

The Morning After



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

- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** – The Board approved the consent agenda including the resignation and early retirement of Joan Allen, Hagen Junior High Day Treatment Social Worker; Linda Binek, Dickinson High School Special Education Instructor; Carolyn Blake, Lincoln Elementary Grade 2 Teacher; Carolyn Carter, Jefferson Elementary, Title I Look-A-Like Teacher; Toni Fosaaen, Roosevelt Elementary, Title I Teacher; Kathleen Kessel, Berg Elementary Grade 6 Teacher; and Susan Larsen, Dickinson High School, Vocational Counselor. The consent agenda also included the student/staff recognition, an RESP report and an RACTC report.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **5th Grade Assignment to Berg Elementary** – To accommodate the needs of additional classroom space for the 2010-2011 school year, the Administration decided to move one 5th grade classroom from Lincoln Elementary to Berg and one 5th grade classroom from Jefferson Elementary also relocated to Berg. This will only be for one year.
 - b. **IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Report** – This annual performance report is prepared by DPI and a copy is available under Supporting Documents on the school board website. It contains 20 performance indicators required by the Department of Education. DPS met all requirements with the exception of “Removed from regular class less than 21% of the day”.
 - c. **EDIO Grant Application** – Mr. Reep briefly explained the request for this grant and how it would be utilized.
 - d. **Posting School Board Member's Email Addresses** – The school district email addresses for Board members will be placed on the DPS website.
- 3) **Refinancing of Bonds** – The Board approved two resolutions to issue two bonds. This provided the District with a savings of approximately \$100,000 over a period of seven years.
- 4) **Review of Bids for Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Proposed Additions** – After discussion, the Board approved to accept the lowest responsible bids for the Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary projects, including all alternate bids. A bid tabulation breakdown and revised budget for the projects is posted as supporting documents on the school board website.
- 5) **Superintendent Evaluation** – President Rummel provided information regarding the three areas Superintendent Sullivan was evaluated. Superintendent Sullivan received satisfactory marks in all three areas.

- 6) **Bid for Two Buses** – The Board approved the purchase of a route bus and special-needs bus from Harlow’s Bus Sales. The bid received from Harlow’s is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
- 7) **Request Approval of Energy Development Impact Office (EDIO) Grant Application** - The Board approved a grant application from EDIO in the amount of \$510,181. A copy of the grant application is available as a supporting document on the school board website.
- 8) **Classified Staff Salary Proposal** – The Board approved for the 2010-2011 school year the Classified Salary and Benefit package with an effective date of July 1, 2010, and authorized a \$.90 per hour increase for beginning wages (except for minimum wage); a 7% increase for classified staff with salaries at \$10.50 or more per hour and receiving a satisfactory performance evaluation; and a \$.80-\$1.10 per hour increase for classified staff receiving a satisfactory performance evaluation in categories VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X.
- 9) **DHS Fast-pitch Softball Agreement** – The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dickinson Diamonds Fast-pitch Softball at DHS for the 2009-2010 school year. The agreement is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
- 10) **Open Enrollment Applications** – The Board approved the open enrollment requests for Karissa Krueger, Shantel Williamson, Kellie Williamson, Jonathan Williamson, Holly Williamson, Bailee Kupper, Riley McGarvey, Lacey Forsness, Bowen Forsness, Kadin Barth, Nathan Barth, and Birch Obrigewitch.
- 11) **Early Resignation Incentive Applications** – The Board approved the following early resignation incentive applications:
- Joan Allen, Hagen Junior High Day Treatment Social Worker, effective 05/27/10 (18 years with District)
 - Linda Binek, Dickinson High School Special Education Instructor, effective 05/27/10 (19 years with District)
 - Carolyn Blake, Lincoln Elementary Grade 2 Teacher, effective 05/27/10 (33 years with District)
 - Carolyn Carter, Jefferson Elementary, Title I Look-A-Like Teacher, effective 05/27/10 (36 years with District)
 - Kathleen Kessel, Berg Elementary Grade 6 Teacher, effective 05/27/2010 (15 years with District)
- 12) **Early Retirement Incentive Applications** – The Board approved the early retirement incentive application from the following educators:
- Toni Fosaaen, Roosevelt Elementary, Title I Teacher, effective 06-04-10 (26 years with District)
 - Susan Larsen, Dickinson High School, Vocational Counselor, effective 05-27-10 (19 years with District)

- 13) **Stark County Joint Powers Agreement** – The Board approved a Joint Powers Agreement with Stark County for the purpose of the school district elections. This agreement is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
- 14) **Dunn County Joint Powers Agreement** – The Board approved a Joint Powers Agreement with Dunn County for the purpose of the school district elections. This agreement is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
- 15) **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions-First Reading** – The North Dakota School Board Association (NDSBA) has recommended revisions to most of the policies adopted by the Dickinson Public Schools. These revisions will be done over the process of several months. The Board approved the first reading of several policies presented with revisions, additions, or requested for deletion. These policies are posting under Supporting Documents on the school board website.