



The Morning After

Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2010

1. **Consent Agenda** – The Board approved the consent agenda consisting of the hiring of the following individuals for the 2010-2011 school year: Riley Abing, mathematics teacher at Hagen; Gail Dockter, Day Treatment social worker at Hagen; Kari Fischer, .5 special education strategist at Jefferson; Jolyn Kadrmas, language arts teacher at DHS; Sara Krohmer, kindergarten teacher at Jefferson; Jessica Marion, preschool instructor at the Early Childhood Center; Mark Rerick, district-wide activities director; Courtney Sanders, mathematics teacher at Hagen; Margaret Schulz, special education strategist at DHS; Angela Skaarvold, kindergarten teacher at Lincoln; the student/staff recognitions; the RESP report; and the RACTC report.
2. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Emergency Call System** – The district-wide PAC committee began meeting October 2009. This committee inquired about a system that would send a message to parents in the instances where school would be cancelled due to inclement weather. After researching the idea, the DPS has purchased a system that will be implemented this fall. The cost is \$6,000 per year and includes all students. Faculty and staff will be on the system at no additional fee. The system offers unlimited number of phone access numbers for students and their parents/guardians. Information will be downloaded from PowerSchool.
 - b. **Accreditation Report** – The Accreditation Report for the 2009-2010 school year from the Department of Public Instruction has been received by the district. All buildings in the district have met the requirements for accreditation.
 - c. **Grade Five Transition** – A report is posted as a Supporting Document on the website. The report indicates the various activities that have been conducted by Mrs. Tammy Praus to ensure a smooth transition for the 4th and 5th grade classes.
 - d. **2009-2010 Transportation Report** – This report is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The number of trips and the number of riders has decreased from the 2008-2009 Transportation Report. The number of miles was approximately 8,000 less than the previous year.
 - e. **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** – The AYP reports for the entire district and each individual school are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Dr. Sullivan reported that each of the individual schools within the district made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), however, we did not make AYP as a district within the students with disabilities subgroup in reading. Mrs. Dot Martinson explained that for the first time the state of North Dakota exceeded the allowable limit of students that can be assessed utilizing an alternate test (2% of students with persistent learning difficulties and 1% of students with significant cognitive delays). Therefore, scores for students in the district exceeding the 1% and 2% limits that were proficient were required to be reported for the purpose of calculating AYP as non-proficient. This

- did not change the individual student test scores. The adjustment in these scores resulted in the district not making AYP.
- f. Stark County Social Services – DPS is currently contracting 1.5 social workers with the Stark County Social Services. The cost for these positions is approximately \$73,000. One position is located at the elementary level and the .5 position is located at the high school.
 - g. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Food Grant – Assistant Superintendent Reep wrote a School Foods grant for fresh fruits and vegetables that has been awarded to Heart River Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary in the amount of approximately \$27,000.
 - h. RACTC – A document projecting the RACTC program at DHS is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. At this time, DPS is not making any recommended changes to the program. The RACTC director position is being advertised.
3. **Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update** – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep updated Board members on the progress of the additions at Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary schools. The work is moving ahead very well and is on schedule. Notes from the recent contractor meeting on the projects are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
 4. **Partners in Parenting Update** – A summary of the past year’s activity is posted as a Supporting Document on the website. Mrs. Stacy Kilwein, Coordinator, addressed the Board and highlighted two of the many programs sponsored by Partners in Parenting.
 5. **Wellness End of the Year Summary** – A copy of this summary is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. The summary indicates the beginning of the year responses and also the end of the year responses. There was discussion regarding the lunch break at Hagen Junior High.
 6. **Administrative Negotiations Settlement** – A copy of the negotiated agreement is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. One adjustment was made removing the extra duties. The Board moved to approve the administrative negotiated agreement with the Dickinson Public Schools administrators and to authorize a 5.25% base increase in the 2010-2011 school year.
 7. **Application for Stark County GPT Infrastructure Grant** – The Board moved to approve a grant application to the Stark County Commissioners for the Stark County GPT Infrastructure in the amount of \$165,039 for costs incurred in the recent purchase of two school buses.
 8. **Certify Average Daily Membership (ADM) Report and Transportation Report** – The Board moved to approve the 2009-2010 Average Daily Membership report and the 2009-2010 Transportation report in accordance with NDCC 15.1-27-20.
 9. **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions – First Reading** – The Board moved to approve for first reading approximately 22 revised board policies, 28 deleted policies, and five new policies. Copies of these revisions, additions, and deletions are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.

10. **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions – Second Reading** – The Board moved to approve for second reading and final approval approximately 48 revised board policies, 16 deleted policies, and six new policies. Copies of these revisions, additions, and deletions are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
11. **Other** – Mrs. Fehr recently attended the 8th annual commencement at the Southwest Community High School. She commended the school and their graduates and felt the program was very impressive.

Superintendent Sullivan presented Board retirees President Dean Rummel and Vice President Mitzi Swenson with a school bell.