

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 17, 2009

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, Randy Merley, Kecia Hickman, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Matt Meendering, Cindy Barwick, Jenni McCrory, Darrell Sneiderman, Steve Holles, Diann Merley, Missy Kuiper, Lisa Johnson, Jill Mouw, Susan Rensink, Jason Johnson, Todd Karokuk, Myles DeBates, Jane DeBates, Joe Nilles, Andy Marshall, Carolyn Marshall, Bob Kirschbaum, Jody Radke, Carmen Vanden Hull, Frank Luepke, and Lindsay Hoepfner.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- III. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance
 1. Public Comment –

Missy Kuiper, as representative of the parents of the Senior Boys Basketball Players, spoke to the Board concerning their plea to reinstate Claude Struve as the head boys basketball coach. She presented a letter to the Board stating their facts and reasons behind the plea for reinstatement.

Lisa Johnson read a letter asking that the Board consider starting the 2010-2011 school year two weeks later. She presented the letter and a petition with signatures from district patrons supporting a later start date.
 2. Recognition
 - a. Students – Recognition was included in the Board Packet.
 - B. Correspondence
 1. The Board
 - a. "When You Receive A Complaint", Volume 33, Number 6 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "When You Feel The Urge To Criticize (Part I)," Volume 33, Number 7 was included in the Board Packet.
 - c. "How You Respond to Criticism Says A Lot (Part 2)," Volume 33, Number 8 was included in the Board Packet.
 2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the July 20, 2009 meeting were included in the Board Packet.
 3. Thank You Cards - The District has received a Thank You letter from the Iowa Association of School Boards for payment of the 2009-2010 membership dues. A Thank You card from Mary Van Meeteren for her gift and recognition of her 35 years of service to the District. A Thank You note from the Noreen Vande Weerd, Diann Merley, Lois Klein and Marlys Wolthuizen for the additional funds that the District provided the libraries at the end of the FY09 school year.
 - C. Board Member Reports - Glen Goedken had questions about the bushes in the berm at the front of the High School close to the intersection of East 4th Street and 19th Avenue. The bushes block the view of oncoming vehicles. Kecia Hickman said that the Des Moines Register had articles about School/Fair, and on Sunday had an opinion on teacher salaries vs. longer school year.

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the communications as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, 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 Randy Merley to approve. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Dan Van Gorp reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – None

VI. REPORTS -

- A. Committee - None
- B. Special -
 1. School District Facility/Grounds Tour - The Board and guests toured the following areas: Auditorium-ceiling repainted; High School roof-saw the damage caused by the hail; Choir & Band Rooms-viewed the new exit doors to the outside, talked about the acoustical panels; Weight Room/Girls Locker Room - saw the progress being made on the construction of the block walls; Softball/Baseball Fencing/Batting Cages; New Football/Rest Room/Concession Building- viewed the concession area, and the progress being done in the other areas; Storage Building-viewed the floor space available; East Elementary-viewed the playground area.
- C. Administration
 1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report. The new computer lab is up, and the students love it. Mrs. McCrory met with the Preschool Teachers, and there seems to be about 82-83 students. The Kindergarten Teachers like the skills that the incoming students have. The preschool has helped the students.
 2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report. The old Middle School Corner Stone is in the area with Abe, and really looks nice. The middle school has a couple of new white boards that need to be installed yet, and will be very helpful.
 3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report. Homecoming is October 2 this year.
 4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. He spent about 1 ½ hours with the coaches and club sponsors reviewing the activities handbook. Middle School football has started. The numbers of students participating in grades 9-12 sports are: 40 for volleyball, 68-70 for football, and 7 girls and 11 boys for cross country.
 5. Superintendent -
 - a. Facility Projects Update - The areas were covered during the facility tour. The heat detectors need to be installed by ABC and Bill's Electric. The Softball Field Fencing shrubs will be removed this fall, and the area left open. The Activities Director is working with Midwest Tennis and Track Company on the replacement of the high jump pit. Need to decide when we want to have a vote on the PPEL Levy. The current levy expires on June 30, 2011. This will be a topic of discussion at a Board Work session.
 - b. NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress Update - The District has met all goals, and the Middle School has been removed from the watch list.

c. 2009-11 Master Contract - a copy was included with the Board Packet.

At 8:17 p.m. Dan Van Gorp announced a short recess.

At 8:30 p.m. Dan Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received applications for Autumn and Carter Bucher to enroll in the Sheldon District from the HMS School District; and Merrick Walgenbach to enroll in the Sheldon District from the South O'Brien School District. The applications have been filed in a timely manner, and the Superintendent recommends approval. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these applications. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

B. Resignations - None.

C. Contract(s) –

The Superintendent recommends that contracts be issued to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Katie Triplett	Transition Kindergarten Teacher 0.5 FTE	\$16,040.50
Ben Peake	Middle School Football Coach	\$2,149
Thad Dykstra	9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,631

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

D. Approve Bus Routes for the 2009-2010 School Year - Reduced by one route from the previous year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the bus routes. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

E. Consider Transportation of Pre-School Students - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Kecia Hickman to transport the pre-school students. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

F. Designate Level I Investigators and Alternate Level I Investigators - The Superintendent recommends that the following individuals be designated Level I and Alternate Level I Investigators:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Level I Investigators</u>	<u>Alternate Level I Investigators</u>
Elementary School	Jenni McCrory, 324-4337	Jay Joersz, 324-4337
Middle School	Cindy Barwick, 324-4346	Kari Kopperud, 324-4346
High School	Matt Meendering, 324-2501	Sherrie Zeutenhorst, 324-2501
District	Robin Spears, 324-2504	Mary Seehusen, 324-4337

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to follow the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

G. Set Life Insurance Coverage for Certified Staff - It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board set \$90,000 as the amount of term life insurance coverage for the 2009-10 school year. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the recommendation. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

H. Consider Request to attend the National FFA Convention - The FFA has requested approval to attend the National FFA Convention being held in Indianapolis on October 21-24, 2009.

The Superintendent recommends approval of this request. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the request. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

- I. Consider Purchase of Acoustical Panels for High School Band Room - It is the recommendation that the Board approve the expenditure of \$19,071.84 for the purchase and installation of acoustical sound panels for the High School Band Room. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the purchase. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Board Policy Review - Multiple Policies concerning both Licensed and Classified Employees and Family and Medical Leave, and the Use of School Facilities Policy (1st Reading). Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Approve Interfund Short Term Loan - This is a short term loan from the General Fund to the Management Fund to cover the shortage of funds, until the large tax payment is received in October, 2009. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve this short term loan. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Human Relations Conference, September 25, 2009
- B. IASB Orientation to Governance, November 4, 2009, Sheldon
- C. IASB Annual Convention, November 18-20, 2009, Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 8:46 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.