

Present: Superintendent Marcus Lewton, Business Manager Stephanie Hunter, Debra Wilson (Dickinson High School), Kristi Eckes (Dickinson Middle School), Julie Henderson (Berg), Beth Schmitt (Heart River), Sheila Schilling (Jefferson), Heidi Smith (Lincoln), Meg Gion (Prairie Rose), Jeffrey Whitehead (Hagen), Christy Hicks (Central Administration Offices), and Kyle Kvamme (ICON Architectural Group).

Absent: Assistant Superintendent Keith Harris

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lewton at 1:30 p.m.
- II. Additions/Deletions to Agenda Items** – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the May 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes** – Heidi motioned to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting. Deb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Old Business**
- V. New Business**
 1. Purpose of Committee
 - a. Superintendent Lewton explained the purpose of these meetings was to have 2-way communication between the Central Administration and each building. He will share news with us, and we can bring questions/concerns to him.
 - b. Anyone on the committee can have an agenda item added by sending it to Twila in advance of the meeting.
 2. Information on Bond Referendum
 - a. Superintendent Lewton quickly went through the Bond Referendum Slide presentation and asked if there were any questions or things the committee thought the district could do better.
 1. Sheila Schilling asked if yard signs would be available by the district. Dr. Lewton and Stephanie Hunter said the district would not be providing those.
 2. Kristi Eckes asked how we are reaching the elderly of our community specifically. Dr. Lewton noted that there is a meeting planned for Hawks Point and that they were trying to get a meeting set up at the rec. center.
 3. Christy Hicks asked how long it would take to raise the 69 million dollars and what is the plan for that money after that. Dr. Lewton said the bond would be for 20 years and then the taxes should go back down. Christy noted that seemed to be a piece of information the community was missing (the end date of the bond).
 3. Review the October 9, 2023, School Board Meeting Agenda
 - a. Dr. Lewton reviewed the School Board Agenda.
 - b. Stephanie Hunter reviewed the Self-Funded Insurance changes coming, starting in January 2024.
 1. Stephanie noted the insurance committee decided on option 1 which is the middle option in terms of cost. There will be a 19.2% overall increase in insurance cost.
 2. Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota was the only insurance company to put in a bid.



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3. Open Enrollment for health insurance is scheduled for November and Human Resources is working closely with Brown & Brown to put all the information together to give to employees before open enrollment.
4. New this year—everyone must sign up during open enrollment. Employees can no longer roll their benefit elections forward, even if they are not making any changes.
4. Scheduling of Future Meetings
 - a. It was agreed that future meetings will be held the Tuesday after the Monday night School Board Meeting, at 1:30.
5. Other

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1:30 pm