

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 9, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:01 p.m., President Gary Ihnen called the meeting to order. Members present: Gary Ihnen, Glen Goedken, Kecia Hickman, Susan Rensink, Randy Merley, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: none. Visitors: Matt Meendering, Cindy Barwick, Jenni McCrory, Darrell Sneiderman, Steve Holles, Jacob Ihnen, Anthony Ryan, Frank Luepke and Kiley Seligmen.

President Ihnen welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board.

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Superintendent Spears stated that the Auditor would not be present this evening, as well as the students who were supposed to give a report on the 7th Grade Mountain Project. There would be an addition of University of Sioux Falls to item VIII (H). Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – none.
2. Recognition

- a. Students – High School - The 2009-10 Varsity boys basketball team members are: Michael Kirschbaum, Kace Groff, Andrew Marshall, Michael DeBates, Adam Nilles, Nathan Van Gorp, Taylor Zeutenhorst, Nick Oostra, Josh Van Kekerix, Ray Scott, Tomas Weishuhn, Jordan Dykstra, Nick Vust, Blake Koedam, and Dakota Boerhave. The Varsity Boys Basketball Coach is Claude Struve. The 2009-10 JV boys basketball team members are: Travis Nelson, Chris Balster, Brandon Frick, Trevor Johnson, Kris Van Gent, Dallas Ennema, Matt Youngers, Chad Den Hartog, Adam Gustafson, Caleb Popkes, Joe Kuiper, Cody Hatting, Mitchell McDonald, and Bobby Amnatka. The Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach is Jason Groendyke. The 2009-10 Freshmen boys basketball team members are: Jake Rosburg, Peter Fonkert, Quinn Groff, Brett Ogle, Nathan Oostra, Grant Weaver, Matt Dykstra, Alex Vust, Will DeKok, and Tom Brown. The Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach is Thad Dykstra. The 2009-10 Varsity girls basketball team members are: Amy Den Hartog, Lindsey Otis, Rachel Cain, Alesha Provost, Abby Lammers, Alexis Bart, Kelsey Buyert, Lindsey Nilles, Michelle Fischer, and Alesha Pulscher. The Varsity girls basketball Coach is Kris Groff. The 2009-10 JV girls basketball team members are: Crystal Rodger, Tristen Klein, Chelsea Hakeneis, Kelsey Cutsinger, Paula Moderow, and Meranda Schwarz. The Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach is Larie DeGroot. The 2009-10 Freshmen girls basketball team members are: Cassie Ennema, Michaela Wagner, Alissa Jager, Tori Meendering, Janessa Holles, Ashley Presthus, Teighlor Lonning, Audrey Gustafson, and Kami Ackerman. The Freshmen Girls Basketball Coach is Erin Youngers. Members of the 2009-10 Sheldon/South O'Brien wrestling team are: Hayden Adkins, Mike Faust, Joe Feekes, James Granstra, Knute Klinker, Andrew Koehlmoos, Pete Matthews, Scott Ney, Ryan Dodge, Chris Granstra, Ryan Mordick, Spencer Tischer, Austin Bainbridge, Craig DeBoer, Bryan Goettsch, Tim Jenness, Dylan Logan, Tanner Matthews, Bruce McWilliams, Nathan Mordick, Zane Roberts, Matt Williams, Joe Barron, Jack Beahler, Connor Burns, Dyllin Den Hartog,

Hunter Fiddelke, Tyler Fischer, Josh Gorter, Dillon Hain, Bryce Kelleher, Toby Maggert, Clayton Scheibler, and David Zuniga. The Wrestling Team Coaches are Kent De Zeeuw and Matt Dorn. Congratulations to Kelsey Sterk and Erin Abele for being selected to the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Honor Band. Kelsey and Erin will perform on January 9 at Morningside College in Sioux City. The Dance Team and Volleyball trophies were also at the Board Meeting.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "Six Sins That Can Destroy A Board Meeting", Volume 33, Number 15 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "The Board's Role in Going Green" Volume 33, Number 16 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the November 16, 2009 meeting.
 3. Thank You Cards - The District received Thank You cards from Alexis Bart, the Sheldon Volleyball Team and Julie Blythe.

Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to accept the Recognition and Correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Board Member Reports -

1. Other - none.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Kecia Hickman reviewed the bills. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee - None
- B. Special - None
- C. Administration
 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report. She distributed the winning bookmarks, The Bridge and samples of the JMC report cards that the Elementary School is using.
 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report and explained the Service Projects that the Middle School had done.
 3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report. Testing will be the two days before Christmas Break, with grades being due on January 4, 2010. The grades will be posted by the teachers on the website.
 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. The basketball games from last night have been rescheduled to December 19, 2009. The aeration and top dressing on the athletic fields is completed. The Ag-lime will be delivered this winter. The High Jump Pit replacement is completed, but they will have to complete the fencing in the spring. Money has been withheld from payment on the replacement. The Weight Room flooring is in, and the Athletic Booster Club has donated about \$20,000 for equipment.

5. Superintendent -
 - a. 2010-11 School Calendar Meeting Update - The meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2009. There might be calendars for the Board to review at the January 2010 meeting.
 - b. School Finance Update - Superintendent Spears discussed several possibilities with the Board concerning the Allowable Growth that will be determined by the State Legislature.
 - c. IASB Annual Convention - An information sheet from the IASB was included in the Board Packet that lists the documents that are available from the convention.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 502.2-503.1R2, Students (2nd Reading) - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - none
- B. Resignations - Brad Van Roekel has resigned his position as Head Cross Country Coach. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the resignation contingent upon finding a suitable replacement and to thank Brad for his service to the District. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – Ben Peake as 9th Grade Wrestling Coach for a salary of \$2,566. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the contract. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Consider At-Risk Allowable Growth Budget Application - Superintendent Spears explained the application. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the application. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Designate Independent Auditor for FY10 - Tabled until the January 2010 meeting.
- F. Approve/Authorize Harkin/Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Application For High School Roof Project - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to apply for a grant for the repair/replacement of the High School Roof. The total project is estimated to be \$514,105 with the grant to total \$128,526. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Approve/Authorize Harkin/Iowa Demonstration Construction/Fire (Life) Safety Grant Application - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to apply for a grant to address the balance of the needs as sited in the State Fire Marshall's report. The maximum grant is for \$25,000. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Consider Cooperative Agreement For Education Field Experiences Between Faith Bible College And The Sheldon Community School District, and the University of Sioux Falls And The Sheldon Community School District. - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve both agreements. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Appoint District Leadership Team Members - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to appoint those individuals, as listed on the schedule included in the Board Packet, to the District Leadership Team. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

- J. Appoint District Test Coordinator - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to appoint Robin Spears as the District Test Coordinator. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Appoint District Equity Coordinator - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to appoint Cindy Barwick as the District Equity Coordinator. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. Approve/Authorize Reallocation Between Funds - Transfer between LOST and Debt Service Funds is necessary due to the December 1, 2009 interest payment on the Middle School Bonds, and also approve the transfer in May 2010 for the interest and principal payment on the Middle School Bonds that are due on June 1, 2010. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the transfers. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- M. Set Date For January Board Meeting - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to move the January Board Meeting to Monday, January 11, 2010 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- N. High School 2010-11 Registration Booklet (1st Reading) - Principal Meendering reviewed the changes with the Board. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the booklet and pass it to its 2nd reading. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- O. Pre-School Policies Manual (1st Reading) - Manual reviewed by Superintendent Spears. The manual is required. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the manual and pass it to its 2nd reading. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- P. Teacher Evaluation Process And Procedures Manual (1st Reading) - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to pass the manual to its 2nd reading. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- Q. Board Policy Review – Policies 503.2-505.3, Students (1st Reading) - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the policies and pass them to their 2nd reading. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Legislative Issue Training/Regional Lobby Days

X. ADJOURN

At 7:32 p.m., Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to adjourn. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.