

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 11, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 5:02 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, Justin Albers, Frank Luepke and Kiley Seligmen.

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

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment – none.
2. Recognition

- a. Students – **Middle School: Northwest Iowa Honor Choir** - Bethany Lenderink, Elizabeth Salter, Christina DeKok, Olivia DeKok, Noah Hickman and Kevin Miller. **Northwest Iowa Honor Band** - Bethany Lenderink, Katherine Bomgaars, Sara Stephens, Emily Lidiak (also IBA All-Iowa), Ellie Clark, Krista Bousema (also IBA All-Iowa), Bailey Buenger, Allegra St. Clair, Zach Lukkes, Brennan Vote, Gage Karolczak – St. Pat's (also IBA All-Iowa), Emily Johnson, Noah Hickman and Benjamin Lichty. **Opus Honor Choir** - Katherine Bomgaars. **8th Boys' Basketball** - Dalton McQueen, Benjamin Lichty, Bradey Hinken, Karl Arnold, Justin Renken, Sam Vis, Logan Otis, Darrell Jenkins, Brennan Vote, Brian Klein, Tanner Whitsell, Garrett Lang, Ben Marshall, Brian Vander Berg, Hunter McDonald, Chaz DeRocher, Austin Whipple, Tristan Roetzel and Noah Hickman (mgr.). **7th Boys' Basketball** - Mark Ahlers, Jacob Andringa, John Blanton, Matt Buenger, Travis Buyert, Andy Cooper, Turner DeJong, John DeVries, Dylan Ennema, Darin Greenfield, Chris Jansen, Dillon Jansma, Ryan Juelsgaard, Connor Klatt, Brett Koerselman, Ryan Lode, Sam Lode, Zach Lukkes, Shane Madsen, Jesse Meendering, Jesus Rodriguez, Blake Roetman, Jacob Sandholm, Lucas Strouth, and Collin Wolthuizen. **High School: Cross Country** - The Girls finished 2nd at the Siouxland Conference meet and the Boys finished 3rd. Earning All Conference for the girls were Abby Lammers, Shelby Bruns, and Rachel Cain. Earning All Conference for the Boys were Kace Groff and Quinn Groff. **Iowa All-State Band & Choir** – Kelsey Sterk was selected to the Iowa All-State Band. Anne Bomgaars was selected to the All-State Chorus for the second time. They will perform at Hilton Auditorium at Iowa State University on Saturday, November 21. Selection into the All-State ensembles is the highest musical honor for high school students in Iowa. **All Conference Academic Team - Volleyball** – Megan Elgersma, Kendra Hall, Elizabeth Ihnen, Rachel Ihnen, Sara Kinderknecht, Kellie Merley, Marisa Robideau and Kelsey Sterk. **Cross Country** – Amy Den Hartog and Nathan Holles. **Football** – Evan Ascherl, Bret Doorenbos, Michael Kirschbaum, Graeme St. Clair, Nathan Vos, Jordan Whitsell and Taylor Zeutenhorst. **Football Cheerleaders** – Tara Boone, Sara Kinderknecht and Morgan Poppema.

All-Conference Team in volleyball: Elizabeth Ihnen – 1st Team, Rachel Ihnen – 1st Team, Kellie Goedken – 1st Team, Alexis Bart – 3rd Team, and Shelby Vogel – Honorable mention. **All-District Team - Football** - Taylor Zeutenhorst, Bret Doorenbos, Cole Kleinwolterink, Nick Oostra, Daniel Westphalen, Jordan Dykstra, Evan Ascherl, Jordan Whitsell and Honorable Mention – James Granstra and Adam Nilles. Superintendent Spears congratulated the Volleyball Team players and coaches for an outstanding season. Mr. Sneiderman said that Erin Abele and Kelsey Sterk had received an appointment to the NW IA Honor Band.

- b. Public - Supt Spears thanked all the volunteers who had helped on the batting cage project. The following volunteered their help on the batting cages: Leon, Carla and Mike Kleinwolterink, Jeff Wollmuth, Buck Johnson, Scott Koedam, Andy Marshall, Duane Muecke, Joe Nilles, Larry Smit, Dave Van Wyk, Mike Vogel, Jerry Wolthuizen, Miles DeBates, Matt Meendering and Darrell Sneiderman. The following donated equipment: Den Hartog Custom (truck), Superior Equipment (skid loader), Kamies Plumbing (dump trailer), JT Construction (transit and concrete forms), Sheldon Vault (skid loader) and Chase Lumber (hand tools, sand packers). Gary Ihnen thanked all those who contributed to the Volleyball gift bags.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board

- a. "The Case For Operating Principles", Volume 33, Number 13 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Are You Becoming A Better Board Member?" Volume 33, Number 14 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting.
 3. Thank You Cards - Dan Van Gorp thanked the District, Board and Administration for the gifts and honors given him upon his retirement from the Board.

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

C. Board Member Reports -

1. Other - The District had hosted the IASB ABLE Meeting on November 4, 2009. Kecia Hickman and Susan Rensink attended. Kecia Hickman said it was a good meeting and that Mary Jane, from the IASB, did another good job. The meeting covered Board Basics, and it was stressed that the Board keep the information out in front of the public. Susan Rensink was impressed with the number of past Board Members and Superintendents who attended. She said that it was good to have open communication.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to approve. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – 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.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Glen Goedken reviewed the bills. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, 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. There was a pep rally for the Volleyball Team this morning. “Donuts with Dad” went well. The Chess Club had its 3rd session, and was attended by 60 students. The playground concrete is done. Hopefully the company will be able to start the installation of the playground tile the first part of next week.
2. Middle School – Mrs. Barwick reviewed her report. The Middle School had a Veteran's Day assembly today. Pep Rally at the High School this afternoon. The entryway roof at the Middle School has been replaced. It was damaged in the hail storm.
3. High School - Mr. Meendering reviewed his report. The Volleyball pep rally was held today. The High School also had a Veteran's Day Program. The student body received a compliment on their behavior during the National Anthem, during the volleyball game with Lake Mills at Spirit Lake. The compliment came from an individual from Lake Mills, who was attending the game.
4. Activities Director – Mr. Sneiderman reviewed his report. There will be a change in the dates and hours of the High School Musical. It is hoped that the final coat on the High Jump area will be completed early next week. The sand and top dressing for the athletic fields will be delivered on Tuesday. The Ag Lime will be delivered after the limestone quarry changes the screens in their crushing plant. The Ag Lime can be applied to the fields during the winter. Due to the outstanding athletic seasons, Gary Ihnen thanked the administration and Mr. Sneiderman for the extra work.
5. Superintendent -
 - a. Certified/BEDS Enrollment Update - The updated enrollment is up 10.12 students. This has been certified with the State of Iowa.
 - b. 2010-11 School Calendar Meeting Update - The meeting that was held on November 5, 2009 lasted about 2 hours. Many items were discussed. Randy Merley, Lisa Johnson and Scott Simonsen will do a survey to find out what date works for the public.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review - Policies 100 thru 104.R1, School District; 500 thru 502.1, Students; 203-Board of Director's Conflict of Interest; and 401.2-Employee Conflict of Interest; (2nd Reading) - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the policies. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Applications - The District has received Open Enrollment applications for Rebecca and Suzanna Jacobson to open enroll from the MOC-FV School District into the Sheldon School District for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve this application. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

The District has also received information only applications for Chris and Ciera Blumeyer to open enroll from the Sheldon School District to the George-Little Rock School District for the balance of the 2009-10 school year.
- B. Resignations - Linda Gude has resigned her position of Flag Corp Director. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the resignation and to thank Linda for her service to the District. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Contract(s) – None.
- D. Consider School Budget Review Committee Modified Allowable Growth Application - The application is for allowable growth of \$58,257, for the increased enrollment this year, and also for the Special Education Deficit of \$6,259. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the applications. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Approve 28E Agreement for Internet Aggregation Between Sheldon Community School District and Prairie Lakes AEA for 2009-10 - Motion by Kecia Hickman and Glen Goedken to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. Board Policy Review - Policies 502.2-503.1R2, Students (1st Reading) - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Randy Merley to approve these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IASB Early Bird Conference/Delegate Assembly, November 18, 2009
- B. IASB Annual Convention, November 19, 2009, Des Moines

X. ADJOURN

At 5:56 p.m., Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.