any snow days, being May 18, 2010. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Gary Ihnen to adopt the calendar as presented. Randy Merley felt that other options should be looked at for the start date, start the calendar committee meetings earlier, and keep communications with public open. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Nay; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Consider AASA Legislative Agenda Resolution - The Superintendent recommends adoption of this resolution. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adopt this resolution. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Nay; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Designate IASB Director District # 1 Representative - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to designate Amy Jurrens as the District's representative of choice. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Approve/Authorize Transfer of Local Option Sales Tax Funds to the Debt Service Fund - The transfer is necessary for the payment of the interest on the Middle School Bonds. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- H. Consider Approval of 28E Agreement for Internet Aggregation Between Sheldon Community School District and Prairie Lakes AEA - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve this agreement. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Approve/Authorize Harkin/Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Application for East Elementary Building Project - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve/authorize the Superintendent to complete and file this application. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Approve/Authorize Harkin/Iowa Demonstration Construction/Fire (Life) Safety Grant Application - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve/authorize the Superintendent to complete and file this application. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Review/Approve School Bus Bids Specification for 2009-2010 Bus Purchase - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Gary Ihnen to approve the specs as published. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Consider/Authorize At-Risk Allowable Growth Application - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to authorize the Superintendent to complete and file this application. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- M. Consider Tractor Purchase Recommendation - The Superintendent recommends purchase of the tractor from Sheldon Implement. The tractor is a John Deere 3720 Tractor with the following accessories: a loader, 60" broom, and 59" snow blower for a total cost of \$44,652 before trade-in. The cost of \$44,652 is a discount of \$5,863 and a \$2,953 donation from Sheldon Implement, Inc. to the Sheldon Community School District Activity Fund as a result of our corporate partnership. The final cost with a \$1,985 trade-in will be \$42,667. The original budget for the expenditure was \$45,000. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the purchase as listed. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- N. Set Date for January Board Meeting - Available dates were discussed. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to have a special meeting for the bills, and possible approval of Concession/Restroom specs and also the Storage Building specs on Monday January 12, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room, and have the regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- O. Sheldon Community School District Multicultural, Gender Fair Education Plan (1st Reading) - Cindy Barwick presented the plan, and explained it to the Board. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve and pass the plan to it's second reading. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- P. Sheldon High School 2009-10 Registration Book (1st Reading) - Principal Meendering reviewed the changes from the previous year with the Board. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the Registration Book, make the suggested changes and pass it to a second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

Q. Board Policy Review - Policies 402.5 - 403.7R2, Employees (1st Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the policies and pass them on to a second reading. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB Legislative Conference, January 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 9.48 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.