

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 12, 2008

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:00 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, Susan Battani and Lindsay Hoepfner.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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: Northwest Iowa Honor Choir - Bethany Lenderink, Tanner Klein, Hannah Hickman, Katherine Bomgaars, Noah Hickman and Jacob Ven Huizen. Middle School band members, who were selected to perform in the Honor Band at Storm Lake on November 1, are Sara Stephans (Flute), Emily Lidiak (bb Clarinet), Baily Buenger (Contra Alto Clarinet), Hannah Hickman (Alto Saxophone), Gage Karolczak (Trombone), Noah Hickman (Tuba), Jacob Ihnen (Tuba), and Benjamin Lichty (Percussion). 7th Boy's Basketball: Ben Marshall, Karl Arnold, Hunter McDonald, Garrett Lang, Justin Renken, Alex Davis, Brian Klein, Michael Wolthuizen, Tristan Roetzel, Benjamin Lichty, Logan Otis, Tanner Whitsell, Brennan Vote, Brian Vander Berg, Dalton McQueen. 8th Boy's Basketball: Nathan Oostra, Josh Gorter, Quinn Groff, Will DeKok, Jacob Ihnen, Toby Maggert, Jack Beahler, Andrew Johnson, Dakota Michaelson, Brett Ogle, Hunter Lucas, Dyllin Den Hartog, Wyatt Sachen, Brandon Van Beek, Dallas Ennema, Matt Dykstra, Chris Balster, Brad Zybarth, Blake Mulder, Tom Brown, Grant Weaver, Peter Fonkert, Alex Lange, Alex Vust, Tyler Fischer, Bodie Osborn, Jason Doeden, Joe Barron (manager), Clayton Scheibler (manager), Mitch Jensen (manager). High School: Congratulations to Ashley Wagner for being selected for membership in the Iowa All-State Band. Congratulations to Tyler Drenkow for finishing 8th at the State Cross Country Meet. The following students were named to the All Conference Academic Team in their respective sport: Volleyball – Becca Fischer, Brittnie Fritz, Keesha Simington; Cross Country – Christine Cain, Ben Groen, Taylor Zoelle; Football – Garrett Crawl, Chris DeVries, Andy Dykstra, Andy Goeb, Dan Ridenour, Tony Rodger, Ryan Warnke, Nick Youngers. Football Honorable Mention – Sam Storm and Aaron Van Gorp; Cheerleaders - Katie Beldt. The following students were named to the All Conference Team in their respective sport: Volleyball – 1st Team - Elizabeth Ihnen (unanimous),

Rachel Ihnen, Alexis Bart, Second Team – Becca Fischer, Kellie Goedken, Honorable Mention – Keesha Simington, Kellie Merley; Cross Country – Tyler Drenkow, Kace Groff; Football – Bret Doorenbos, Andy Goeb, Tony Rodger, Aaron Van Gorp, Taylor Zeutenhorst, Football Honorable Mention – Chris De Vries, Nic Meendering, Ryan Warnke, Andy Dykstra.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "Why Frequent Retreats Are Good For Your Board,"
Volume 32, Number 12 was included in the Board Packet.
- b. "Seven Attitudes Held By Effective Board Members,"
Volume 32, Number 13 was included in the Board Packet.
- c. "Six Strategies For Working Effectively With Your Legislators,"
Volume 32, Number 14 was included in the Board Packet.

2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the October 20, 2008 meeting.

3. Thank You Cards-Brenda Cammann - thanking the District for the flowers.

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: Randy Merley, Aye; 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 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 Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, 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. Discussion: Questions on land and equipment rent. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee-

1. District Leadership Team Update/Annual Yearly Progress Report to the Community - Superintendent Spears reviewed the report with the Board and answered any questions that the Board members had. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the District Goals as listed in the report. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

B. Special -

1. School District Independent Audit Report - Susan Battani, from the State Auditor's Office, reviewed the report with the Board. She explained the schedules and how the District was standing. She thanked the District for the support in completing the audit.

7:32 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp recessed the meeting for a short break

7:42 p.m. President Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. She said there was a great turn-out at the Parent-Teacher conferences.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, which was included in the Board Packet. She said that the Veteran's Day Assembly would be held on Friday, since school was cancelled on Tuesday.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet. Cindy Prewitt and 4 students attended the STEM Conference at UNI.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, which was included in the Board Packet.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. Facilities Information Update/Pedestrian Crosswalks - Superintendent Spears reviewed the sketches and options for the Concession Stand/Restroom, Storage Building, and the crosswalk ideas that the City of Sheldon is proposing. The consensus of the Board is that more options are needed on the storage building, and more ideas on the concession/restroom building. Superintendent Spears said that the Board needs to think about what we want to do for crosswalks, and present the concerns and issues to the City of Sheldon in the spring.
 - b. Review Maintenance Vehicle/Equipment Purchase Plan - The Superintendent has some estimates on the purchase of a new tractor for the District. The purchase of this tractor has already been budgeted to be purchased with PPEL Funds. The Superintendent will bring a recommendation regarding a purchase of a tractor to the December Board meeting. The school district is also in the rotation year to purchase a new school bus. The process for purchasing a school bus is that the Board approves specifications during the December Board meeting, solicits bids from school bus dealers, and then awards the bid in January with a July 1, 2009 delivery date. The bus purchase will be budgeted for in the 2009-10 school year.
 - c. Siouxland Conference Update - The District has received a letter from the Siouxland Conference welcoming the Sheldon District into the conference.
 - d. Elementary Building Project Information Brochure - The Superintendent reviewed the proposed brochure with the Board.
 - e. Video Cameras for School Buses - There are nine buses that need to be fitted with a camera system. The cost for the purchase of nine cameras ranges from \$9,000 to \$14,112. The Superintendent is in the process of finalizing costs with plans to bring a purchase recommendation to the Board at the December Board meeting. There is \$10,000 built into the budget for this purchase.
 - f. Sheldon Educational Foundation Update - The Superintendent is checking with the State Auditor to see if the recommendations from the Foundation would be acceptable according to State Law.
 - g. School Enrollment - The Superintendent distributed a packet with enrollment information from prior years.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 300 thru 308, Administration (2nd Reading) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Approve 4-Year Old Pre-School Agreement(s) - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agreements. 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 information only applications for Brenden & Kyle Corbett to attend the George-Little Rock District for 2009-10, as the parents will be moving into the District.
- B. Resignations - The District has received no letters of resignation.
- C. Contract(s) – The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the following contracts:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Dykstra	Thad	9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,592
Van Der Vliet	Glenn	9th Grade Wrestling Coach	\$2,528

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

- D. Discuss 2009-10 School Calendar - The Superintendent explained the options for the calendars that were in the Board Packet. There was discussion on the benefits of the calendars. The Calendar Committee will review, and the Superintendent will bring, a recommendation to the Board at the December meeting.
- E. Consider AASA Legislative Agenda Resolution - The Superintendent recommends adoption of this resolution. There was discussion about the resolution, but no motion to adopt.
- F. Consider School Budget Review Committee Allowable Growth Application - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to authorize the Superintendent to submit this modified allowable growth application to the SBRC. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Designate Board Negotiation Team Representatives - Gary Ihnen and Kecia Hickman have served as representatives in the past. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to have Gary Ihnen and Kecia Hickman continue as representatives of the Board on the Negotiation Team. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Designate Independent Auditor for FY09 - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to have the State Auditor be the District's FY09 Independent Auditor. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Board Policy Review - Policies 400-402.4, Employees (1st Reading). Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the policies and to pass them to a second reading. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Early Bird Conference/Delegate Assembly, November 19, 2008, Des Moines
- B. IASB Annual Convention, November 20-21, 2008, Des Moines
- C. IASB Legislative Conference, January 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 9.57 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.