

TO: School Board Members
FROM: Douglas W. Sullivan, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Agenda Background
DATE: June 8, 2015

- I. **Call to Order** – President Fehr will call the meeting to order.
- II. **Public Participation** - Any person wishing to address the Board may do so by completing a written request prior to the meeting. The request must be within the guidelines of Board Policy BCBA, Public Participation at Board Meetings.
- III. **Additional Agenda Items/Removal of Items from Consent Agenda** – Items which require Board action may be placed on the agenda by approval of a majority of the Board members present. Board members may request that an item on the consent agenda be removed for consideration by itself.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Minutes** – May 11 regular board meeting and May 29 special board meeting. The minutes are posted under Minutes on the school board web site.
 - b. **Bills** – The bills are posted under Financial Reports on the school board website.
 - c. **Financial Report** – The Financial Report is posted under Financial Reports on the school board website.
 - d. **Pledged Assets Report** – The Pledged Assets Report is posted under Financial Reports on the school board website.
 - e. **Personnel Reports** – The personnel reports are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
 - f. **Student/Staff Recognitions** – The student/staff recognitions are posted on the Consent Agenda and also as a Supporting Document.
 - g. **Tuition Waiver Agreements** – A tuition waiver agreement request for four children of Heidi M. Krank from Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor and a tuition waiver request for a child of Melissa Schwindt from Belfield to Dickinson; both agreements are for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - h. **RACTC Report** – The RACTC report is posted under Supporting Documents.

Sample motion: “I move to approve the agenda (or revised agenda) including the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the May 11 regular board meeting, May 29 special board meeting, the bills for June 2015; the financial reports for June 2015; the pledged assets report for June 2015; the personnel reports; the student/staff recognitions; a tuition waiver request for four children of Heidi M. Krank and one child of Melissa Schwindt; and the RACTC report, as presented.”

- V. **Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Sullivan will report on topics which do not appear elsewhere in the agenda.
- VI. **Business Topics**
 - a. **Adult Learning Center Update** – Ms. Beth Hurt, Coordinator, has provided a report which is posted under Supporting Documents. Ms. Hurt will be present at the meeting to give an update and answer any questions. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.

- b. **Roughrider Career and Technology Center (RACTC) Update** – At the April RACTC Governing Board meeting, Director Larry Sebastian submitted his resignation. Mrs. Ricks is the Board representative on this committee and will discuss the hiring process for the director position. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- c. **Prairie Rose Elementary Expansion Update** - Assistant Superintendent Reep will update the Board members on the progress of the expansion of the new wing on Prairie Rose Elementary. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- d. **Middle School Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep and Superintendent Sullivan will provide updated information on the new middle school. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- e. **Budget Development and Input Committee Report** – This committee met on May 21. Superintendent Sullivan and Board representatives will review the topics discussed. Board input may be requested. Posted on the website under Supporting Documents is the minutes from the May 21 meeting.
- f. **Teacher on Special Assignment** – At previous Budget Committee meetings this topic has been discussed and information has been shared at Board meetings. Posted on the website are possible job responsibilities for this position. Discussion at the Budget Committee meetings supported the need for administrative assistance at Hagen Junior High due to the high demand of time imposed on Hagen Principal Lewton in the planning, design, and an outline and footprint of the curriculum for the new middle school. He has accepted these additional challenges with enthusiasm; however, it has weighed heavy on his administrative responsibilities. Adding a position at Hagen to provide support with the administrative duties would offer the time Dr. Lewton will need to dedicate to the new middle school. Administrative recommendation is the Board create a new certified position for a Teacher on Special Assignment. Superintendent Sullivan will provide more details at the meeting. Sample Motion: **“I hereby move to authorize the administration to add one new position for a Teacher on Special Assignment at Hagen Junior High for the 2015-2016 school year.”**
- g. **Amend Budget** – Assistant Superintendent Reep will provide updated information on the budget and proposed amendment to the budget. Sample motion: **“I move to amend the general fund expenditures budget from \$38,589,310 to \$40,000,000.”**
- h. **Resolution Providing for Sale of \$25,000,000 General Obligation Building Fund Bonds** – Administration asks the Board members to consider a resolution authorizing the District to sell fund bonds in the amount of \$25,000,000. Action is requested. A roll call vote would be in order. Sample motion: **“I move to approve the resolution providing for the sale of \$25,000,000 general obligation building fund bonds, series 2015.”**
- i. **Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the School District Bonds Credit Enhancement Program** – Assistant Superintendent Reep will address the Board. Available on the website is the following document for consideration of the school board.
 - Resolution Providing the Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program

Mr. Reep will explain how the resolution will help reduce the interest rate payable on the bonds thereby reducing the borrowing costs. Administration recommendation is to participate in the school bond credit enhancement program. Action is required. A roll call vote is required on the motion. **Sample motion: “I move to approve the resolution providing for participation in the School Bond Credit Enhancement Program, as presented.”**

- j. **Open Enrollment Application** – Cara Praus applied for open enrollment for her three children to be admitted to Dickinson Public Schools from South Heart Public School District. These children have been attending DPS and recently moved outside the Dickinson Public School District. The administrative recommendation is to approve the applications. Action is requested. Sample motion: **“I move to approve the open enrollment request for three children of Cara Praus as specified in the open enrollment requests and to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy.”**
- k. **Teacher Negotiations Update** – Mrs. Fehr, Ms. Ross and Mr. Hanson have previously been the school board representatives on the Teacher Negotiations Team. Mr. Woehl, Mr. Fahy, Mr. Tuchscherer, Mr. Gray and Ms. Schubert are the Dickinson Education Association representatives on the Teacher Negotiations Team. The Teacher Negotiations Team had its first meeting on Friday, June 5. President Fehr and Mr. Hanson will provide an update regarding topics discussed. It would be appropriate to formally appoint Board members to the Teacher Negotiations Team. Sample motion: **“I move to designate for 2015-2016 Mrs. Kris Fehr and Mr. Jason Hanson as primary school board representatives and Mrs. Ricks as the secondary school board representative on the Teacher Negotiations Team.”**
- l. **Negotiations Strategy as it Relates to Potential Contract for Property Purchase (Executive Session Anticipated)** – The next item on the agenda is discussion regarding Negotiations Strategy Related to Potential Contract for Property Purchase. This item may be discussed in an executive session. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code section 44-04-19.1(9). The topic or purpose of this executive session is Negotiations Strategy as it Relates to Potential Contract for Property Purchase.

VII. **Other**

VIII. **Adjournment**