

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 21, 2009

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – At 6:02 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, Cliff St. Clair and Lindsay Hoepner.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, 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. Music Department - Superintendent Spears presented a certificate of appreciation and thanks, to Cliff St. Clair, 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. “The Board's Role In Contract Negotiations,” Volume 32, Number 17 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. “Six Areas Where Agreement Is Crucial,” Volume 32, Number 18 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the December 15, 2008 meeting.
3. Thank You Cards-Letter from Parkersburg Tornado Relief fund, and from Cliff St. Clair for the school's contribution to the new Sousaphones, and the Board's support of the band program.

C. Board Member Reports - IASB Legislative Conference-Gary Ihnen and Robin Spears attended.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – None
- B. Financial Report – None
- C. Summary List of Bills – None

The minutes, financial report and summary list of bills were approved at the January 12, 2009 special meeting.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee - None

B. Special - None

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, said that the Elementary students enjoyed watching the inauguration. The 100th day will be Monday, January 26, 2009. The preschools involved with the State’s 4-Year Old Preschool Program, will have a community registration night, and will use the same process as the District. Working on a mission statement for the 4-year old preschool. Working on a transactional program from preschool to kindergarten.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, and said that Mrs. Bousema did a good job on organizing the book festival. There was a “Respect Assembly” last Monday. The chart that identifies the Middle School students who would qualify for summer school would increase if the students were below the 50%tile rather than the 40%tile.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report, and said that the \$2,400 raised for the Adopt A Family all went to High School families. At the in-service, Noreen Vande Weerd showed the teachers what audio visual is available to the teacher. Gene Bomgaars gave a demonstration on an on-line program called Quia. The program is like having a teacher assistant. It is felt that this program would be helpful in Driver's Education classes.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Meendering reviewed Mr. Sneiderman's report.

8:15 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp recessed the meeting for a short break.

8:25 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

5. Superintendent -

- a. School District Financial Status - The Superintendent said that the District receipts from the State of Iowa will be reduced by \$68,900, and the 2008-09 Budget has been adjusted for this shortage. The Superintendent asked if there were any Board members willing to help him find further reductions if there is an additional reduction from the State. Gary Ihnen and Kecia Hickman agreed to assist the Superintendent.
- b. FY10 Property Tax Valuations - The Superintendent reviewed the schedule showing the tax valuations in the counties of Sioux, O'Brien, Osceola and Lyon.
- c. IASB Area 4 Regional Telecommunications Council Representative - The Superintendent asked if there were any Board members interested in being on the council. No Board member was interested in the position.
- d. Facility Projects Update - The auditorium lighting will cost approximately \$85,000. The Weight Room and Locker Room modification will cost around \$50,000.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 402.5 thru 403.7R2, Employees (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Sheldon Community School District Multicultural, Gender Fair Education Plan (2nd Reading) - No Action
- C. Sheldon High School 2009-10 Registration Book (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the registration book. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 Alex Lange, Christopher, Jenny, and Jamison Van't Hul to Open Enroll into the Sheldon District from the MOC-Floyd Valley District, and Daniel Reeves to Open Enroll from the Sheldon District into the Rock Valley District. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to accept and approve the applications as received. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - None
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that a contract be issued to Carren Albers as a Special Education Associate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four hours per day at the rate of \$9.00/hour for an annual salary of \$1,800. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the issuance of the contract. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Review Official Vote Canvas from December 9, 2008 Special Election - The Superintendent reviewed the results of the special election. The Special Election cost was \$2,947.74. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to accept the canvas. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Consider Purchase of School Bus - The District has received the following bids on an 84 passenger school bus.

Blue Bird	Thomas	Hoglund
\$88,573 base price	\$89,380 base price	\$88,594 base price
Price includes trade-in 4 storage compartments LED lights Includes white roof 200 amp alternator 3000 transmission	Price includes trade-in 2 storage compartments LED lights White roof \$328 extra 160 amp alternator 2500 transmission	Price includes trade-in 2 storage compartments No LED lights White roof \$410 extra 190 amp alternator 3000 transmission
TOTAL - \$88,573	TOTAL - \$89,708	TOTAL - \$88,872

It is the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase the bus from Blue Bird for \$88,573. The bus will be delivered after July 1, 2009 and will be paid with General Fund money in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to purchase the bus as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- F. Consider General Accreditation Standard 281 - Iowa Administrative Code 12 Exemption Request for High School Physical Education - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to authorize the submission of the waiver request to the Iowa Department of Education. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Consider Salary Adjustment for 4-Year Old Pre-School Administrator - It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board adjust the current salary of the elementary principal by \$2,500 for FY09. There are two compelling reasons to do this: 1) The school district received an additional \$309,504 to fund the pre-school program. Jenni McCrory is responsible for overseeing the five pre-school programs covered by the funding; and 2) Jenni McCrory's current salary is well below the average for Elementary Principals for schools the size of Sheldon. If \$2,500 is added to her current salary of \$76,800 that would bring her up to \$79,300, which would be close to the average for elementary school principals of schools our size. The 2008-09 salary for the High School Principal is \$84,121 and the Middle School Principal is \$81,000. Even though the increase would bring her salary up to a more comparable level, the increased responsibility of supervising the five pre-school programs in our community provides additional justification. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to

approve the salary adjustment. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- H. Board Policy Review - Policies 403.7E1 - 406.3. 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: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, 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 8.57 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.