

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

March 13, 2013

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:00 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: Cindy Barwick, Tanya Langholdt, Matt Meendering, Mike Niece, Lisa Johnson, Tami Van Meeteren, Lori Richards, Jennifer Van Beek, Kim Buenger, Adam Besaw, Tom Traugher and Allison Suesse. President Ihnen welcomed the guests, media, administration and the Board.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –The Superintendent will add a section on Make-Up Days to his report. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the amended 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 – Letter from IHSSA (Iowa High School Speech Association) congratulating the students who will be attending the All-State Individual Speech Contest being held in Cedar Falls. The other student recognition was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. Student Presentation – There was a presentation by Amy Bartusch, Director and Lila Van Horn, teacher concerning the KeBecca program being held at Hope Haven in Rock Valley. A student and his parent also spoke about the program.
 - c. Kids Committee Chairperson Recognition – Superintendent Spears thanked the three co-chairs and presented them with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishment of having a successful vote on the ES-project. Susan Rensink and Kecia Hickman also served on the committee as well as members of the Elementary Building Leadership Team. Susan and Kecia both thanked the co-chairs for their positive attitude and good leadership and the ability to keep the project moving forward. Gary Ihnen thanked all the committee and said that their work will help the children learn in a positive learning environment.

At 6:20 p.m. President Ihnen said that there would be a break to have refreshments to honor the KIDS Committee for their work on the ES Addition project.

At 6:40 p.m. President Ihnen reconvened the meeting.

- B. Correspondence
1. The Board
 - a. "Four Promises You Should Not Make." Volume 36, Number 21 was included in the Board Packet.
 - b. "Five Things You Should Know About Budget Management." Volume 36, Number 22 was included in the Board Packet.
 2. Northwest AEA Board Briefs - Minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting.
 3. Receipt of Thank You Cards – None.

Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Susan Rensink to include the recognition and correspondence as part of the Board Minutes. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

C. Board Member Reports

1. At The Table – Advocacy For Our Students’ Future. – The Superintendent and Board reviewed the information supplied by the IASB for this activity.
2. Other – none.

IV. APPROVAL OF

- A. Minutes of Past Meetings – The salary listed for the Head Softball Coach is incorrect. The correct amount is \$4,827. The correction will be made on the official minutes. Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the amended minutes. Roll Call: Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report – Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Roll call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Summary List of Bills – Glen Goedken reviewed the bills. Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve the bills for payment. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – none.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Committee - None
- B. Special- School District Independent Audit Report for FY12 – Pam Bormann from the State Auditor’s Office was present to review the audit report with the Board. She gave the District an “A”, up from last year’s “A-“. She said that there were fewer comments this year, and they appreciate that when a comment is made, the District makes changes.
- 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. Niece reviewed his report.
 5. Superintendent –
 - a. February 5, 2013 Election Results-Official Vote Canvas – The Superintendent reviewed the results of the election.
 - b. Preliminary FY14 Financial Information – The Superintendent explained the proposed Aid & Levy schedules to the Board and also reviewed the proposed tax levy.
 - c. Update Regarding East Elementary Building Project – The Superintendent reviewed the preliminary timeline with the Board. The timeline is very preliminary.
 - d. Update Regarding Recreation Area Project – The Superintendent said that he and the City Manager are working with the College to have the Heavy Equipment Program do the dirt work, and also working with Sanford to see if there is any possibility for supplemental funding. The fire department has expressed an interest in possibly using the home on the property for training purposes.
 - e. Update Regarding Unity Christian High School Request to be Admitted to the Siouxland Conference – The Superintendent said that the vote was 8 against allowing Unity High School to be admitted to the Siouxland Conference, and 2 for.

- f. Make Up Days – With the four days that need to be made up, the last day of school will be on May 29, 2013.

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

A. BOARD POLICY REVIEW - Policies 507.4 thru 508.4 Students and Polices 600 thru 603.9R1, Education Program (2nd Reading).

1. 507.4 Student Illness or Injury at School
2. 507.5 Emergency Plans and Drills
3. 507.5R1 Emergency Fire Plan
4. 507.5R2 Tornado Plan Guidelines
5. 507.6 Student Insurance
6. 507.7 Custody and Parental Rights
7. 507.8 Student Special Health Services
8. 507.8R1 Special Health Services Regulations
9. 507.9 Wellness Policy
10. 508.1 Class or Student Group Gifts
11. 508.2 Open Night
12. 508.3 Student Work Permits
13. 508.4 Use Of School Facilities
14. 600 Goals and Objectives of the Education Program
15. 601.1 School Calendar
16. 601.2 School Day
17. 601.3 School Structure
18. 602.1 Curriculum Development
19. 602.2 Curriculum Adoption
20. 602.3 Curriculum Evaluation
21. 602.4 Pilot - Experimental - Innovative Projects
22. 603.1 Basic Instruction Program
23. 603.2 Summer School Instruction
24. 603.3 Special Education
25. 603.4 Multicultural and Nonsexist Education
26. 603.5 Health Education
27. 603.5E1 Human Growth and Development Student Excuse Form
28. 603.6 Physical Education
29. 603.7 Career Education
30. 603.8 Teaching About Religion
31. 603.8R1 Teaching About Religion Regulation - Religious Holidays
32. 603.9 Academic Freedom
33. 603.9R1 Teaching Controversial Issues

Motion by Susan Rensink and seconded by Glen Goedken to approve these policies. Roll Call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS – None.

B. RESIGNATIONS – The District has received resignations from both Lori Cannoy and Deb TenClay for their positions in the Elementary School office. Both resignations are effective on the last day of school with students, May 29, 2013. The Superintendent recommends that the Board accept these resignations. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Glen Goedken to accept the resignations. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

C. CONTRACTS – None

D. DESIGNATE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FY13 – Motion by Randy Merley and seconded by Glen Goedken to designate the State Auditor's Office as our auditor for FY13. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

E. GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION SERVICES (SOIL TESTING) CONTRACT – This to test the soil under the proposed Elementary addition. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to award the contract to Certified Testing Services, Inc. from Sioux City. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

F. CONSIDER/APPROVE WRESTLING PROGRAM SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE

SOUTH O'BRIEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve this agreement. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

G. CONSIDER ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF AN ACTIVITY (HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING SHARING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH O'BRIEN CSD) – Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Randy Merley to approve this sharing agreement. Roll Call vote: Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

H. PRACTICUMS AND STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY AND THE SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Motion by Susan Rensink and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve the agreement. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

I. CONSIDER SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KEBECCA EDUCATION SERVICES – The Superintendent stated that this contract would be expanded to cover Grades K-5. Motion by Kecia Hickman and seconded by Susan Rensink to approve the contract. Roll Call vote: Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

J. SET DATE FOR FY14 BUDGET HEARING AND CERTIFICATION – Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to have the Budget Hearing & Certification on April 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. This is during the regular April Board Meeting. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

K. BOARD POLICY REVIEW - Policies 603.10 thru 605.3R1, Education Program. (1st Reading)

1. 603.10 Global Education
2. 603.11 Citizenship
3. 604.1 Competent Private Instruction
4. 604.1E1 Competent Private Instruction Report
5. 604.2 Individualized Instruction
6. 604.3 Program for Talented and Gifted Students
7. 604.4 Program for At-Risk Students
8. 604.5 Religious-Based Exclusion from A School Program
9. 604.6 Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
10. 604.7 Dual Enrollment
11. 604.8 Foreign Students
12. 604.9 Home School Assistance Program
13. 604.10 Virtual/On-Line Courses
14. 605.1 Instructional Materials Selection
15. 605.1R1 Selection of Instructional Materials
16. 605.2 Instructional Materials Inspection
17. 605.3 Objection to Instructional Materials
18. 605.3E1 Instructions to the Reconsideration Committee
19. 605.3E2 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials
20. 605.3E3 Sample Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional Materials
21. 605.3R1 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation

Motion by Glen Goedken and seconded by Kecia Hickman to approve these policies, and pass them to their second reading. Roll Call vote: Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- A. IASB ABLE II – Reaching High: Raising the Bar, March 19, 2013, Sheldon Middle School.
- B. IASB School Law Conference, April 29, 2013, Altoona, IA.
- C. Iowa School Board Recognition Week: May 5-11, 2013.

X. ADJOURN

At 8:19 p.m., Motion by Susan Rensink and seconded by Randy Merley to adjourn. Roll call vote: Kecia Hickman, Aye; Glen Goedken, Aye; Randy Merley, Aye; Susan Rensink, Aye; Gary Ihnen, Aye. Motion carried.

At 8:25 p.m. by consensus the Board went into closed session as provided in Chapter 20, Section 20.17 (3) of the Iowa Code to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning the employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

At 9:45 p.m. by consensus the Board came out of closed session and left.