

**Attendees - voting members**

Kecia Hickman	President
Susan Rensink	Vice President
Mark Brown	Board Member
Glen Goedken	Board Member
Randy Merley	Board Member

**Attendees - other**

Robin Spears	Superintendent
LaDonn Hartzell	Board Secretary

**I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

At 6:00 PM, Board President Kecia Hickman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Susan Rensink, Glen Goedken, Randy Merley, Mark Brown and Kecia Hickman.

Superintendent Robin Spears and Board Secretary LaDonn Hartzell were present, as well as Tanya Langholdt, Elementary Principal; Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal; Matt Meendering, High School Principal; Justin Albers, Activities Director.

Members of the Press: Tom Troughber and Lindsay Kruse.

Visitors included Kent DeZeeuw, Jacob Ihnen, Kristin Noack, Krystal Kooiker, Kristie Simonsen, Joan Holles, Cathy McWilliams, Carla Kleinwolterink, Christie Seivert and Katie Pruiksmas.

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Spears reported no changes to the agenda.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Recognition

a. Student

Board members were provided with lists from HS and MS for student recognition. The lists are attached to these minutes.

b. Presentation - Middle School SINA Plan

Middle School Principal, Cindy Barwick, introduced the following middle school teaching staff who gave a presentation regarding how the MS curriculum has changed this year to enhance student reading/language arts scores due to the SINA (School In Need of Assistance) designation placed on the middle school this year.

Joan Holles, Kristin Noack, Krystal Kooiker, Kristie Simonson, Cathy McWilliams, Carla Kleinwolterink, Christie Seivert, and Katie Pruikma shared creative activities they are involved in this year and how the curriculum in one grade prepares the student for the succeeding year.

Mrs. Barwick also reviewed the SINA plan, noting the State has not approved the entire plan at this point. Staff is still working on certification.

- B. Correspondence
  - 1. "The Board" Publication
    - a. The Board "Your Schools: An Investment Or An Expense?," Vol. 37, Number 17
    - b. The Board "The Tough Election Is Over. Now What?," Vol. 37, Number 18
  - 2. NW AEA Board Meeting Minutes - December Board Meeting
  - 3. Receipt of "Thanks You" Cards
- C. Board Member Reports
  - None.
  - 1. Other?

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF**

- A. Minutes of Past Meeting(s)

Board members reviewed minutes of December 11, 2013 board meeting.  
Motion made by: Randy Merley  
Motion seconded by: Mark Brown  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- B. Summary List of Bills

Glen Goedken reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and recommended the board approve the bills as presented.  
Motion made by: Glen Goedken  
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved

#### **V. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None.

#### **VI. REPORTS**

- A. Committee
  - None.
- B. Special
  - None.
- C. Administration

1. Elementary School Principal  
Tanya Langholdt, elementary principal, reported on student assessments, elementary building project, Iowa Core and professional development. She also mentioned the district appreciates the opportunity to have five student teachers in the elementary building during second semester.
2. Middle School Principal  
Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal, reported on student assessments and professional development.
3. High School Principal  
Matt Meendering, High School Principal, reported on student assessments, student attendance, student discipline, and professional development. He spoke specifically about the invaluable ALICE training provided for the teaching staff on January 2.
4. Activities Director  
Justin Albers, Activities Director, addressed the board regarding current extracurricular activities. He also commented on student athlete academic eligibility.
5. Superintendent
  - a. East Elementary Building/Renovation Project Update  
Superintendent Spears shared the minutes from the 12.11.13 construction meeting and referred to construction site tours he has conducted for various groups. The project continues to progress on schedule, with only one change order to date; for a deduction.
  - b. Nurses Report  
Superintendent Spears shared the December nurse's report for information.
  - c. Transportation Report  
The December transportation report was received for information.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. High School 2014-15 Registration Booklet (2nd Reading)  
The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the 2014-15 High School Registration Booklet.  
Motion made by: Susan Rensink  
Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- B. Board Policy Review (2nd Reading)  
Board members reviewed board policy No. 211 through 218. Superintendent recommended the board approve all policies with the exception of No. 213.1R1, which will have language changes for approval at next meeting.  
Motion made by: Randy Merley  
Motion seconded by: Mark Brown  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Enrollment Application(s)  
None.
- B. Resignation(s)  
None.
- C. Contracts  
None.
- D. Approve Contracts for Students Receiving Educational Services in Other School Districts
1. (c) Contract  
Board members reviewed a special education contract with the Mason City Community School District.  
Motion made by: Glen Goedken  
Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- E. Approve Ag Partners Contract  
Board members reviewed a contract between Sheldon FFA Chapter and Ag Partners.  
Motion made by: Glen Goedken  
Motion seconded by: Randy Merley  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- F. Consider Board/Administrative Work session  
Superintendent Spears and Board President Kecia Hickman have discussed the idea of future board work sessions. Topics of discussion for these work sessions could include:
- Financial/Budget -- long-range planning
  - Affordable Health Care Act -- implications
  - Staffing Needs
  - Board Goal Setting
  - Grant Wood Financial Accounting System -- Financial Reports
- Board members set Monday, February 24 at 6:00 PM for the initial work session.
- G. Set Date for February Board Meeting  
Since Superintendent Spears and Board Secretary Hartzell will be out-of-town on the second Wednesday of February, Superintendent recommended the board consider another date for the regular meeting. Board members considered potential February dates for the regular meeting, to approve bills, minutes, etc.
- Board members agreed to hold the regular meeting at noon, Monday, February 17, in the board room.  
Motion made by: Glen Goedken  
Motion seconded by: Mark Brown  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- H. Board Policy Review  
Board members considered first reading of 700 Series of Board Policy, 700-706.3R1.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink  
Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. IASB Legislative Conference

Superintendent Spears reminded board members of the IASB Legislative Conference scheduled for Monday, January 27 in Des Moines. Superintendent Spears plans to attend and invited board members to contact him if they would like to attend.

**X. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Following adjournment, board members met for a negotiations strategy session to discuss the initial proposal received from the Sheldon Education Association.

Negotiations strategy session ended at 8:25 PM.

Motion made by: Glen Goedken

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary