

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 8, 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, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: Kecia Hickman. Visitors: Matt Meendering, Cindy Barwick, Jenni McCrory, Darrell Sneiderman, Steve Holles, Tom Fuoss, Mark Seivert, Jacob Ihnen, Frank Luepke, and Lindsay Hoeppner.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: 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 – none.
2. Recognition

a. Students – High School Student Leadership Teams for 2009-2010 -

Class Officers

Seniors

President	Michael Kirschbaum
Vice President	Cole Kleinwolterink
Secretary	Nathan Holles
Treasurer	Kellie Merley

Juniors

President	Jordan Dykstra
Vice President	Ben Meendering
Secretary	Joelle Brown
Treasurer	Kelly Van Wyk

Sophomores

President	Joe Kuiper
Vice President	Dana Wolthuizen
Secretary	Kellie Goedken
Treasurer	Korrie Merley

Freshmen

President	Jacob Ihnen
Vice President	Hannah Hickman
Secretary	Scott Stallmann
Treasurer	Grant Weaver

2009-10 Prom Committee

Jordan Dykstra	Amy Wilson
Oliver Hickman	Shelby Vogel
Jamison Van't Hul	Tristen Klein
Michael Lovan	Joelle Brown

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "The Consequences of Not Taking Care of Infrastructure", Volume 33, Number 4 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "You Don't Have To Be Close Friends...But," Volume 33, Number 5 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the June 24, 2009 meeting.

3. Thank You Cards - The District has received a Thank You letter from the Village Northwest Unlimited for the use of the MS, due to the inclement weather, for the Celebration Iowa concert.

C. Board Member Reports - Superintendent Spears brought information for each Board member from the District 1, IASB Meeting held in George.

Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the communications as part of the official Board minutes. Roll call vote: 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: 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: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Summary List of Bills – Gary Ihnen reviewed the bills. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING –

At 6:04 p.m. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to open the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

A. High School Auditorium Lighting Project - Individuals will be heard for or against the High School Auditorium Lighting Project - The District received three bids. Jim Ruble from Cannon Moss Brygger & Associates reviewed the bids, and also the alternate #1 to the specifications. The specifications allowed for an additional \$7,500 payment if the project is completed before October 1, 2009. The bids with the addendum were:

K.W. Electric-Emmetsburg, IA	Total \$151,230
Langel Electric-LeMars, IA	Total \$150,720
Nikkel & Associates-LeMars, IA	Total \$112,420

President Dan Van Gorp asked if the District had received any oral or written comments, either for or against the project. The District had received none. President Dan Van Gorp asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 6:06 p.m. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to close the public hearing. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye, Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS -

A. Committee - None

B. Special -

1. EMC District Insurance Program Summary - Tom Fuoss, from Perspective Insurance, reviewed the insurance program with the Board. The major changes from last year were the Blanket Business Income/Extra Expenses coverage for \$3,000,000. This was added because of the extra expenses that need to be paid for when there is a catastrophic incident at the District, like a flood, fire or tornado.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- I. Approve Specifications and Form of Contract for High School Auditorium Lighting Project - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye, Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. Consider Award of Contract for High School Auditorium Lighting Project - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to award the contract to Nikkel & Associates for the base bid and the Alternate for a total of \$112,420. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

