

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2009

- 1) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the consent agenda including the tuition waiver agreement for Karylee Heiser, Dickinson to South Heart.
- 2) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Introduction**: The new administrative assistant to the superintendent, director of instruction, and the school board, Ms. Twila Petersen, was introduced.
 - b. **Legislature**: Due to changes in the graduation requirements, information will be forwarded to the community and school district indicating the changes required.
 - c. **Badlands Activities Center**: The Badlands Activities Center will not be ready for the scheduled first DHS home football game. This game has been moved to Glendive. There will only be three DHS home football games this year.
 - d. **Athletic practices in warm conditions**: Fall sports practices begin this week. The weather forecast indicates high heat conditions on some days. The North Dakota High School Activities Association does send out information to coaches requiring water and rest breaks for the athletes which helps to heighten awareness regarding this safety concern. Upon request, no athlete is ever prohibited from getting water.
 - e. **Cabinet Update**: The Cabinet had a meeting today. From this meeting, it was decided to have a joint school improvement leadership team and the building co-chairs meeting to discuss school improvement, alignment and restructure.
 - f. **Professional Learning Communities**: A copy of the document "A Big Picture Look at Professional Learning Communities" was posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. Ms. Melanie Kathrein, Director of Instruction, discussed the advantages of a Professional Learning Community. The three essential ideas include the focus on learning, building a collaborative culture, and the focus on results. The six essential characteristics of a Learning Community include: Shared mission, vision, values, and goals; collaborative teams focused on learning; collective inquiry; action orientation and experimentation; commitment to continuous improvement; and results orientation. Board members asked numerous questions relative to teamwork and collaboration and the conveyance of the information collected.
- 3) **Consolidated Grant Application** – A copy of the Consolidated Grant Application is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. The Board approved the Consolidated Grant Application for Federal grants for 2009-2010 which includes Title I, Title IIa, Title IIc, and Title IV.
- 4) **Conflict of Interest** – The Board moved to allow Ms. Mitzi Swenson to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1.07-17.
- 5) **2009-2010 Personnel Update**- Mr. Vince Reep, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board regarding vacant positions in personnel. He reported there is a newly posted position for another kindergarten teacher at Lincoln that was added last week. There are still a few vacant positions in paraprofessional, kitchen, and for playground supervisors.
- 6) **Budget and Tax Levy** – A copy of the Certificate of Levy and pertaining documents is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. Mr. Reep explained the Certificate of Levy and supporting documents that are required to be filed to the County Auditor by August 15. He also

explained the 110 mill levy recommendation made by the administrative and budget committee. The Board approved the general fund expenditures of \$27,199,099; the capital projects fund expenditures of \$1,193,950; the debt services fund expenditures of \$237,046; and the food services fund expenditures of \$979,183 for the 2009-2010 school term. The Board also approved the Certificate of Levy for \$6,054,794 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

- 7) **Fuel Bids** – Only one fuel bid was submitted for review. A copy of this bid is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. The Board accepted the bid submitted by G. A. Sadowsky and Son, Inc. This bid for #1 and #2 diesel fuel was for \$.0355/gallon below the posted cash price and the bid for unleaded gasoline was for \$.055/gallon below the posted cash price.
- 8) **Department of Public Instruction Certificate of Compliance** - A copy of the Department of Public Instruction Certificate of Compliance is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. The Board approved the Certificate of Compliance for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 9) **Board Policies**
 - a. Due to changes in the law, the Policy FAAA (formerly ABCBB/FBDB Open Enrollment) was presented for a second reading approval. A copy of the revised policy with the changes was posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. The Board approved the revisions for the second reading and the final adoption.
- 10) **Other** – There were no other items.

Announcements

The Board workshop followed the Board meeting. Agenda items included: Enrollment, Facilities, and Board Compensation.