



The Morning After

Notes from last night's school board meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2010

1. **Consent Agenda** – The Board approved the consent agenda consisting of the early resignation notification from Sandra Behm, Day Treatment paraprofessional at Hagen Junior High effective May 27, 2010; the student/staff recognitions; and the tuition waivers for Joshua Wait, Dickinson to South Heart; Alyssa Purvis, South Heart to Dickinson (both for the 2009-2010 school year); and Ayden Morel, South Heart to Dickinson beginning fall 2010.

2. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **State Assessment** – The preliminary state assessment results were recently received. Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Director of Instruction, addressed the Board. Several documents are posted under Supporting Documents on the website. These documents reflect the results in the areas of mathematics, reading, and science. There is also a document indicating the 5-year history of the results. Mrs. Kathrein briefly explained each area. The District is achieving good results in the area of mathematics. The School Board requested follow-up information be presented to explain the discrepancy in science scores in different buildings.
 - b. **School Resource Officer** – Dickinson Public Schools has a new resource officer. The new resource officer is Dave Wallace.
 - c. **Kindergarten Enrollment** – Earlier this year, Assistant Superintendent Reep projected kindergarten enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year to be approximately 200 students based on the birth rates. We currently have 191 kindergarten students registered for the 2010-2011 school year. A chart showing the kindergarten placements is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. It is anticipated registration for kindergarten will continue throughout the summer months. This increase in enrollment could be the result of the economic activity in the area. The new projected kindergarten enrollment is approximately 230-240 students. DPS is currently staffed for ten kindergarten sections next school year. The new enrollment projections were discussed at Cabinet yesterday. The recommendation was to request from the budget committee a minimum of one more section of a kindergarten class.
 - d. **Counseling Services** – Recently information was received regarding counseling services for the next school year. A copy of the letter received is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. The DPS projected enrollment in grades 7-12 for the 2010-2011 is 1,150 students. Using this projected number of students, we could still be within the guidelines using our current counseling staff.

3. **Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update** – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep gave a brief update to the Board regarding the progress of the

additions. Central Mechanical has begun work at Lincoln Elementary connecting pipes for the hot water heating system. Work has begun by DPS staff at both schools to remove the playground equipment. The larger pieces have been contracted to be removed by Ouellette Recreational Design. The playground equipment will be relocated this summer. Assistant Superintendent Reep explained DPS will receive an additional \$55,000 from the one-time supplemental grant. Work on the kitchen at Lincoln Elementary has begun. This should be completed this summer.

4. **Hope Christian Academy Cooperative Agreement** – The Board approved the athletics cooperative agreements with Hope Christian Academy for the following sports: baseball, boy’s cross country, football, boy’s basketball, boy’s track, girl’s basketball, girl’s cross country, girl’s track, softball, and volleyball.
5. **Open Enrollment Application** – The Board approved an open enrollment application for Shelby Hoepfner to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the South Heart School District. Her application is to begin fall 2010.
6. **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions – First Reading** – The Board approved for first reading approximately 30 revised board policies, 11 deleted policies, and three new policies. Copies of these revisions, additions, and deletions are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
7. **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions – Second Reading** – The Board approved for second reading and final approval approximately 28 revised board policies, 13 deleted policies, and seven new policies. Copies of these revisions, additions, and deletions are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
8. **Other** – It was recommended that RACTC be a topic for discussion at a future Board meeting.

Announcements:

- May 2-8 – Teacher Staff Appreciation Week.
- Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. – Staff Retirement Recognition Program at DHS Auditorium.
- Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. – Adult Learning Center graduation, DHS Auditorium.
- Wednesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. – Southwest Community High School graduation, DHS Auditorium.
- Sunday, May 30, 1:00 p.m. – Dickinson High School graduation, DHS gymnasium.