

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2010

- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** – The Board approved the consent agenda including the hiring of Tracy Brudwick, Adult Basic Education instructor at the Adult Learning Center; the resignation and early retirement of Mr. Phil Moormann, math teacher at Hagen Junior High; the student/staff recognition; and the tuition waiver agreement for Josi Moyers, South Heart to Dickinson.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Graduation Requirements** – Effective with the graduating class of 2012, there will be an additional one credit composition requirement for these students to graduate.
 - b. **Kindergarten Enrollment** – This week, there is registration for kindergarten students at the Central Office. Due to the anticipated increase in class sizes, a survey is being provided to parents of kindergarteners and parents of 4th graders at Jefferson and Lincoln elementary. The survey asks these parents if they would be acceptable to having their child attend school at Berg Elementary in the 2010-2011 school year.
- 3) **Midget Mascot Name** – Board President Rummel requested this item be placed on the agenda so the Board may initiate a discussion about the perception of the DHS mascot. Mr. Rummel explained some handouts regarding the mascot name. The handouts included a copy of a letter from Attorney Gary Thune, a copy of a letter from a DHS alumnus, a copy of an article from USA Today, a NY Daily News article, an excerpt from Wikipedia, and a copy of an undated anonymous letter. Each Board member provided their comments. After lengthy discussion, this item was tabled for a future Board meeting.
- 4) **Lincoln and Jefferson Additions Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep briefly discussed the bidding process.
- 5) **Superintendent Evaluation** - The superintendent evaluation must be completed prior to March 15. Board members will rate the superintendent on the areas identified without prior comment by the superintendent. The three areas to be evaluated were identified as: relationship with school board, educational leadership, and community involvement.
- 6) **2010-2011 School Calendar** - The Board approved the 2010-2011 school calendar presented by the calendar committee. This calendar is available on the Dickinson Public Schools website.
- 7) **April 2010 School Board Meeting** – The Board approved rescheduling the April School Board meeting to Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

- 8) **Administrative Bargaining Recognition of Representative Organization** - The Board approved the administrators request to recognize the Dickinson administrative council as the exclusive representative of the appropriate negotiation unit for the purpose of negotiations.
- 9) **Open Enrollment Applications** – The Board approved the open enrollment requests for Logan Kostelecky, Emilee Kostelecky, Ronald Bray, Cody Bray, and Alyssa Purvis to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy.
- 10) **Early Retirement Incentive Application**-The Board approved the early retirement incentive application from Mr. Phil Moormann, math teacher at Hagen Junior High and to accept his resignation, effective 5-27-10. The administration will evaluate the vacancy that this position may or may not create and will post any openings at a later time.
- 11) **School Board Election** – The Board has schedule the school board election for Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in conjunction the city/county election and at the city/county polling sites in Dickinson. There are three Board members that have terms expiring in June 2010. Those Board members are President Dean Rummel, Vice-president Mitzi Swenson, and Dr. Mort Krieg.
- 12) **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions-First Reading** – The Board members tabled this agenda item until the March Board meeting. This will give Board members additional time to review the proposed policy revisions.