

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2009

- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the consent agenda, including the early resignation notifications for Sharon Kadrmas, grade two teacher, Jefferson Elementary; Margaret Manns, grade five teacher, Jefferson Elementary; and Jerry Tuhy, Adult Farm Management coordinator; the student/staff recognitions; and the tuition waiver agreement for Lindsay Weidman, South Heart to Dickinson.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Stremick reported on the following:
 - a. **Snow make up day**-The snow make up day for February 10 is Monday, April 13 (Easter Monday). The governor issued a letter excusing snow days beyond two days if you are unable to fit it in your calendar before graduation.
 - b. **Stimulus funds**-We have been given a tentative dollar amount of \$1.3 million in stimulus funds for Title I and Special Education. Title I and Special Education guidelines must be followed when the money is spent. DPI is recommending that school districts look for ways to spend the dollars which don't require eliminating staff in two years when the funds are gone. He reported that the legislature is considering pulling \$50 million from the funding formula. They would use stabilization dollars to replace the money.
 - c. **North Dakota State Assessment test scores**-He reviewed the raw data scores for the school district in reading and math. The scores are District-wide scores. The Dickinson High School scores include Southwest Community High School. In reading all of the categories except one scored above the state average. Lincoln Elementary's grade three scored at 100%. This is the first time that we had a grade score 100% on the test. On the math test two grade levels scored just below the state average. Grade 11 was at 49% last year and it went up to 54.3% this year on the District-wide raw data. DHS went up to 56%. They implemented several new strategies at DHS including study sessions and math teachers are monitoring the math test. AYP scores may be sent out in April. President Rummel thanked Mr. Dockter and his teachers for their efforts in improving the math test scores.
- 3) **Facility Planning Follow up**-The Board discussed facility planning at the February Board meeting. Vince Reep reported on enrollment data regarding attendance areas and neighborhood schools. 66% of Heart River's students live in their attendance area. 53% of Jefferson's students live in their attendance area and 33% of Lincoln's students live in their attendance area. 48% of Roosevelt's students live in their attendance area. Lincoln has 62 students that live north of interstate and Jefferson has 49 students that live north of interstate. A handout on attendance areas is posted under Supporting Documents. He said that many of our students do not attend their neighborhood school. They will take this data into consideration when developing a facility plan for the school district. Intercity transportation may be included in future discussions. President Rummel reported that the land by the community center is not available. They would have to look at other options. President Rummel, Vince Reep and Superintendent Stremick will be meeting to develop short term and long term facility plan options for the Board. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

4) **Extracurricular Committee Meeting Report-**Vince Reep reported on the extracurricular committee meeting. A handout is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site listing the committee's recommendations. The fiscal note for the committee's recommendations is \$2,811. The administrative recommendation was to: increase the elementary basketball coordinator (boys' and girls') compensation rate from 5 % to 6.5 %; to increase the DHS assistant golf coach compensation rate from 6.5 % to 7.5 %; to increase the dance team advisor compensation rate from 5.5 % to 7.5 %; to increase the Acalympics coach from 2 % to 4 %; and to deny the remaining requests. Action was requested. The Board moved to set the extracurricular pay schedule at 6.5 % for the elementary boys' and girls' basketball coordinator, the DHS assistant golf coach at 7.5 %, the dance team advisor at 7.5 % and the Acalympics team coach at 4 % and to deny the other requests.

5) **Open Enrollment Applications-**The Board approved the requests for Tanner Wiege, Kaleb Kostecky, Kayden Meduna, Dallas Frohlich, Haeden Bullinger, Carly Dehner, Levi and Kyle Swearson, Ethan Dickey, Tia Kilwein, London Kuntz and Alex Buresh to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy.

6) **Acceptance of Bids for Lincoln Boiler System-** The school district advertised for mechanical and electrical bids for the Lincoln boiler system. Two mechanical bids were received and two electrical bids were received and opened on March 4, 2009. The bids came in lower than anticipated. The following is a summary of the bids:

<u>Mechanical Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Central Mechanical	\$199,300
Williams Plumbing, Heating & Utilities	\$216,900

<u>Electrical Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Berger Electric	\$11,800
Denny's Electric & Motor Repair, Inc.	\$13,900

The Board accepted the low mechanical bid submitted by Central Mechanical for \$199,300 and the low electrical bid submitted by Berger Electric for \$11,800, as presented.

7) **Revision of Policy HCE Gifts, Bequests and Grants and Policy KAIB Advertising in the Schools-** The Board approved policy HCE Gifts, Bequests and Grants and policy KAIB Advertising in the Schools for first reading approval, as presented. Donations over \$50,000 must be approved by the school board. Policy KAIB Advertising in the Schools concerns passive advertising.

8) **Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Coop Agreement with Hope Christian Academy-**Hope Christian Academy requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. The Board approved the extracurricular cooperative agreement with Hope Christian in girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. The North Dakota High School Activities Association must approve the coop agreement in order for the player to play this year.

9) **Baseball Coop Agreement with Killdeer Public Schools-**Killdeer Public Schools requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School for baseball beginning the spring of 2009. The Board approved the extracurricular agreement with Killdeer in baseball beginning the spring of 2009. The North Dakota High School Activities Association must approve the coop agreement in order for the players to begin playing this year.

10) Superintendent Evaluation- Board members completed a superintendent's evaluation form. President Rummel reviewed the evaluations with Superintendent Stremick. He summarized the evaluations at the meeting. The Board moved to acknowledge that school board members evaluated Superintendent Stremick, as required by North Dakota Century Code and that the evaluations were satisfactory in all areas. President Rummel thanked Dr. Stremick for the job he has done for Dickinson Public Schools.

11) Superintendent Contract- President Rummel reported on the superintendent contract negotiations with Dr. Douglas Sullivan. Dr. Sullivan agreed to the contract terms that were approved by the Board at the March 4 executive session. He signed the contract and will begin on July 1, 2009. The Board approved the three year contract with Dr. Douglas Sullivan for the position of superintendent of the Dickinson Public Schools with a salary of \$135,000 the first year, \$140,000 the second year and \$145,000 the third year plus benefits, as presented.

11) Other

Board members thanked the staff for their help with the superintendent search.