

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2008

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- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the consent agenda and the tuition waiver agreements for Paige Splichal, Dickinson to South Heart and Ethan Dickey, Hebron to Dickinson. There were no new licensed hires or resignations.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Stremick reported on the following:
  - a. **Southwest Night at the Legislature**-Southwest Night at the Legislature is scheduled on Monday, January 26, 2009, starting at 6 p.m. CST at the Ramkota in Bismarck.
  - b. **Summer School Performing Arts Program**-They had 110 students from grades 8-12 express an interest in a summer school performing arts program from Dickinson Public Schools. The committee will be meeting in the near future to develop some recommendations for the budget committee and the school board.
  - c. **North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement**-The North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement will be holding its final meeting on Tuesday, December 16 in Bismarck. The complete report will be placed on the January Board agenda.
  - d. **Superintendent's Monthly Newsletter Article**-The Dickinson Press has agreed to run the Superintendent's monthly school newsletter article as a guest column in the Dickinson Press at no charge.
  - e. **Wellness**-Jo Marie Kadrmas, Olivia Wellenstein and Mr. Dockter met to discuss the Midget Market and the recommended changes. Some of the changes include:
    1. Ms. Kadrmas (dietician) will be meeting with the Midget Market students to review nutrition guidelines for various projects at the beginning of the second semester. She will guide the students on how to read labels and how to look for the best nutritional value.
    2. The Midget Market will run a nutritional special of the month starting in December. This month their special is apples.
    3. Their goal is to introduce more and more nutritious items while eliminating some of the very fattening products and to have at least 60% of their products be healthy choices.
    4. The Midget Market will continue to advertise "healthy choices" around Dickinson High School.
- 3) **Audit Report**-Jim Wosepka, the school district's auditor, presented the annual audit report and answered questions. There were no issues of major concern. The Board approved the annual audit report for the year ending June 30, 2008.
- 4) **Open Enrollment**-The Board approved the request for Keisah, Kassandra, Casey, Kelsey and Keziah Phillips to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. They recently moved so the waiver applies.
- 5) **Board Workshop Follow up**-Board members requested additional information at the Board workshop regarding the Adult Learning Center fiscal costs. A handout was posted under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

- 6) **Revision of Policy AAD Dickinson Public Schools Wellness Plan-Second Reading**-The Board approved Policy AAD Dickinson Public Schools Wellness Plan for second reading approval and final adoption with implementation to begin the 2009-2010 school year, as presented.
- 7) **North Dakota School Board Convention**
- a. **Convention Report**-Dean Rummel gave a brief report on the North Dakota School Board Convention. He reported that one presentation was about FERPA and the new changes that are coming. He also talked about emails and open records laws. A copy of his report is posted under Supporting Documents.
  - b. **Legal Seminar Report**-Vince Reep and Superintendent Stremick gave a brief report on the Legal Seminar. A copy of Mr. Reep's report is posted under Supporting Documents.
- 8) **Collaborative Bargaining Recognition Petition from DEA**- The Board moved to recognize 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 2008-09 negotiations. Also, the Board moved to recognize the Dickinson Education Association as the exclusive representative of the appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of the 2008-2009 negotiations.
- 9) **Coop Agreement with Richardton-Taylor in Girls' Fast Pitch Softball**-The Richardton-Taylor school board requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. Calvin Dean asked for input from school board members. Board members asked Superintendent Stremick and Mr. Dean to make a recommendation at the January Board meeting. No action was requested.
- 10) **Superintendent Evaluation**-President Rummel presented a summary report of the superintendent's evaluations. The four areas to be evaluated were: identification and implementation of school board policy needs, supervision of licensed and non licensed staff, supervision of building and grounds, transportation needs and student safety and effective record management. Every area of the evaluation was positive and satisfactory by all five Board members. Board members were pleased with Dr. Stremick's performance. President Rummel thanked Dr. Stremick for the job he has done. The evaluation documents will be placed in Superintendent Stremick's personnel file. The Board approved the superintendent evaluation, as presented.
- 11) **Other**
- Fehr thanked Mrs. Meduna for preparing for the NCA Visitation team. Swenson brought a book, Adventures of a Nepali Frog, for each of the elementary and Berg libraries.