

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** – The Board approved the consent agenda including the hiring of Holly Morris, DHS Strategist and Randall Schantz, DHS Strategist.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a) **Kindergarten Eligibility Date** – The new date for a child to enroll in kindergarten is August first. The child must be five years old on this date of the year of enrollment, unless there are unique exceptions. Kindergarten registration will be held February 8 – 12, 2010 at the CAO.
  - b) **Negotiations Seminar** – Dr. Sullivan will be attending the NDSBA Negotiations Seminar in Bismarck February 4-6.
  - c) **Policy Recommendations** – Dr. Sullivan discussed the policy modifications recommended by the NDSBA. He has a suggested template posted under Supporting Documents on the website. Board members would like any major changes recommended by the NDSBA be reviewed by a Board member with the superintendent providing his recommendation. All policy revisions will need to go before the Board for their review as a first and second reading. The Board recommended Superintendent Sullivan proceed with the policy revisions using his template.
- 3) **RASP Report** – Project Coordinator Lidia Muckle and RASP Site Director Peggy Anderson provided the Board with information regarding the Regional After School Program. The RASP program currently has approximately 225 students enrolled. There are some locations partially funded by a grant (Heart River, Roosevelt, Hebron, and Beach) and two other locations funded through parent fees (Lincoln and Jefferson). During the summer of 2009, approximately 210 students were enrolled under the supervision of approximately 30 staff members. An updated report from RASP is available as a supporting document on the website.
- 4) **Lincoln and Jefferson Additions Update** – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep gave a brief update to the Board on the progress of the proposed additions at Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools. Background information on his update and a time line are included as supporting documents on the website. Mr. Reep feels the project is on target. This week, there will be additional meetings at both schools with the architect to discuss more details before the architect gets the specifications ready. The projects will be put out as two separate bids. Mr. Reep explained the requirements for contractors bidding on the project and that there are several conditions bidders must meet. Mr. Reep projects approximately 186 kindergarteners will enroll the fall of 2010. DPS will be two classrooms short next fall. Next year, Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary will each need to find another classroom.

- 5) **Destruction of Old School Records** – The Board approved the destruction of the following documents at the Dickinson City landfill:

**For Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

- Bank Statements & Cancelled Checks

**For Fiscal Year 2003-2004**

- Accounts Payable
- Timesheets
- Interview Records
- Busing Records
- State Bid Records

**Other Documents**

- West Dakota Parent & Resource Center bidders prior to 2004

All other records from fiscal year 2004-2005 to present will be retained.

- 6) **Copy Machine Bid Consideration** – The Board approved the lowest responsible bid from Advanced Business Methods for the purchase and inclusive maintenance of eight copy machines (one at each school and two at DHS). The bid analysis is included as a supporting document on the website. The individual schools may add additional options, such as a paper punch, at their own discretion. The maintenance costs include staples, toners, and repairs.
- 7) **Administrative Bargaining Recognition Petition** – The administrators have requested to meet formally with Superintendent Sullivan and the administrative bargaining Board members to engage in contract discussions. Mr. Rummel and Mrs. Fehr previously volunteered to serve on the administrative negotiations committee. The Board moved to recognize all certified administrators in the Dickinson District as an appropriate negotiation unit for the purpose of negotiations for the 2010-2011 contracts pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.1-16-10 of the North Dakota Century Code.
- 8) **Discuss Math Course Addition at DHS** – The Board approved adding another Algebra II course offering in the 2010-2011 school year. Director of Instruction Melanie Kathrein and Principal Ron Dockter provided the Board with information regarding the request for the additional course. A summary and flowchart are posted under Supporting Documents on the website. Mr. Dockter said he is seeing a great deal of seniors deciding to take a fourth math course. This new algebra course will give students the opportunity to choose a math course in their senior year that is not as rigorous as the previous selection of courses. Successful completion of math courses in high school will prepare the students for college algebra.
- 9) **Other** – Ms. Ross recommended the Board members thoroughly read the minutes from the last RACTC meeting.