



Classified Leadership Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2024; 1:30 p.m.
Professional Learning Lab

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

Absent: Julie Henderson (Berg), and Assistant Superintendent Keith Harris

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Lewton called the meeting to order at 1:30.
- II. Approval of the February 13, 2024, Classified Leadership Meeting Minutes- Deb motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Jeff seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
- III. Old Business
 - 1) Update on the crosswalks by Berg Elementary, the NDDOT will do another crosswalk count at the end of April.
- IV. New Business
 - 1) Review the March 11, 2024, School Board Meeting Agenda- Dr. Lewton quickly covered the agenda from the previous nights School Board Meeting. That agenda can be viewed online.

Dr. Lewton quickly commented on currently enrollment, 4005 which is up 62 from this time last year. He noted we usually loose students this time of year, but we haven't this year.

A new elementary ELA curriculum has been adopted.

The annual staff appreciation supper will be May 1st at 6pm, at DMS, followed by awards.

Construction Update: Several elementary buildings have projects that are going to bid for repairs and/or additional security.

Brady Martz Audit- we only had one finding but it has already been corrected. The finding had to do with approval of time and effort on federal grants.

RSP Boundary Analysis: a public meeting was held before the Board meeting to allow the public to comment. Three teachers from Jefferson spoke at the meeting. The new boundary change will affect about 35 students moving from Jefferson to Berg. Berg is the smallest in the district. Next year's 5th graders, in the adjusted attendance area, will have the choice to stay at Jefferson, but their siblings will have to move.

Today at 2:30 is a meeting to look at several design options to decide on the entrance for the high school.

Open Enrollment has been closed. The only way for a student to open enroll into DPS if they live outside of the DPS District is if their parent is a DPS employee, if they attended DPS and then moved out of the district, if they have an older sibling who is already open enrolled, or they are court ordered.

DHS will have late start Wednesdays next year but will go to a rolling A/B schedule.

Early resignations are due April 1 for classified staff.

- 2) Other
NDPERS just finalized their recommendation on the changes that will be made starting January 1, 2025. Communication will be out soon from NDPERS as well as DPS in the coming weeks. As a current employee you will have a choice to stay with a defined benefit or move to a defined contribution. All employees starting after January 1, 2025, will have to use the defined contribution plan.

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 1:30 at the Professional Learning Lab.