

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHELDON, IOWA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING & FY12 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING
MAY 30, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Gary Ihnen called the Special Meeting of the Sheldon Community School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Sheldon High School Library. Present: Gary Ihnen, Kecia Hickman, Randy Merley, Susan Rensink, Glen Goedken, Robin Spears, Bill Borchers, Frank Luepke and Allison Suesse. Absent: None. Guests: Brad Hint, Marv Van Riesen, Scott Wynja, Duane Seehusen and Ron McCarty.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Susan Rensink and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:01 p.m. Motion was made by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to open the public hearing on Amendment of the FY12 Budget.

A. Amendment of Current Budget (Fiscal Year 2011-12) The public will be heard for or against the 2011-12 Budget. Bill Borchers explained why the amendment was needed. Marv Van Riesen was concerned why the large increase. Marv didn't know that the District couldn't do an early payoff on the refinanced bonds. Questioned why the public didn't know about the early payoff. Marv felt that the original use of the Sales Tax was to pay off the bonds. Superintendent Spears explained that the resolution that was passed and approved by the voters was to pay off the Middle School Bonds, payoff the 99 Voted PPEL, and any other PPEL expenditures. Marv didn't realize that we needed \$4-5 million in order to pay off the original MS Bonds. Marv felt that the public wasn't told everything.

President Ihnen asked if the District had received any written or verbal objections or support for the Budget Amendment. The Superintendent said that Marv had filed a verbal objection. Marv wants the Board to hold-off on the Budget Amendment and bond payments until the public has more information. Bill Borchers said that he had contacted Sue Battani of the State Auditor's Office concerning holding off on amendment and payment. Sue said that if the budget wasn't amended, the District would be in violation of State Statue, and if we don't make the payment, we would be in default of the bond agreement. Bill Borchers said that if we defaulted, we would have a hard time getting any more financing, as one of the questions always asked in the financing questioner was "had the District ever defaulted on a payment". Hearing no more objections, President Ihnen asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 6:12 p.m. Glen Goedken made and Susan Rensink seconded the motion to close the hearing. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IV. ADOPT THE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to adopt the FY12 Budget Amendment. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Spears distributed a schedule from Cannon, Moss Brygger & Associates listing the estimated cost of the items that could be part of the Ball Field Complex. The estimate totals \$1.4 million. The Superintendent explained that there could be \$300,000 reduced from that number. Everyone on the Board felt that more detail was needed.

V. CONSIDER 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SHELDON

There was discussion between the representatives from the City, and the District Board. Glen Goedken feels that we need to figure out the costs before finalizing the 28E. Marv Van Riesen said that the City and District had been in 28E agreements before, specifically the indoor pool. Marv feels that the City is holding the District hostage on the land. Marv feels that the Board has spent more time in the past 18 months discussing the ball fields, and nothing about East Elementary. Marv feels that the District doesn't need the property, as we can do it ourselves. Gary Ihnen disagreed with Marv and said that the Board has talked about East during the past 18 months. Gary feels that the children from Archer, Ashton and Matlock, as well as the parochial students will all benefit from the ball fields. Gary said we do need to get more accurate costs. He said that this 28E agreement is different than the one with the pool, as this is outside. Randy Merley feels we should move forward as it is something that is needed in the community. It is good for all children. The Superintendent and City Manager agreed to add mowing to both Section A, Paragraph 2 and Section B, Paragraph 2.

Randy Merely made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to approve the 28E agreement and to have it passed to the City Council for their approval. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Nay; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merely, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURN

At 7:07 p.m. Susan Rensink made and Glen Goedken seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Evaluation – Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (li) – to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

At 7:26 p.m. Glen Goedken made and Kecia Hickman seconded the motion to go into closed session. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

At 8 :30 p.m. Glen Goedken made and Susan Rensink seconded the motion to come out of closed session. Roll Call vote : Kecia Hickman, Aye ; Randy Merley, Aye ; Susan Rensink, Aye ; Glen Goedken, Aye ; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

The Board departed.