

**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 6:04 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 Matt Meendering, High School Principal.

Members of the Press: Mark Mahoney

There were no visitors.

This meeting was scheduled as a work session for discussion purposes only.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Spears reported no changes to the agenda.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**III. DISCUSS 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Board members discussed at length, options for the 2014-15 school calendar. Superintendent Spears recommended board members consider feedback from the calendar committee meetings. Discussion centered around the possibility of a late start every Wednesday for staff development, as opposed to early dismissals for the same purpose. Board members discussed the implications of the late starts/early dismissals as related to extracurricular activities, early morning practices, after school practices, bus driver schedules, college classes, and families requiring daycare for younger students. Board members also discussed the East Elementary construction project and how it may impact the calendar. The next calendar committee meeting is scheduled for February 26.

**IV. OVERVIEW OF GRANTWOOD FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

Board Secretary and Business Manager, LaDonn Hartzell demonstrated various features of the recently implemented Grantwood Financial software.

**V. DISCUSS DISTRICT FINANCE, BUDGETING, AND FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Superintendent Spears reviewed financial data as it relates to Sheldon Community School District. He presented financial data, solvency ratio comparisons, enrollment and teacher-pupil ratio data from 1975 to the present.

**VI. 2014-15 STAFFING**

Superintendent Spears asked board members to focus on projected enrollment in the elementary grades, as well as consider possibilities for staffing changes. Projections for 85 students in one grade may prompt the hiring of an additional teacher. Board members also reviewed teacher-pupil ratio in the special education program and considered hiring additional staff.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Discussion ended and Board President called for a motion to adjourn.

Work session ended at 9:25 PM.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Glen Goedken

Voting

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary