

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2009

- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the consent agenda and the tuition waiver agreement for Kayden M. Meduna, South Heart to Dickinson.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Southwest Community High School Report** – Superintendent Sullivan provided information as a follow-up to a previous Board meeting. Material is available as a Supporting Document on the website. The material briefly explained the history of the SWCHS. It currently has 2.8 staffing members. Mr. Leiss was available to answer questions.
 - a. **Professional Development Request** – Material is available as Supporting Documents on the website. At last month's school board workshop, Superintendent Sullivan requested some funding for staff to attend Professional Learning Communities training. He gave examples of different types of training and the cost for the various trainings. There was discussion of the advantage of training during the summer months with a stipend paid to participants versus training during the school year and the difficulty of finding a large number of substitute teachers. At a future meeting, Superintendent Sullivan will provide a recommendation to the Board.
 - b. **Volleyball** – There will be a volleyball game on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. here against Williston.
 - c. **School Board Policies** – This item was discussed as a follow up to a previous school board meeting. Material was provided as a supporting document on the website. Superintendent Sullivan explained this project is expanding into a larger project than anticipated. One of the primary goals of the policy review is to attempt to eliminate anything that is duplicated in the century code.
 - d. **NCA visitation team to Grand Forks** – Dr. Sullivan will be traveling to Grand Forks next week to participate in a NCA visit at Grand Forks.
- 3) **Update on Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Proposed Additions** – Assistant Superintendent Reep updated the Board regarding new information available. A copy of a summary is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. Mr. Reep has been meeting with the Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary principals regarding the proposed additions to those two schools. There have also been meetings with the architects and an engineering firm. There has been discussion at these meetings to make the multipurpose room ready as a gymnasium at Lincoln. The plans will include higher ceilings in the multipurpose room.
- 4) **North Dakota School Board Convention**
 - a. **Convention Report** – President Dean Rummel and Mrs. Kris Fehr gave brief updates on sessions they attended that they felt would value the Dickinson Public Schools. Copies of their reports are available as Supporting Documents on the website. President Rummel felt the DPS would benefit by joining the School

Nutrition Association, be involved in the FIRST Robotics Program, consider the Healthier US School Challenge, and check into a quote from Eide Bailly for auditing services. There was some discussion regarding the funding issues with the ND TFFR.

- b. Legal Seminar Report – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep gave a brief report on the Legal Seminar he recently attended. A copy of Mr. Reep’s report is posted under Supporting Documents. Mr. Reep discussed some areas that were highlighted at the seminar.
- 5) Approval of IDEA Title VI-B Grant – The Board approved an application for IDEA Title VI–B funds. A budget summary is posted as a Supporting Document on the website. Mrs. Martinson was available to answer questions.
- 6) Open Enrollment – The Board approved the requests for Michael Berg and Sara Drager to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy.