

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 8, 2010

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:01 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, Bill Jongewaard, Marv Van Riesen, Steve Holles, Jennifer Van Beek, Kristen Leng, Amanda Buse, Cliff St Clair, Kim Buenger, Dan Van Gorp, Rick Dean, Tami Kuiper, Adam Orban, Frank Luepke and Kiley Seligmen. President Gary Ihnen welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, 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 following students participated in the FFA Leadership contest at West Lyon: Graden Nordahl, Mitchell Jensen, Brandon Van Beek, Tyler Fischer, Meranda Schwarz, and Chelsea Hakeneis. Greenhand results are as follows: Graden Nordahl-Silver, Mitchell Jensen-Silver, Tyler Fischer-Bronze, and Brandon Van Beek-Bronze.
The following students were named to the Siouxland All-Conference teams in their respective sports: Boy’s Basketball – Taylor Zeutenhorst – 2nd team; Nathan Van Gorp-3rd Team; Adam Nilles-Honorable Mention. Girl’s Basketball - Alexis Bart-2nd Team; Abby Lammers – Honorable Mention. The following students were named to Siouxland Academic All-Conference in their respective sports: Girl’s Basketball – Amy Den Hartog, Kendra Hall-Manager; Boy’s Basketball – Michael Kirschbaum, Andrew Marshall, Nathan Vos – Manager; Basketball Cheerleaders - Tara Boone; Wrestling - Andrew Koehlmoos; Wrestling Cheerleaders – Sara Kinderknecht, Cassie Lukkes. Congratulations to the speech performers who competed at the District Speech contest on Saturday. Out of 29 performances, we brought home 20 division I ratings. Special congratulations to those students who received division I ratings in both of their performance categories: Chris Blankers, Mason Gustafson, Cassie Lukkes, Sebastian Sciegenka, and Dana Wolthuizen. In addition, Anne Bomgaars, Taylor DeKok, Chelsey Olson, Graeme St. Clair, Oliver Hickman, Jamison Van't Hul, Erin Abele, Emily Jansen, Alesha Pulscher, and Hannah Hickman received a division I rating. The following students participated in the Individual Speech contest at Akron-Westfield: Anne Bomgaars, Taylor DeKok, Mason Gustafson, Cassie Lukkes, Nathan Holles, Chelsey Olson, Sebastian Sciegenka, Graeme St. Clair, Chris Blankers, Oliver Hickman, Jamison Van't Hul, Erin Abele, Emily Jansen, Alesha Pulscher, Dana Wolthuizen, Hannah Hickman, Alex Dykstra, Kaitlin Dagel, and Jake Ven Huizen.
- B. Correspondence
1. The Board
 - a. “When You Should Be Political”, Volume 33, Number 20 was included in the Board Packet.

- b. "Holding A Successful Board Meeting During A Crisis", Volume 33, Number 21 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the February 15, 2010 meeting.
3. Thank You Cards - None

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

C. Board Member Reports -

1. Other - Glen Goedken mentioned the article in the Sunday edition of the Des Moines Register concerning the Iowa Association of School Boards.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2010 Board Meeting. Roll Call: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Susan Rensink reviewed the bills. Motion by Susan Rensink and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING –

A. Proposed 2010-11 School Calendar -

At 5:08 p.m., Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to open the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Spears reviewed the proposed calendar. Randy Merley said that it was a good workable calendar. Kecia Hickman asked about the date for the musical.

President Ihnen asked if there were any public comment. There was none.

Mr. Sneiderman said that the athletic events had been adjusted for the calendar.

At 5:12 p.m., Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to close the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee - None

B. Special -

1. Contest Speech Contest - The Board and guests moved to the auditorium to view a presentation from the musical theatre group. They performed a montage of songs from "West Side Story". The members of the group are: Evan Ascherl, Michael De Bates, Michael Kirschbaum, Kevin Meinecke and Joe Kuiper. The presentation was enjoyed by everyone. The Board and guests returned to the library to continue the meeting.
2. High School Roofing Project - Rick Dean, from the architectural firm of Cannon, Moss, Brygger and Associates, explained that they were working on getting the specifications ready so the project could be put up for bid. Mr. Dean explained the type of roof that would be specified and the method of placing the rubber membrane on the roof. He also explained what needed to be done with the existing drains so they could be up to current code. The project will be bid with an alternate to add another 1

½ "of insulation to the roof to bring the insulation value up to R26. The goal is to have the bid opening around mid April and start work on June 1 with a completion date of August 15. Glen Goedken asked how many roofing contractors in the area could handle a job of this size. Mr. Dean said that they had identified 4 or 5 contractors in the region who are large enough to complete the job within the time frame. Kecia Hickman asked if they were going to do the whole roof. Mr. Dean said the only alternate would be the insulation. Gary Ihnen asked Marv Van Riesen if he could think of anything that was left out of the roofing project. Marv Van Riesen said that it was all covered. Superintendent Spears asked the Board if they were okay with the direction that the roofing project was going. The Board is okay with the direction.

3. Teacher Evaluation Procedures - The principals explained the procedure and guidelines that they use when they evaluate a teacher.

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.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. Amber Smit and Anne Bomgaars will each sing the National Anthem at the Boys State Basketball Tournament being held in Des Moines at the Well Fargo Arena.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. Preliminary FY10 Budget Information - Superintendent Spears reviewed the proposed tax rate with the Board, and stated that until the Legislature makes a decision on how much to fund the State's School Districts, this is his best guess. Superintendent Spears asked the Board if they wanted him to continue on the same path. The consensus of the Board is to proceed. Superintendent Spears also updated the Board on the current Budget monitoring as of the end of February.

At 6:53 p.m. President Ihnen said there would be a short break.

At 7:00 p.m. President Ihnen reconvened the meeting.

- b. 2010-11 Budget Reductions - Superintendent Spears reviewed the proposed reductions in the budget for next year.
- c. Update Regarding Co-Curricular Squad Cutting Policy - Superintendent Spears said he will get a committee together to research this policy, and hopes to have it in place by the beginning of next school year. Gary Ihnen wants to have it completed by the end of this school year. Superintendent Spears thought that there could be a "performance team" and a practice team. The students on the practice team would need to attend all practices and do all that is required, but not perform. Don't want to sacrifice the quality of the performance. Randy Merley thought they should survey the students to see what their ideas are. Glen Goedken said the sooner we get this policy decided the better. Need to have the community involved just like the calendar committee.
- d. Department of Education/AdvancED-NCA Site Visit - The District will have a joint site visit on March 23, 24 and 25, 2010 from a team from the State of Iowa Department of Ed., and a team from the NCA. The NCA team will be in the classrooms, and the DE will review the procedures and paperwork of the District.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. English as a Second Language Program Guide Review (2nd Reading) - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the guide. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Board Policy Review - Policies 507.3-508.4, Students and Policies 600-603.9R1, Education Program (2nd Reading) - Motion 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.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received information only applications for Brandon and Cameron Bebon to attend the Boyden-Hull District. The District has received an application for Alissa Van Beek to open enroll into the Sheldon School District from the South O'Brien School District. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Resignations - Larie De Groot has resigned her positions as JV Girls Basketball Coach and Middle School Softball Coach. Superintendent Spears recommends accepting this resignation pending finding a suitable replacement. Jill Haverdink has resigned her position as JV Volleyball Coach. Superintendent Spears recommends accepting this resignation. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to accept the resignation of Jill Haverdink and follow the recommendation of the Superintendent on the resignation of Larie DeGroot. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) – none.
- D. Adopt 2010-11 School Calendar - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to adopt this calendar. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Designate Flex Plan Sponsor - The Superintendent recommends continuing with Secure Benefits as the District's Flex Plan Sponsor. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to appoint Secure Benefits as the District's Flex Plan Sponsor. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Approve Foreign Language Waiver Request - This waiver will allow the High School to continue to allow students to receive dual credit (high school and college credit) for taking Spanish III and Spanish IV. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve this waiver. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Review School District Affirmative Action Plan - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the plan. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Consider Request for Volunteer Baseball Coach - It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Volunteer Coach for the remainder of the 2009 Baseball Season: Leon Kleinwolterink. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the request. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- I. Set Date for FY11 Budget Hearing and Certification - Motion by Susan Rensink and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have the Budget Hearing on April 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Board Policy Review – Policies 603.10-605.3R1, Education Program (1st Reading) - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the policies and pass them to their 2nd reading. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB Spring 2010 Dates listing was included in the Board Packet.

X. ADJOURN

At 7:54 p.m., Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

Enter closed session as provided in Chapter 20, Section 20.17 (3) of the Iowa Code to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning the employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board entered the closed session

At 8:55 p.m. the Board came out the closed session, and went home.