

Sheldon R-VIII Board of Education  
September 12, 2007  
Open Session

The Sheldon R-VIII Board of Education met on September 12, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in open session.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Lamb  
Mrs. Claflin  
Mrs. Hendrix  
Mr. Leininger  
Mrs. Moran  
Mr. Logan

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Sprenkle

Mr. Garrison

Others Present:

Janet Hurlburt, Board Secretary  
Mrs. Leininger, CTA Representative  
Mr. Jack Gardner, Diploma Recipient  
Mr. Ron Beaty, Teacher Representative  
Ms. Sarah Sears, Teacher Representative  
Mrs. Deb Metcalf, Counselor, Safety Coordinator

Mr. Leininger called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Claflin and seconded by Mrs. Hendrix to approve agenda with modification to add Student Performance and Music Program to District Wide Evaluations. Motion carried 6-0

Community Forum - Mrs. Sprenkle congratulated Mr. Jack Gardner for completing the process to receive the first Sheldon High School Diploma under the new alternative graduation program for adults who left school needing only one or two credits to graduate from Sheldon. Mr. Gardner's diploma will be presented at a later time.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2007, open meeting with the correction of two typing errors. Motion carried 6-0.

District Wide Evaluations:

1. Mrs. Metcalf presented the DWE of School Safety Program.
  - o The committee will be more active this year.
  - o New, more detailed evacuation plans are being completed for each room.
  - o A motion was made by Mr. Logan and seconded by Mrs. Moran to approve the District Wide Evaluation of the School Safety Program. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Mrs. Metcalf presented the DWE of the Student Performance/Testing Program.
  - o 47 families received certificates for their students who achieved either Advanced or Proficient on their MAP test last spring.
  - o Graphs show a marked improvement on MAP scores comparing the 2005-06 test data to the 2006-07 test data.
  - o A plan is in place to address those students who received below basic on MAP tests.
  - o A motion was made by Mrs. Claflin and seconded by Mr. Logan to approve the District Wide Evaluation of the Student Performance/Testing Program. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Mr. Garrison presented the DWE of the Music/Band Boosters Program for Mr. Cochran.

- A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Hendrix to approve the District Wide Evaluation of the Music/Band Boosters Program. Motion carried 6-0.

#### District Finances

- Bills - A motion was made by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Hendrix to pay all bills. Motion carried 6-0.
- Balance - A motion was made by Mrs. Hendrix and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to approve balances for the months of July and August. Motion carried 6-0.
- Audit Update - The September 19 date for the audit has been postponed for one to two weeks.

#### Old Business

- Board Scholarship - money is due monthly or in one sum June through May.
- Football Filing Deadline - Mrs. Sprenkle will write area schools to explore interest in a cooperative team and investigate costs of football program.

#### New Business

- Dual Credit
  - Mrs. Metcalf will meet with Junior and Senior parents to explain options.
  - ACT Prep classes will be offered 4 to 6 weeks prior to test date.
  - Dual Credit classes are available in World History, Spanish II and Ag
- Code of Ethics - A motion was made by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mr. Logan to adopt a Code of Ethics for Sheldon R-VIII School. Motion carried 6-0.
- Celebration of Schools - Board members and their spouses were invited to attend a dinner to celebrate education from the SW Center for Education on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Principal's Time - School has gotten off to a good start. Climate is positive and staff is working well together. Attendance is up due to Mrs. Metcalf's diligent calling of parents when a student is absent.
- Teachers' Time - Mrs. Leininger commented on the positive attitude and good feeling among faculty this year. Mr. Beaty stated that the first home baseball game is Monday against NEVC. Nine students are on the team.
- Superintendent's Time -
  - An agreement is being signed with Barton Co. Learning Center for 6 students this year, four of whom are preschool.
  - In Special Services, the new MECA director and Mrs. Yokley are getting everything in place for this year.
  - An ELL student is enrolled this year in third grade. Ms. Blum, third grade teacher, has a background in Spanish and is teaching her class beginning Spanish.
  - The PE/coaching position will be discussed in closed session.
  - There is good report among staff this year.

Mr. Logan made a motion to move into closed session at 8:40 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 6-0. Mrs. Moran-yes, Mr. Lamb-yes, Mrs. Hendrix-yes, and Mr. Leininger-yes, Mrs. Claflin-yes and Mr. Logan-yes.

The following motions were made in closed session:

- A motion was made by Mrs. Claflin and seconded by Mrs. Hendrix to approve closed session minutes of August 8, 2007, Board of Education minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Logan-yes, Mr. Lamb-yes, Mrs. Moran-yes, Mrs. Hendrix-yes, Mrs. Claflin-yes, and Mr. Leininger-yes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Logan and seconded by Mrs. Moran to leave closed session at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Hendrix-yes, Mr. Lamb-yes, Mr. Leininger-yes, Mr. Logan-yes, Mrs. Claflin and Mrs. Moran-yes.

Board came out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sprenkle reported that the bus expense was for a transmission and that there is one more bus that also needs the transmission replaced.

Mrs. Sprenkle read a letter from Jessica Mather requesting early graduation at the end of first semester. Mrs. Claflin made a motion to allow Ms. Mather to graduate early if she has earned sufficient credit. Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Claflin to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Approved:

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Gene Leininger, Board President

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Board Secretary

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Date