

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 11, 2010

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:03 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, Pam Bormann, Kim Buenger, Debbie Den Hartog, Steve Holles, Jeff DeVries, Darla Van Wyk, Jay Van Wyk, Kelsey Den Hartog, Brittany Van Wyk, Matt Buenger, John DeVries, Justin Albers, Frank Luepke and Kiley Seligmen.
President Ihnen welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Superintendent Spears added Item 8L-Preliminary Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for participation in the Race to the Top, Federal & State Additional Funding. Supt. Spears also added Item e in the Section 6 Reports, Sub-section C5 Superintendent -Roofs. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, 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 – Recognition was included in the Board Packet.
- B. Correspondence
1. The Board
 - a. "Surely You're Ready For Rumors", Volume 33, Number 17 was included in the Board Packet.
 2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the December 14, 2009 meeting.
 3. Thank You Cards - The District received no Thank You cards, but Superintendent Spears thanked the Board and the District for the flowers he received during his illness.
- Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the Recognition and Correspondence as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, 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 Randy Merley to approve. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Randy Merley reviewed the bills. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee - None

B. Special -

1. 7th Grade Mountain Project - Justin Albers introduced Matt Buenger and John DeVries who presented a report on the Mountain K2. Mr. Albers also introduced Kelsey Den Hartog and Brittany Van Wyk who reported on Mt. Rainer.
2. School District Independent Audit Report - Pam Bormann from the State Auditors Office reviewed the audit report with the Board. She gave the District an A- for a letter grade.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report. Stated that there would be a "Shredding Cancer Concert" on January 23, 2010 in the High School Auditorium. More information will be available later.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report.

At 6:30 p.m. President Ihnen said there would be a short break.

At 6:43 p.m. President Ihnen reconvened the meeting.

5. Superintendent -

- a. 2010-11 School Calendar Meeting Update - The meeting scheduled for last week was cancelled due to the snow. Will try to set up another meeting next week. Discussed the professional development and student contact days.
- b. School Finance Update - Supt. Spears discussed the Power Point presentation slides that were used at the USFLC conference that he attended.
- c. Hearing with the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) - Superintendent Spears commented on the article that had been published in the Des Moines Register, and also reviewed the Summary of Hearing Action from the December 14, 2009 SBRC meeting hearing.
- d. AASA Executive Committee - Superintendent Spears updated the Board on his term on the Executive Committee, and that the District doesn't pay for his attending this meeting.
- e. Snow on Roofs - Superintendent Spears has contacted the architect concerning the snow load on the District's building roofs. Superintendent will work with Bruce Roelfs, the Building & Grounds Director, on what needs to be done.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. High School 2010-11 Registration Booklet (2nd Reading) - Mr. Meendering reviewed the changes that he and Kecia Hickman had discussed. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the registration booklet. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

B. Pre-School Policies Manual (2nd Reading) - Mrs. McCrory reviewed the manual with the Board. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Discussion: Kecia Hickman discussed the need for further clarification on a section on "gloving procedures", and Mrs. McCrory said that would be added. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Board Policy Review - Policies 503.2-505.3, Students (2nd Reading) - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received an application for Elana Armstrong to attend the Sheldon District from the Boyden-Hull District. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - none.
- C. Contract(s) – none.
- D. Designate Independent Auditor for FY10 - Superintendent Spears recommended the continued use of the State Auditor's Office. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to follow the Superintendent's recommendation. There was discussion among the Board. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Consider Letter of Commitment for AdvancED/NCA District Accreditation - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to authorize the Superintendent and District to move forward in the District Accreditation. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Approve Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (IDATP) Participation Agreement Between the Iowa Association of School Boards and The Sheldon Community School District - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve participation. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Approve GASB 45 Compliance Service Agreement Between the Iowa Association of School Boards and the Sheldon Community School District - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Approve Medicaid Reimbursement Claiming Agreement between Timberline Billing Service LLC and the Sheldon Community School District - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Set Date for February Board Meeting - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to have a meeting at noon on February 8, 2010 in the Board Room to approve the bills, and set the time for the February 15, 2010 meeting. The balance of the monthly Board Meeting will be on February 15, 2010, in the High School Library with the time to be decided at the February 8, 2010 meeting. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Consider Activation of Licensed Employee Severance Benefit Board Policy - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the policy with Options A-E. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Board Policy Review – Policies 505.4-507.2E3, 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; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

L. Preliminary Approval to Complete the Application to Participate in the Iowa Race to the Top. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to authorize the Superintendent to complete the application. The application will be reviewed at the February Board Meeting. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB Legislative Issue Training/Regional Lobby Days

X. ADJOURN

At 8:14 p.m., Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to adjourn. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.