

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHELDON, IOWA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

FY 09 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

May 27, 2009

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 4:01 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp called the meeting to order. Present: Kecia Hickman, Glen Goedken, Randy Merley, Gary Ihnen, Dan Van Gorp, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Guests: Lindsay Hoepfner.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - President Dan Van Gorp asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

At 4:02 p.m. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to open the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

A. Amendment of Current Budget (Fiscal Year 2008-09) - The public will be heard for or against the 2008-09 Budget. The Superintendent reviewed the budget amendment. President Dan Van Gorp asked if the District had received any oral or written comments either for or against the budget amendment. The Superintendent said that the District had received none. There were no public comments. President Dan Van Gorp asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 4:03 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to close the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

4. ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to adopt the budget amendment as presented in the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION - The Superintendent explained the proposed technology purchase recommendations. At the Elementary School the current CCC Lab computers should be converted to Thinix machines and used in the classrooms. The CCC lab will go to web based software. The estimated cost of technology updates in the Elementary School will be about \$60,000. At the Middle School the mobile labs will need to be replaced. The estimated cost of technology updates in the Middle School will be about \$35,000. At the High School the computers in both the Math and Science labs will be converted to Thinix machines, and will be used in the classrooms. The cost of the technology updates at the High School will be about \$25,000. A new mobile computer lab will be purchased for the High School at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The total cost of the technology updates at the District is estimated to be \$150,000. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the technology recommendations, and authorize the Superintendent to purchase the recommendations for a total of \$150,000. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

The Superintendent also updated the Board on other technology items that the District is researching. One item is interactive white boards in the classrooms, with a cost of around \$3,500/classroom. There is also research on a computer/tablet that would allow the information written on the tablet to be

projected on a white board at the front of the classroom. There is also research on updating the District computer servers for both data and email. The Superintendent also discussed an additional \$10,000 for library books.

6. ADJOURN - At 4:25 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.