

**TO:** School Board Members  
**FROM:** Douglas W. Sullivan, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Background  
**DATE:** January 11, 2016

- I. **Call to Order** – President Ricks 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** – Minutes from the December 14 Board meeting are posted under Minutes on the school board web site.
  - b. **Bills** – The bills are posted under Financial Reports on the school board web site.
  - c. **Financial Report** – The Financial Report is posted under Financial Reports on the school board web site.
  - d. **Pledged Assets Report** – The Pledged Assets Report is posted under Financial Reports on the school board web site.
  - 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.
  - g. **Tuition Waiver Agreements** – A tuition waiver request for a child of JoAnn Haverluk from Dickinson to South Heart and a waiver request for two children of Jessica Cruz from Dickinson to Belfield.
  - h. **RACTC Report** – There is no RACTC report received for the month of January.

**Sample motion: “I move to approve the agenda (or revised agenda) including the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the December 14 regular board meeting; the bills for January 2016; the financial reports for January 2016; the pledged assets report for January 2016; the personnel reports; the student/staff recognitions; a tuition waiver request for a child of JoAnn Haverluk from Dickinson to South Heart, a waiver request for two children of Jessica Cruz; 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. **New Middle School Construction Update** – Representatives from Mortenson Construction and Assistant Superintendent Reep will update the Board members on the progress of the construction of the new middle school. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.

- b. **Resolution Providing for Sale of \$20,135,000 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 \$20,135,000. Action is requested. A roll call vote is recommended on the motion. Sample motion: **“I move to approve the resolution providing for the sale of \$20,135,000 general obligation building fund bonds, series 2016.”**
- c. **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 for 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.”**
- d. **School Board Vacancy** – On December 18, 2015, Mr. Jason Hanson submitted his resignation from the Dickinson Public Schools Board. Board policy BBC-Method of Filling a Board Vacancy and Board regulation BBC-BR Procedure for Selecting Appointee are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The Board should discuss this policy and Board regulation to familiarize itself with the procedure for filling the vacancy. Available under Supporting Documents is the Application for Board Position that was previously utilized for filling a Board vacancy. Action is requested. Sample motion: **“Due to the resignation of Mr. Jason Hanson I move to declare there is a vacancy on the School Board. I further move all applications for the Board vacancy must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 4.”**
- e. **Committee Assignments** – Due the departure of Mr. Hanson on the School Board it would be beneficial to the Board to appoint a representative on the Teacher Negotiations and Stark County Job Authority. President Ricks has agreed to serve on the Teacher Negotiations. Mrs. Ross has agreed to serve on the Stark County Job Authority. Action is requested. Sample motion: **“I move to designate Sarah Ricks as the primary school board representative on the Teacher Negotiations. I also move to appoint Leslie Ross to represent the School Board on the Stark County Job Authority.”**
- f. **Early Resignation Incentive Application** – Mrs. Susan Miller has submitted her resignation before the deadline to receive the early resignation incentive. She has four years of service with the District as a mathematics instructor at Hagen Junior High. Assistant Superintendent Reep has verified her eligibility. The administration will evaluate the vacancy this position may create and will post an opening at a later date. The administrative recommendation is to approve the early resignation incentive application. Action is requested. Sample motion: **“I move to approve the early resignation incentive application from Susan Miller with an effective date of May 27, 2016.”**
- g. **Open Enrollment Applications** – Alysia Bechtold has applied for open enrollment for her child to be admitted from the Richardton-Taylor Public School District to Dickinson

Public. Brian Woehl has applied for open enrollment for his step-child to be admitted from Richardton-Taylor Public to Dickinson Public. Both of these children are currently attending DPS. Administrative recommendation is to approve these two open enrollment applications. Sample motion: **“I move to approve the request for a child of Alysia Bechtold and the request for a step-child of Brian Woehl to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools as per the open enrollment requests.”**

**VII. Other**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Announcements:**

NDSBA Negotiations Seminar is scheduled for February 11-12 at the Bismarck Ramkota.