

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, July 15, 2008

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- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the consent agenda; the student/staff recognitions; and the tuition waiver agreements for Eric Benjamin Baer, Belfield to Dickinson and Summer & Stetson Pedersen, Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor. There were no new hires and no new resignations.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Stremick reported on the following:
  - a. **Education Commission** - The North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement will be meeting in Dickinson on August 6, 2008, at 8 a.m. MST in the DHS auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend. There is an opportunity for the public to comment at the end of the meeting.
  - b. **Summer School Performing Arts Project** - A group will be going to Fargo on July 31 to view the Trollwood Performing Arts School. Eight individuals from Dickinson representing the school, city, park district and DSU will attend.
  - c. **REA Governance** - He attended a very interesting session at the summer conference in Fargo on REA Governance. Specifically, on the role of governing Board members and the amount of time that is invested for such a small amount of money.
  - d. **New DHS Assistant Principal** - Jeff Peck, the new DHS assistant principal, was present at the meeting. Superintendent Stremick and President Rummel welcomed him to the school district.
- 3) **Summer Building and Grounds Project Report**-Vince Reep reported on the status of the building and grounds projects being done this summer. The two largest projects are the DHS science pod and the Roosevelt kitchen. The science project is half way completed. They expect to be finished in early August. New carpeting will be installed in the entrance and the foyer of the science pod also. Carpeting was replaced in several areas in the district. The Hagen gym floor was refinished and the stage curtain will be replaced. Olheiser Masonry will be doing some work on the Berg exterior walls and at Roosevelt. Lincoln will be getting new gym heaters. The DHS west parking lot will be chip sealed and some slabs of black top will be replaced at some of the schools. The paving projects have been coordinated with the city in order to save money. The Adult Learning Center's roof has been redone. They are working on the soffit and fascia. The building will be painted (inside and outside). Lockers were installed at Lincoln and 200 new lockers will be installed at Roosevelt in the near future. The new ITV lab at DHS is almost finished. They are waiting to install the Tegrity software on the computers.
- 4) **Election of Officers**-Dean Rummel was elected president and Mitzi Swenson was elected vice president of the Dickinson Public Schools school board for the 2008-2009 year.
- 5) **Budget**
  - a. **2007-2008 Budget Statistics**

Vince Reep, business manager, presented 2007-2008 final revenue and expenditures information. He reported that the revenue exceeded our budget by approximately

\$460,000 (2%). The ending revenue on June 30, 2008, was \$22,021,110.35 (2 % over budget). Property taxes were up; oil & gas production was up; interest earned was up; and foundation aid was higher than projected. Expenditures were under budget by \$186,000 (1 % under budget).

Note: The 06 accounts that were moved in November and December to the 02 accounts were moved back to the 06 accounts per DPI and the auditor's instructions.

**b. 2008-2009 Budget Information**

Vince Reep, business manager, reviewed the information regarding the 2008-2009 budget. The 08-09 projected revenue is \$23,615,903 (9.5% increase). The projected expenditures for 08-09 are \$22,361,604 (5.6% increase). The Certificate of Levy will be approved at the August Board meeting.

- 6) **Annual Financial Report-** Vince Reep, business manager, reviewed portions of the annual financial report. The report is a summary of 2007-2008 expenditures and revenue in DPI format. This year's average cost per pupil was \$7,211.82 (12% increase). A copy of the annual financial report is posted under the Financial Reports on the school board web site. The Board approved the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.
- 7) **Board Workshop-**Board members discussed the Board workshop. It was suggested that all District administrators attend the sessions on topics that pertain to their areas of responsibility and that the Board workshop be scheduled in September or October. Discussion followed. Board workshops will be held following the September and October Board meetings. No decisions will be made during the workshop but topics discussed could become future Board meeting agenda items. Board members will forward agenda items to Superintendent Stremick or President Rummel.
- 8) **Meeting Day and Time-**Board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month beginning at 5 p.m. and that due to conflicts in the school calendar meetings be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) **School Board Authorized Representative-**The Board's authorized representative is the superintendent. The Board named Superintendent Paul Stremick the authorized representative of the Dickinson Public School District which includes and is not limited to the Department of Public Instruction and the legislature. He is also the authorized representative for the District for all federal programs, including but not limited to: all school lunch, special education and vocational programs, the Energy Impact Office, Title I, Title IIa, Title IIc, Title IV, Title V, Head Start, E-rate and Job Service programs.
- 10) **Designate Official Newspaper-**The Board moved to designate the Dickinson Press as the official newspaper of the Dickinson Public School District.
- 11) **Bank Depository Designation-**The Board approved American State Bank and Trust as the official depository for the school district checking account and other investments and Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of the West and Dacotah Bank as depositories for investments for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

- 12) **Committee Assignments**-The Board designated Mitzi Swenson and Dean Rummel as Board representatives on the collaborative bargaining team, Dean Rummel and Kris Fehr as Board representatives on administrative negotiations, Dean Rummel as the RESP school board representative, Mitzi Swenson as the RESP alternate Board representative, and Leslie Ross as the school board representative on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center Governing Board for 2008-2009. Other committee assignments are listed under Supporting Documents.
- 13) **Conflict of Interest**- Board members declared changes and updates to their Statement of Interests forms. The Board moved to allow Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Leslie Ross and Morty Krieg to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Mitzi Swenson will declare potential conflicts of interest at the August Board meeting.
- 14) **Board Policies-Second Reading**- The Board moved to revise Policy GAA Instructional Goals, Policy GBEL Correspondence Courses, Policy HEA Payment Procedures and Policy HGA Inventories of School Properties for second reading approval and final adoption. Copies of the Board policies are posted under Supporting Documents.
- 15) **Open Enrollment** – The Board approved the request for Kenzie Gullickson to be admitted to the Dickinson Public School District under the open enrollment policy.
- 16) **Adequate Yearly Progress Report**- Superintendent Stremick reported on the 2007-2008 Adequate Yearly Progress Reports. All buildings met AYP standards in all content areas and sub groups except for Berg and Dickinson High School. Berg did not meet AYP standards in the content area of reading for the economically disadvantaged sub group. Dickinson High School did not meet AYP standards in the content area of mathematics for the composite score in the white sub group. There is also a District determination on AYP. The District met AYP standards in all content areas and sub groups. Handouts are posted under Supporting Documents. A letter will be mailed to parents in August with the AYP scores for their building. The scores are raised every three years. The administration is working on strategies to raise our math and reading scores in the District.
- 17) **Addition to the Agenda**  
**EDIO Reimbursement Request for Funds**-EDIO recently awarded the school district \$10,000 for two new rural route buses. The Board approved the reimbursement request for \$10,000 from the Energy Development Impact Office for two new rural route buses.
- 18) **Other**  
Ross thanked Superintendent Stremick for the new laptop computers for Board meetings and the overhead projector which was recently installed in the Board room.