

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2008

- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report**-The Board approved the consent agenda and the tuition waivers for Levi and Kyle Swearson, South Heart to Dickinson. There were no new licensed hires or resignations.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Stremick reported on the following:
 - a. **Auditor**-The auditor was here last week doing his field work and gathering information. He will give an audit report at the November or December Board meeting.
 - b. **North Dakota School Study Council (NDSSC)**-The NDSSC met the end of September. They discussed shortening the North Dakota School Assessment to the subject areas that are required by No Child Left Behind and asking DPI to create power standards or a curriculum based on the standards. This would alleviate each district from developing power standards which may or may not be on target. NDSSC plans to draft a letter to DPI with the requests.
- 3) **Coop Agreement with Dickinson Catholic Schools in Girls' Fast Pitch Softball**-The Dickinson Catholic Schools school board requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. The school board moved to approve the extracurricular coop with Dickinson Catholic Schools for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009.
- 4) **Southwest Community High School Report**-The Southwest Community High School annual report is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. They currently have 15 students enrolled. This item was informational only.
- 5) **Hockey Agreement**-The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc. for boys and girls hockey for the 2008-2009 school year. There were minor changes in the agreement. The hockey club is adding an additional hockey coach. The hockey club will pay for the new coach's salary. A copy of the agreement is posted under Supporting Documents.
- 6) **Student Transfer Report**-Vince Reep presented information regarding students entering and leaving the Dickinson school system. The report contains student transfer information from August of 2004 through August of 2008. We have had a net gain of +32 students over the past four years. Last year we lost 40 students. A summary of the information is posted under Supporting Documents. This item was informational only.
- 7) **Open Enrollment**-The Board approved the open enrollment request for Ryan Rogina to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Belfield school district and Kayla Rosier and Tyler Francis to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Killdeer school district. They recently moved so the waiver applies.

8) **North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement Update**-Superintendent Stremick gave an update on the North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement. His report included the North Dakota Curriculum Requirements/High School Graduation Requirements draft and Effect Sizes of Major Recommendations. The ND Curriculum Requirements/High School Graduation Requirements were proposed to the commission. The requirements are being supported by several legislators. The recommendation is a tiered diploma system. Superintendent Stremick also reviewed the Effect Sizes of Major Recommendations from the 200 page consultants report resulting from the study on school adequacy. The commission is currently looking at instructional coaching and tutoring. Handouts are posted under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only.

9) **North Dakota School Board Convention**

- a. Delegates-Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr and Superintendent Stremick will be attending the convention. Vince Reep and Superintendent Stremick will be attending the law seminar. The convention is scheduled Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. The Board named Dean Rummel and Kris Fehr as delegates from the Dickinson Public Schools.
- b. Resolutions-A copy of the 2008 resolutions is posted under supporting documents.

10) **Other**

Announcements

The Board workshop followed the Board meeting. Agenda items included: Customer Service, Community Relations/Public Relations and Facilities.