Sheldon Community School District

Regular Board Meeting
10/11/2023 05:00 PM
Middle School Library

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members
Kecia Hickman, Board Member
Susan Rensink, President
Jessica Brink, Vice President
Lori Richards, Board Member
Steve Waldstein, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

At 5:01 PM, Board President Susan Rensink called the meeting to order with the following members present: Jessica Brink, Kecia Hickman, Lori Richards, Steve Waldstein and Susan Rensink. Superintendent Cory Myer and Board Secretary Tracy Meyer were present. Administrators attending: Nick Miller, High School Principal and Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal. Eric Maassen, Activities Director, joined the meeting at 5:15 PM and Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal, joined the meeting at 5:31 PM. Press: 1 Visitors: 3

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President called for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Designate Board Member to IASB Delegate Assembly" under "New Business." "Educational Program - High School" was moved after "New Business" and before "Announcements."
Motion made by: Steve Waldstein
Motion seconded by: Lori Richards
Voting: Unanimously Approved

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment

None.

B. Correspondence

None.

C. Recognition

Board members received student recognition lists prior to the meeting and there were no additions.

D. FY23 Independent Audit Report

Dustin Opatz, GASB Audit Manager with BerganKDV, attended the meeting virtually to present the independent audit conducted on the Sheldon Community School District this fall and was available for questions. The final FY23 Audit Report was provided to the Board.

E. Educational Presentation - High School

Levi Letsche and Bailey Hennings shared information on "The Champions Network," a mentorship program between high school and elementary students that will be kicking off soon.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Past Meeting(s)

Minutes from the previous month's meeting were available for the Board to review.

B. Approve Bills

Lori Richards reviewed bills prior to the meeting and recommended all bills for payment.

C. Open Enrollment Application(s)

Superintendent Myer recommended that the Board approve the Open Enrollment Applications as presented:

- A.K. is a 1st grade student open enrolling out of the Sheldon Community School District and into the South O'Brien School District.
- T.A. is a KG student open enrolling out of the Sheldon Community School District and into the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District.
- N.A. is a 4th grade student open enrolling out of the Sheldon Community School District and into the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District.
- N.A. is a 5th grade student open enrolling out of the Sheldon Community School District and into the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District.
- K.A. is a 6th grade student open enrolling out of the Sheldon Community School District and into the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District.
- I.L. is a 10th grade student open enrolling into the Sheldon Community School District from the South O'Brien Community School District.

D. Resignations

None.

E. Contract Adjustments

None.

F. Contracts Offered

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board approve the following contracts:

- Rachel Wills, School Nurse, 180 day contract at $26 per hour
- Anita Lardy, East Elementary Secretary, 7.5 hours per day at $15.50 per hour

G. TLC Leadership Team

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board approve the following additions to the TLC Leadership Team:

- Jeri Kruger, Model Teacher, $2,500
- Jacob Fox, Mentor, $1,500
- Brent Fedders, Mentee, $750

H. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board accept, with appreciation, the gifts and donations as presented:

- $300 from Malinda Engbarth for Ann Jansen and Sami Reinking's classrooms
- $500 from Sheldon Prairie Queen Kiwanis

Board President called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.
Motion made by: Lori Richards
Motion seconded by: Kecia Hickman
Voting: Unanimously Approved

V. REPORTS

A. Financial Reports

Board Members received financial reports to include the Budget Monitor Report, Categorical Report, Cash & Investment Report, Bank Reconciliations, Nutrition and Activity Fund Reports. Board President called for a motion to approve the prior month's financial reports as presented.
Motion made by: Steve Waldstein
Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink
Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Board Member Reports

None.

C. Administration

1. Elementary School Principal

Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal, provided a written report for Board Members and was available for questions.

2. **Middle School Principal**
   Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal, provided a written report for Board Members and was available for questions.
3. **High School Principal**
   Nick Miller, High School Principal, provided a written report for Board Members and was available for questions.
4. **Activities Director**
   Eric Maassen, Activities Director, provided a written report for Board Members and was available for questions.
5. **Superintendent**
   a. **Certified Enrollment**
      Superintendent Myer reported that Certified Enrollment has increased 20 students from last year's count.
   b. **High School Renovation and Addition**
      Superintendent Myer provided an update on the proposed high school renovation and addition.
   c. **Notice of Satellite Voting in Sheldon**
      Satellite voting will be available at East Elementary 10/30/23 from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM and 11/2/23 from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Any O'Brien County registered voter, or anyone eligible to vote in O'Brien County, may vote by absentee ballot at this location.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Policy Review

100 series policies, School District

B. Application(s) for Early Graduation

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board approve the Early Graduation Applications as presented, pending final completion of graduation requirements.
Motion made by: Steve Waldstein
Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink
Voting: Unanimously Approved

C. Special Education Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for special education in the amount of $286,451.51.
Motion made by: Lori Richards
Motion seconded by: Kecia Hickman
Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. American Education Week Proclamation

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board adopt the following proclamation regarding American Education Week:
WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and
WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and
WHEREAS, education employees – be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians – work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and
WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;
NOW, THEREFORE, We do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2023, as the annual observance of American Education Week in our community.

Motion made by: Jessica Brink
Motion seconded by: Steve Waldstein
Voting: Unanimously Approved

E. Designate Board Member to IASB Delegate Assembly

Superintendent Myer recommended the Board designate a board member to serve at IASB's Special Delegate Assembly. Motion for Lori Richards to serve as the board representative.
Motion made by: Jessica Brink
Motion seconded by: Steve Waldstein
Voting: Unanimously Approved

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Annual Convention

B. National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference & Exposition

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board President Susan Rensink called for a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.
Motion made by: Kecia Hickman
Motion seconded by: Lori Richards
Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary