

TO: School Board Members
FROM: Douglas Sullivan, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Agenda Background
DATE: January 26, 2017

- I. **Call to Order** – Board 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. **Petition for Recognition from the Dickinson Education Association (DEA)** – The DEA has submitted two petitions which are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The petitions are for:
 - i. Recognition of an appropriate negotiating unit
 - ii. Recognition of a representative organization

The administrative recommendation is to recognize the DEA as an appropriate negotiating unit and recognize them as the representative organization for contract negotiations. Action is requested.

Sample motion: “I move that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.1-16-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, the school board of the Dickinson Public School District #1 recognizes all licensed personnel employed, or to be employed, by the Board in positions requiring a license issued pursuant to Chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, except administrators and substitute teachers, as an appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of negotiations.”

Sample motion: “I move that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.1-16-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, the school board of the Dickinson Public School District #1 recognizes the Dickinson Education Association as the exclusive representative of the appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of the negotiations.”

- IV. **2017-2018 DPS School Calendar** – At the January 9 School Board meeting, Board members requested the draft calendars for the 2017-2018 school year include a third storm day and the early release dates. The Professional Development Leadership Team (PDLT) met on January 11, the Calendar Committee met on January 24, and Cabinet members provided additional input. The draft calendars posted on the website reflect the discussion from those meetings. The PDLT requested moving the October 2 PD day to October 9.

All calendars have the same first student contact date of Thursday, August 24 and the last student contact date of Wednesday, May 23. Graduation date is proposed for Sunday, May 27. There are three built-in storm days in all four drafts. The differences between the drafts are the dates for professional development at the beginning of the school year and also the date for the teacher work day. The draft calendars are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.

Building	Calendar A1	Calendar A2	Calendar A3	Calendar A4 (Unique to DHS Only)
	PD days on August 21 and 22	PD days on August 21 and 22	PD days on August 21 and 22	PD days on August 22 and 23
	½ Day Teacher Work Day on August 23 and ½ Day Teacher Work Day on May 25	Teacher Work Day on August 23	Teacher Work Day on May 25	Teacher Work Day on May 25
DHS				X
Hagen	0	17	0	
Berg	6		5	
Prairie Rose	4	15		
Lincoln	20	4		
Heart River	0	16		
Jefferson	8	17		
Roosevelt	14	8		
Elementary Total	46	60		

Superintendent Sullivan will be available if there are any questions. Action is requested.

Sample motion: “I move to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar _____ with a starting date of August 24, 2017; the last day of school scheduled for May 23, 2018; and graduation scheduled for Sunday, May 27, 2018.”

V. **Adjournment**