

September 1, 2022

Work Session

The Schaller-Crestland Board of Education met in a work session on September 1, 2022 in the gymnasium of the Schaller-Crestland Elementary School, Schaller, IA. The following board members were present: Christy Horan, Kory Blum, Mike Schmitt, Matt Cress, and Steve Mason. Others present: Supt. Bisenius, Principal Bellinghausen, and various members of the community.

Call to order at 6:47 pm by President Christy Horan.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Cress to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

President Horan opened the work session by addressing the board with the update from the 2 by 2 meeting that took place with GH's President Whitmer and Vice President Aschinger last week. She stated that GH is looking at moving their 6th grade back to the GH district. They also stated that they would like to see the 7th and 8th grade housed in Schaller. President Horan stated that she shared with Whitmer and Aschinger that S-C has been looking into what would be needed to house a K-9, with a shared Jr High, in Schaller. She also mentioned that if we do go that route it may take a few years. Vice-President Blum stated that some of the GH members are not willing to give S-C a few years to get the construction completed. The Schaller building would need to have a lot of changes done in order to house a full K-8.

Supt. Bisenius added that both Horan and Blum have walked the Schaller facility and the bones of the building are very good but definitely will need some updates to accommodate the needs. The main reason for a move like this is transportation costs, decreasing enrollment, staffing issues. Operating two buildings is very costly. Bringing everyone under one roof will allow the district to utilize staff more efficiently.

The public was invited by President Horan to voice any concern or input they had on moving to one building. The board heard a wide variety of questions and comments from community members.

With no further discussion, President Horan adjourned the work session. The next regularly scheduled joint board meeting is September 12, 2022 at 7 pm at the Galva-Holstein School, Holstein, IA.