

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 8, 2010

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:11 p.m., President Gary Ihnen called the meeting to order. Members present: Gary Ihnen, Glen Goedken, Kecia Hickman, Randy Merley, Susan Rensink, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Visitors: Matt Meendering, Cindy Barwick, Tanya Langholdt, Darrell Sneiderman, Jeff, Jena and Jeremy Wollmuth, Tom, Jeanne and Spencer Kuiper, Barry, Karen and Jon Sterk, Tami Van Meeteren, Frank Luepke and Renee Wielenga.

President Ihnen welcomed the media, administration and the Board.

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Superintendent Spears said that there would not be a report from the State Auditor and we wouldn't need to appoint an auditor, for next year, at this time. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the 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 - **Middle School** - Ben Parry placed 1st at State Special Olympics in bowling. **High School** - Sheldon High School is proud to have Joelle Brown be selected as a page for the Iowa Senate this winter and spring. We have no records to my knowledge of how many students have been selected for this distinction. We are aware of a student in the '70's who participated, so it has been quite some time since there has been an Orab selected for this opportunity. Joelle has completed all of her required courses in preparation for this and will return to classes in late April/May to participate in classes and share in her experience. The school would like to show their appreciation to Terry Boelter and Jamie Gross Dentistry for providing the high school with a Save-A-Tooth kit. Dr. Chad Brown provided formed mouthpieces for the varsity football players. Vision screenings were also provided as a service to our students by Drs. Radke, Vander Griend, and Kunzman. The continued support we get from many of the professionals in the district is invaluable.
- b. Student Presentation - Tami Van Meeteren introduced Jon Sterk, Spencer Kuiper, and Jeremy Wollmuth, 4th Graders who spoke on what they had learned when the 4th Grade studied the U. S. Government, and the election process. The three students read their letter of why they should be elected President of their section of the 4th Grade. All three were successful in their campaign.

B. Correspondence

1. The Board
 - a. "When To Stop, When to Start Over, and When to Abandon", Volume 34, Number 14 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Why You Need To Plan - Even In Uncertain Times", Volume 34, Number 15 was included in the Board Packet.
2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the November 15, 2010 meeting.

3. Thank You Cards - The District has received no "Thank You Cards" since the last Board Meeting.

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

C. Board Member Reports -

1. IASB Annual Convention - Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Glen Goedken, Robin Spears and Bill Borchers attended the convention. They commented on the sessions attended, and how they liked the shorter sessions, and the longer breaks.
2. Other - None

IV. APPROVAL OF

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING - None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee - None
- B. Special - None
- C. Administration
 1. Elementary School – Ms. Langholdt 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.
 5. Superintendent -
 - a. 2010-11 Enrollment Update - Superintendent Spears updated the Board on the revised enrollment figures.
 - b. Busing Update - The Superintendent updated the Board on the additional bus route, and how it is helping. Both the Elementary and Middle School Principals are happy with how well it is going.
 - c. There will be a Legislative Round Table held on December 9, 2010 at the Sioux Center High School Vocal Music Room.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. 2011-12 School Calendar (Discussion) - Will bring back to the January 2011 Board Meeting for Approval.
- B. Board Policy Review - Policies 209.1 thru 210.10 Board of Directors (2nd Reading)
 1. 209.1 Development of Policy
 2. 209.2 Adoption of Policy
 3. 209.3 Dissemination of Policy
 4. 209.4 Suspension of Policy

5. 209.5 Administration in the Absence of Policy
6. 209.6 Review and Revision of Policy
7. 209.7 Review of Administrative Regulations
8. 210.1 Annual Meeting
9. 210.2 Regular Meeting
10. 210.3 Special Meeting
11. 210.4 Work Sessions
12. 210.5 Meeting Notice
13. 210.6 Quorum
14. 210.7 Rules of Order
15. 210.7R1 Rules of Order Regulation
16. 210.8 Board Meeting Agenda
17. 210.8R1 Order of the Regular Board of Director's Meeting
18. 210.9 Method of Voting
19. 210.10 Consent Agendas 1.

Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these policies. 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 Seth Maassen to open enroll from the MOC-Floyd Valley District into the Sheldon District. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the application. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. RESIGNATIONS - The District has received a resignation from Doreen Krahling for both her Middle School Secretary, and Custodian positions. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the resignation. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. CONTRACT(S) – None
- D. CONSIDER AT-RISK ALLOWABLE GROWTH BUDGET APPLICATION - The Superintendent is asking for the authority to apply for up to \$340,000, with the final number to end around \$200,000. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to allow the Superintendent the flexibility requested when filing the application. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- E. APPROVE SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE APPLICATION - The Application is seeking additional allowable growth caused by increasing Open Enrollment Out Students, and Excess LEP Costs. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve this application. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- F. DESIGNATE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FY11 - See Approval of Agenda.
- G. APPROVE/AUTHORIZE HARKIN/IOWA DEMONSTRATION CONSTRUCTION/FIRE (LIFE) SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION - Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the application. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- H. APPOINT DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR - Motion by Susan Rensink and seconded by Randy Merley to appoint Superintendent Spears as the District Test Coordinator. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

- I. APPOINT DISTRICT EQUITY COORDINATOR - Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to appoint Cindy Barwick as the District Equity Coordinator. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- J. DESIGNATE BOARD NEGOTIATION TEAM REPRESENTATIVES - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to designate Glen Goedken and Gary Ihnen as the representatives - Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye, Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Nay. Motion carried.
- K. DESIGNATE IASB DIRECTOR DISTRICT #1 REPRESENTATIVE - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to designate Amy Jurrens as the representative. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- L. REVIEW SCHOOL BUS BID SPECS FOR (NEXT SCHOOL YEAR) BUS PURCHASE - Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the specs for the bus purchase. The bus would be delivered after July 1, 2011. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- M. HIGH SCHOOL 2011-12 REGISTRATION BOOKLET (1ST READING) - Mr. Meendering reviewed the changes with the Board. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to pass the booklet to the second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- N. BOARD POLICY REVIEW - POLICIES 211 thru 218, BOARD OF DIRECTORS – (1ST READING) -
1. 211 Open Meetings
 2. 212 Closed Sessions
 3. 213 Public Participation in Board Meetings
 4. 213.R1 Public Participation in Board Meetings Regulation
 5. 213.1R1 General Complaints by Citizens
 6. 214 Public Hearings
 7. 215 Board of Directors' Records
 8. 215.1E1 Board Meeting Minutes
 9. 216.1 Association Membership
 10. 216.2 Board of Directors' Member Development and Training
 11. 216.3 Board of Directors' Member Compensation and Expenses
 12. 217 Gifts to Board of Directors
 13. 218 Recognition of Employee Loss
- Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to pass these policies to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

X. ADJOURN

At 7:32 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.