

Sheldon R-VIII Board of Education
April 14, 2008
Open Session

The Sheldon R-VIII Board of Education met on April 14, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in open session.

Board Members Present:	Administrators Present:
Mr. Lamb	Mrs. Sprenkle
Mrs. Hendrix	Mr. Fox arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Mrs. Claflin	Others Present:
Mr. Nance	Mrs. Leininger, CTA President
Mrs. Moran	Ms. Jackie Allen, CTA Representative
Mr. Castlebury	Mrs. Tamara Cole, Student Teacher arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Mr. Leininger	Janet Hurlburt, Board Secretary

Mr. Leininger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Auditor, Renda Armstrong of D.S.W.A., Certified Public Accountants presented the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2007, to the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Moran to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Reorganization of the Sheldon R-VIII School Board.

- Verification of election results of the April 8, 2007, election for board members was as follows for Cedar County - no votes; Barton County - Castlebury 4, Lamb 2, Stone 0, Nance 2, Leininger 2, and Casey 2; Vernon County - Castlebury 51, Lamb 52, Stone 7, Nance 61, Leininger 72, and Casey 40. A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Hendrix to accept verification of votes. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mrs. Sprenkle administered the Oath of Office to incumbent members Sam Castlebury and Gene Leininger; and to new member, Bill Nance. She then called for election of officers.
- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Moran to elect Gene Leininger president. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Leininger abstained.
- A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to elect Jerod Lamb vice-president. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Lamb abstained.
- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Hendrix to appoint Janet Hurlburt secretary. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to appoint Jeanie Fowler treasurer. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Hendrix and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to leave the regular meeting date at the second Wednesday of each month. Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Lamb voting no.

Community Forum - Mrs. Allen introduced Tamara Cole to the Board. Mrs. Cole has been a student teacher in her 5th grade classroom this spring. May 2 will be her last day in the classroom.

District Wide Evaluations

- Instructional Effectiveness was presented by Mrs. Sprenkle and Mrs. Compton
 - Mrs. Compton explained the Instructional Practice Inventory (IPI). After observing level of student engagement in the classroom on two days, one in December and one in March, the Sheldon data was compared in a variety of ways including to a typical school and ideal school, Elementary to MS/HS, core classes to non-core classes.
 - Mrs. Sprenkle noted that we need to challenge our students more, hold teachers more accountable, more review of data and planning of group and individual plans for improvement.
 - She commented that a full six weeks should be spent next fall with analysis of testing data. Every teacher who deals with students needs the information.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Moran to approve the DWE of Instructional Effectiveness. Motion carried 7-0
- School Climate was presented by Mrs. Leininger.
 - Staff works well together. There is a very supportive climate. The 21st Century Director commented on how cooperative all the teachers were this year.
 - One concern was there was one teacher who did not feel he/she was receiving a sufficient amount of professional development.
 - Gifted vs. Enrichment. Though Sheldon probably doesn't qualify for a gifted program, the district needs to do more in the areas of enrichment which will benefit both gifted students and those who do not quite qualify as gifted.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to approve the DWE of the School Climate. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Castlebury to approve the March 12, 2008, regular board meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

District Finances

- Bills - A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Lamb to pay all bills. Motion carried 6-0 with Mrs. Hendrix abstaining.
- Bus Expense - expenses for the buses were up this month due to preparing for bus inspection.
- Balance - a three year comparison will be added to the monthly balance.
- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Moran to accept the 2006-07 audit report. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

- Facilities - Preschool addition is on hold. Neosho will have 9 modular units available after school is out. Mrs. Sprenkle will check into the cost of a permanent building.
- Transportation - A transfer will need to be made to Fund 4 Capital Outlay to purchase at least one new bus for next year. Mrs. Sprenkle reported that she would write a directive to bus drivers concerning better maintenance, better care and better adherence to the daily checklist.

New Business

- Policy - Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve addition to Regulation 4320 identifying the way leave is accumulated a section on paid vacation for 12 month employees. Mrs. Hendrix seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

- Food Prices - the board will set meal prices at the May board meeting
- Summer School - Mrs. Leininger will oversee the last two weeks of summer school as Mrs. Metcalf has other obligations.
- Lawn Care - FFA will not be taking care of the lawn this summer. Options for lawn mowing were discussed.
- Spring Calendar - Graduation date is at 3:00 p.m. on May 17. Baccalaureate is the previous Sunday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheldon Christian Church.
- Board Training - district will pay travel expenses for new members to go to required board training. Special arrangements may be made for those board members wishing to receive advanced training.
- Bus Reinspection -
- Contract Renewals - the following teachers have returned their contract for next year: Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Satterlee, Mrs. Lockard, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Blum, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Allen, Ms. Sears, Mrs. Davisson, Mrs. McCaslin, Mrs. Pester, Mrs. Frazier, Ms. Yokley, and Mr. Harper.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to accept Mr. Beaty's resignation. Motion carried 7-0.
- Board Scholarship Committee - A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Nance to appoint Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Hendrix and Mrs. Moran to a Scholarship Committee the same as last year, to bring recommendations back to the board for a decision. Motion carried 7-0.
- Advisory Council Meeting - Mrs. Sprenkle discussed concerns and recommendations from the Spring Advisory Council meeting committees.
- Grant Renewal - A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Castlebury to approve application for renewal of the Health, Preschool and 21 Century Community Learning Center grants for FY09. Motion carried 7-0.
- Career Ladder - Mrs. Leininger asked that the board approve application for Career Ladder for next year. There will be two teachers at Step 1 and six at Step 3. Mrs. Claflin so moved. Mrs. Hendrix seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- Teachers' Time - CTA reported no concerns at this time
- Principal's Time - Mrs. Sprenkle discussed the MAP testing schedule. She also reported that 3 students attended Lamar Vo-Tech in 2007-08 out of 13 who requested to be considered last spring. Ten students have requested to go to Vo-Tech in 2008-09.
- Superintendent's Time -
 - Health insurance costs will increase 10.9% for next year for an expected cost of \$330 per month per employee.
 - Several students have outstanding food bills that are substantial. Letters have been sent home. The prosecuting attorney recommended recouping them through small claims court. Mr. Lamb made a motion to check into hiring a collection agency to take care of outstanding bills. Mrs. Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
 - Two 8 month CDs in the amount of \$100,000 each have been obtained through First National Bank at 3.40% interest.
 - Graduation Presenters -Mrs. Sprenkle will present diplomas this year at graduation at Mr. Lamb's suggestion. Board will sit on the stage during graduation.

Mr. Lamb made a motion to move into closed session at 10:51 p.m. for the discussion and possible action with regards to 610.021 (3) RSMO hiring, terminating, disciplining or promoting, (6) actions or records relating to students and (13) personnel records, evaluations and applications. Mrs. Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0 with the following votes: Mr. Leininger yes, Mr. Lamb yes, Mr. Castlebury yes, Mrs. Claflin yes, Mrs. Hendrix yes, Mr. Nance yes, and Mrs. Moran yes.

The following motions were made in closed session:

- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Castlebury to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0 with the following votes: Mr. Leininger yes, Mr. Lamb yes, Mr. Castlebury yes, Mrs. Claflin yes, Mrs. Hendrix yes, Mr. Nance yes, and Mrs. Moran yes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the closed session minutes for the March 12, 2008, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Motion carried 7-0 with the following votes: Mr. Leininger yes, Mr. Lamb yes, Mr. Castlebury yes, Mrs. Claflin yes, Mrs. Hendrix yes, Mr. Nance yes, and Mrs. Moran yes.
- Mr. Fox recommended the board offer Michael Flaughner a contract for 2008-09. Mr. Lamb so moved. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0 with the following votes: Mr. Leininger yes, Mr. Lamb yes, Mr. Castlebury yes, Mrs. Claflin yes, Mrs. Hendrix yes, Mr. Nance yes, and Mrs. Moran yes.
- Mr. Lamb made a motion to name the circle drive around the school in honor of Mrs. Sprengle for her 37 years of service to the school. Mrs. Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0 with the following votes: Mr. Leininger yes, Mr. Lamb yes, Mr. Castlebury yes, Mrs. Claflin yes, Mrs. Hendrix yes, Mr. Nance yes, and Mrs. Moran yes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Castlebury to leave closed session at 11:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with the following votes: Mr. Leininger yes, Mr. Lamb yes, Mr. Castlebury yes, Mrs. Claflin yes, Mrs. Hendrix yes, Mr. Nance yes, and Mrs. Moran yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Castlebury to adjourn regular session at 11:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Approved:

Board Secretary

Gene Leininger, Board President

Date