Classified Leadership Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2024; 1:30 p.m.
Professional Learning Lab

Present: Superintendent Marcus Lewton, Business Manager Stephanie Hunter, Beth Schmitt (Heart River), Sheila Schilling (Jefferson), Meg Gion (Prairie Rose), Kristi Eckes (Dickinson Middle), Debra Wilson (Dickinson High), Jeffrey Whitehead (Hagen), Christy Hicks (Central Administration Offices)

Absent: Julie Henderson (Berg), Heidi Smith (Lincoln), Assistant Superintendent Keith Harris

I.   Call to Order: Dr. Lewton called the meeting to order at 1:32.

II. Approval of the December 12, 2023, Classified Leadership Meeting Minutes- Jeff motioned to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2023, meeting. Shiela seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Dr. Lewton briefly touched on a few of the items from the December minutes to give everyone an update:

- 2024-2025 School Calendar was approved by the School Board

- The 7 additional certified positions have been allocated already, 4 to DMS and 3 to SPED across the district.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business
1)   Review the February 12, 2024, School Board Meeting Agenda- Dr. Lewton quickly covered the agenda from the previous nights School Board Meeting. That agenda can be viewed online.

Awards: Heart River was named a High Achieving Title School, Mr. Whitehead was selected as Classified Staff of the Year and Mrs. Leiss was named Educator of the Year.

J.E. Dunn was awarded the bid for CMAR and both parties' lawyers are finalizing the contracts.

Security updates to 2 elementaries will happen this summer.

Boundary readjustments- Everything West 7th St and South of DSU to States Ave could be moved to Berg. This would move about 35 students. This decision will be left up to the School Board after reviewing the proposals from RSP. Changes could take effect next school year if the board chooses. Sheila asked why Jefferson always takes the students from out of town. That decision was based on the recommendation 5 years ago. Dr. Lewton was unsure why that was the recommendation but noted it could have had to do with numbers or transportation.

June 11th are the State and National primary elections. There will be two open positions for seats on the Dickinson Public School Board. Those seats are currently held by Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Seaks.

2)   Dr. Lewton went through the State of the District presentation. It covered quite a bit of information. It can also be found on the DPS website.

Deb asked if other schools that utilized the CTE center help cover the costs. Dr. Lewton responded that SWCTE, which is a separate entity, is covering those costs and they are waiting on the state to complete their funding formula for the future.

Deb noted the heat at DHS had not been on this week, although today seemed a bit warmer than yesterday. Stephanie commented that the boilers are on very low so that they continue to function. The men working on the boiler felt if they were turned up too high, they could quit working altogether. Stephanie also noted they were looking at several temporary options such as bringing in boilers on truck trailers that would funnel hot air into the buildings until the boilers can be fixed with the bond money.

3)   Other

ND Department of Transportation has contacted the City about removing the traffic lights at 3rd West and 4th Ave West and install a flashing beacon at 2nd St W. This is the corner of Berg Elementary and the Professional Learning Lab. The flashing beacon is similar to the beacon on Villard on the intersection by Blue 42. The community has been requested to give input on the matter either online or at a meeting this Thursday at the PL Lab. NDDOT will make the final decision, but House Bill 1246 requires the "consent of the city" before changes are made within 1000 ft of a primary, middle, or secondary school. This is part of the entire project from 8th St SW to 9th St. West.

V.   Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 1:30 at the Professional Learning Lab.