

# SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 11, 2009

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:33 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, Cindy Barwick, Jenni McCrory, Darrell Sneiderman, Adam Orban, Steve Holles, Walt Pruiksmas and Lindsay Hoepfner.

**II. APPROVAL OF 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.

### **III. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – None
2. Recognition

a. Students – **Middle School:** Future Problem Solving Participants; Anna Marie Fjeld, Jackson Young, Jake Korver, Emma Van Meeteren, Emma Beahler, Emily Jo Johnson, Emily Van Gent, Mitchell Meyer, Sam Lode, Zach Lukkes, Jena Van Marel, and Brittany Van Wyk, Karl Lichty, Katlyn Holtrop, Benjamin Lichty and Clinton Kolbeck. Regional Spelling Bee participants: Grant Weaver, Toby Maggert, and Hunter Lucas. **High School:** The following girls are eligible for the “On-A-Roll” Academic Recognition Award based on the fact they participated in an IGHSAU sanctioned sport or cheerleading/drill team last semester, and their semester grade point average increased from the previous semester: Abby Gesink, Jacinda Holtrop, Lyndsie Meinecke, Amber Smit, Brittany St. Clair, Kellie Merley, Katie Beldt, Brittany Boerhave, Christine Cain, Felicia Feekes, Kaitlin Fiddelke, Leah Heibult, Nichole Lange, Sadie Schilling, Keesha Simington, and Samantha Skaar. Sheldon had 14 varsity groups and 2 freshman groups performing at the district large group speech contest in Okoboji. The following groups received a division II rating: Radio Broadcasting, Mime, the One-Act Play “Naz” (Joelle Brown, Jeremiah Huff, Jackie Klein, Sebastian Sciegienka, Kelly Van Wyk, Jamison Van’t Hull, and Nick Youngers); the Ensemble Acting group “Unknown Part of the Ocean” (Kristine Arnold and Amber Smit). The following groups received a division I rating and will be performing at the state contest in Spencer: Choral Reading, Readers Theatre, both Musical Theatre groups, Ensemble Acting Groups- “Othello” (Chris DeVries and Sebastian Sciegienka) and “There Shall Be No Bottom” (Chris Blankers, Taylor DeKok, Mason Gustafson, and Oliver Hickman); two Improv Acting groups, and BOTH freshman performances, an Ensemble Acting group, and the One-Act Play “When Shakespeare’s Ladies Meet” (Erin Abele, Michelle Fischer, Emily Jansen, Alesha Pulscher, Nicole Van Beek, and Dana Wolthuizen). Wrestlers who made All-Conference in Wrestling are Austin Bainbridge, Hayden Adkins, Tanner Matthews, and Bruce McWilliams. The individuals who made the All Conference Academic Team in

their respective sport: Girl's Basketball – Christine Cain, Becca Fischer, Keesha Simington, Samantha Skaar, Corbin Weaver, Honorable Mention – Brittany Boerhave; Boy's Basketball – Andy Dykstra, Andy Goeb, Tony Rodger, Honorable Mention – Dustin Elgersma; Wrestling Cheerleaders – Katie Beldt and Emily Palecek; Basketball Cheerleader – Leah Heibult.

- b. Music Department - Superintendent Spears presented a certificate of appreciation and thanks, to Adam Orban, representative from the HS Music Department, in recognition of the positive image that the band and choir showed during the music trip to the Cotton Bowl, and also the awards that both the band and choir earned in the musical competitions in Dallas.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "Managing Pressure and Special Interest Groups," Volume 32, Number 19 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the January 19, 2009 meeting.
3. Thank You Cards - None

C. Board Member Reports - None

Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the communications as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, 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. Kecia Hickman said that there was an error on the January 21, 2009 Board Meeting minutes. Under Item VI- C-1, the word transactional should be transitional. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Gary Ihnen reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VI. REPORTS**

C. Administration

5. Superintendent -

- a. Orab Addition TIF Update - The City of Sheldon has released the Sheldon Orab Addition from the TIF district, and has placed the valuations of the Orab Addition on the tax rolls.
- b. Update Regarding Snow Make-Up Days - Superintendent explained how additional snow days would affect the seniors.
- c. Update regarding 2009-2010 Reduction Plan - Superintendent reviewed the plan with the Board.
- d. The Superintendent updated the Board on the increases in the health insurance premiums for the District's three plans. The increases ranged from a low of 1.23% up to 3.9%.

## **V. PUBLIC HEARING –**

- A. Concessions/Restroom/Half-Time Facility and/or Storage Facility – Individuals will be heard for or against the Concessions/Restroom/ Half-Time Facility and Storage Facility. Bid information from the 4:30 p.m. bid opening will also be shared with the Board during the public hearing portion of the Board meeting. The Board will have an opportunity to accept or reject the bid offers for both projects during the New Business portion of the Board meeting on New Business Items D and E.

At 6:00 p.m., Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to open the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Rick Dean of the architect firm of Cannon, Moss, Brygger & Associates, the architect for the projects. Mr. Dean said that there were a lot of bids, and they were very competitive. Mr. Dean reviewed the bid tabs for both projects with the Board. The District will be responsible for the demo of the existing concession stand, dirt work for both projects, water and sewer for the concession stand, electrical for both projects. There was no public comment.

President Dan Van Gorp asked if the District had received any verbal or written opposition or support of the projects. There had been none. President Dan Van Gorp asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 6:02 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

## **VI. REPORTS**

- A. Committee - None
- B. Special - None
- C. Administration
  1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, said that today was Cookie Day at East Elementary. On February 25, 2009, East will have a Special Education File Review. This review will align with the State School Review which will take place next year.
  2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, and said that the Respect Assembly with Mr. Barry Whitsell as the featured speaker went well. She is still working on the GPA project for the Board meeting. The Middle School is having an "Abe Lincoln" penny war this week.
  3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report, and said that he attended a meeting on the "Healthy Kids Act". He outlined the requirements for that program. There will be a Safety Task Force meeting on March 4, 2009, from 6-7 p.m. in the High School Library. Next Wednesday will be the first round of arena scheduling.
  4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and updated the Board on the individuals going to the State Speech Contest, and also that the Wrestlers were Sectional Champions. He also reviewed how the wrestling team had done at the Dual Team Wrestling Meet held at Spirit Lake. Mr. Sneiderman said that the response to the invitations to teams for the Dance Team night to be held on February 26, 2009 has been light.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS -**

- C. Sheldon Community School District Multicultural, Gender Fair Education Plan (2nd Reading) - Mrs. Barwick explained the plan, as she is the District's point of contact on the plan. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to approve. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- G. English As A Second Language Program Guide Review (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) - Mrs. Barwick reviewed the Program Guide, and had some suggested changes. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the guide, with the suggested changes. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 403.7E1 thru 406.3, Employees (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Board Policy Review - Miscellaneous Board Policies (505.5, 506.1, and 507.2) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has applications for Billie, Bradyn and Riley Panziera to Open Enroll from the Sheldon District into the Sibley-Ocheyedan District. These applications are for information only, and no action is needed.
- B. Resignations - The District has received a resignation from Mary Kay Todd, as Middle School guidance counselor, and from Michele Hoogers, as Junior High Softball coach. The Superintendent recommends approval of both of these resignations. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept these resignations. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that a contract be issued to:

Name	Position	Wage
Justin Albers	Assistant Boy's Baseball Coach	\$3,161**

\*\* Salary based on current contract and will be adjusted after Co-Curricular salary schedule has been updated for the 2009-10 school year.

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

- D. Approve Specifications and Form of Contract for Concessions/Restroom/Half-Time Facility and/or Storage Facility - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the specifications and form of contract on the two projects. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- E. Consider Award of Contract for Concessions/Restroom/Half-Time Facility and/or Storage Facility - Will discuss the bids and the options at the work session. No action was taken.
- F. Consider Annual Application for Renewal of Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity (High School Wrestling Sharing Agreement with South O'Brien CSD) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve this application. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Board Policy Review – Policies 406.4 – 409.3R1, Employees (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. IASB School Law Conference, May 12, 2009
- B. IASB Human Resources Conference, June 12, 2009, Urbandale
- C. IASB Fiscal Management Conference, July 15, 2009, Ames
- D. IASB Human Relations Conference, September 25, 2009

**X. ADJOURN**

At 7:34 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.