C. Administration

1. Elementary School – Mrs. McCrory reviewed her report. The teacher's lounge has been painted today by Randy Merley and Mrs. McCrory. The Boxtop rating of East Elementary within a 25 mile radius of Sheldon is that East is #1, and in the state of Iowa, East is rated # 9. The Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels have been redeemed, and they amounted to over \$400.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report, and distributed copies of the 7th and 8th Grade Yearbooks to the Board.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report. Since June 1, the High School has enrolled five new students. Mr. Meendering says that there are 36 days left till school starts.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report, and updated the Board on the start time for the varsity baseball.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. Facility Projects Update - Concession Stand - Block finished, and needs washing off. The expansion joints need to be installed as do the rafters, and interior walls. The piping is in. Hope to have the project completed by August 24, 2009. American Fence needs to install the gate. The priority is to get the restrooms completed first.
 - Storage Building - The erection of the building is complete. The electrical work, gutters, dirt work needs to be completed.
 - Asphalt - Superintendent needs to call the City to find out who the contractor for their asphalt will be this year, and have them give us a quote on repair of the blacktop by the trail, in front of the Transportation Building. The Board says to also get a quote on using concrete in that area.
 - Locker/Weight Room - Electric and lighting for the old weight room has been removed. The block work will be worked on after the fire exits are completed for the Band and Choir rooms.
 - Concrete - Still working on.
 - Fire Exits - The doors are being worked on. Walls and ramp should be completed by next week.
 - Band & Choir Rooms - Asbestos has been removed. L & K Construction will drywall over the areas where the asbestos was. Wenger will have recommendations for the sound baffling.
 - Heat detectors - Superintendent needs to get with Bill's Electric to have the detectors installed.

- Softball Field Fencing Shrubs - Plan to take out the old, and plant new when it is cooler. Discussion by the Board. Ihnen, Goedken and Merley all feel that we should take out the old, plant grass and keep it mowed.
- High Jump Pit Replacement - The company will probably do the replacement in September, between home games.
- b. FY09 Financial Update - It appears that the District will end up with approximately \$250,000 to add to the existing balance of \$350,000.
- c. School Board Candidate Election Information - Superintendent Spears discussed the election timelines, and gave a set of candidate papers to Merley.
- d. Children's World Discussion/Status Update - McCrory and Spears met with representatives of the Children's World Board on Monday. Children's World is waiting for their audit report. They want to continue to meet, discuss the working relationship between the two organizations.
- e. Use of Facilities Board Policy - Discussion - Superintendent needs feedback from the Board on what changes need to be made, if any. This will be an action item at the August Board Meeting. The Board needs to get their ideas to the Superintendent.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cooperative Athletic Agreement with Sheldon Christian School - Superintendent Spears recommends the agreement be approved. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Discuss IASB 2010 Legislative Action Priorities - The Board feels that there needs to be something in the priorities about college credit. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to take the original six, delete priority number 3 and add a priority on PSEO (College Credit). Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m. President Van Gorp announced there would be a short recess.

At 7:40 p.m. President Van Gorp reconvened the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - None
- B. Resignations - The District has received a resignation from Claude Struve as an assistant football coach. The Superintendent recommends accepting this resignation. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Contract(s) –
 1. The Superintendent recommends that a contract be issued to Claude Struve as High School Basketball for a salary of \$4,812; Justin Albers as Assistant HS Football Coach for a salary of \$3,208. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to issue the contract as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Gary Ihnen, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
 2. The Superintendent recommends that a contract be issued to Sandra Wolthuizen, as a MS Special Education Instructional Associate for 7 hours/day at \$9.00/hour, and a contract to Tina Baartman as a MS Special Education Instructional Associate for 6.5 hours/day at \$9.00/hour. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley

- to issue the contracts. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
3. The Superintendent recommends a contract by issued to Ruth Vogel as 9th Grade Girls Volleyball coach for a salary of \$2,406. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Gary Ihnen to issue the contract. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- D. Approve Volunteer Coach(es)/Sponsors(s) - The Superintendent recommends approval of Thad Dykstra as a volunteer coach for the football program, and Steve DeKok as a volunteer Assistant Director for the High School Marching Band program. Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the Volunteers. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Authorize NW AEA Transportation Request - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to authorize the request. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Authorize Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Participation - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to authorize participation. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- G. Consider Food Service Agreement between Head Start and the Sheldon Community School District - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. Approve Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Application for 2009-10 - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the application. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.
- K. Consider Purchase of Staging Equipment for Fine Arts Programs - Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve this purchase with the use of PPEL funds. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Fiscal Management Conference, July 15, 2009, Ames
- B. IASB Human Relations Conference, September 25, 2009

X. ADJOURN

At 7:50 p.m., Motion by Gary Ihnen and seconded by Randy Merley to adjourn. Roll call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye; Dan Van Gorp, Aye. Motion carried.