



# The Morning After

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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2010

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1. **Consent Agenda** – The Board approved the consent agenda consisting of the hiring of the following individuals for the 2010-2011 school year: Rebecca Bautz (Title 1 at Roosevelt), Mandy Beck (district-wide reading coach), Christina Hirschfeld (grade 1 at Jefferson), Jennifer O'Brien (grade 1 at Lincoln), Robin Pederson (grade 1 at Lincoln), Kayla Simnioniw (grade 4 at Jefferson), Damian Sobolik (grade 6 at Berg), Brandon Nichols (language arts at DHS), and Elizabeth Jacobson (mathematics at Hagen). The consent agenda also included the resignation of Marilyn Huschka (Hagen paraprofessional), and Christa Tescher (Early Childhood Center preschool teacher); the student/staff recognitions; the RESP report; and the RACTC report.
2. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a. **Administrative Negotiations Meeting** – This is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the CAO Board room.
  - b. **Staff Recognition and Retirement Program** – This is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the DHS Auditorium.
  - c. **Assistant Principal Interviews** – These interviews will be conducted on Thursday, May 13.
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 general contractor along with mechanicals have been working at Lincoln Elementary. A security fence is up at Jefferson and work will begin next week.
4. **Major Summer Building Projects** – Assistant Superintendent explained the process for the projects. Building principals and administrators submit requests to Mr. Reep. After reviewing the requests and receiving contract prices, the projects are then listed by priority from low to high. This year there were 30 items in the medium to high categories. These totaled approximately \$275,000. Some of the requests submitted and approved are: repair an overhang at Berg that is deteriorating, replacing carpet at the Lincoln technology lab, new gymnasium door at Jefferson Elementary, rain gutter repair at Heart River, new roofs on the 1980 addition at Roosevelt, reroofing the north hallway section at DHS, resurface selected areas in the DHS parking lot, recarpet the 600 pod at DHS, recarpet from the 700 pod to exits at DHS, and work in the DHS vocational building. This list is not inclusive of all the items for repair.
5. **Adult Learning Center Update** – Mrs. Margaret Olheiser, coordinator from the Adult Learning Center, addressed the Board. Her report is posted as a Supporting Document on the school board website. The report indicates that fewer people are utilizing the ALC; however, but they are spending more time at the ALC. President Rummel suggested

Mrs. Olheiser try to be placed on an RESP agenda so she could share her information with the RESP members which consist of superintendents throughout the region.

6. **Report on National School Board Association Convention** – Mrs. Kris Fehr, Ms. Leslie Ross, and Superintendent Sullivan discussed presentations they attended at the convention held in Chicago. Their reports to the Board are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
7. **Annual Meeting Date and Time** – The Board approved to have the next annual meeting held on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.
8. **Addition of Two Kindergarten Positions** – The Board approved adding two more kindergarten classrooms for the 2010-2011 school year. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep said the Budget Committee recently met. Based on the projected enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year and beyond, the Budget Committee recommended Dickinson Public Schools add the additional kindergarten classrooms. With the recent move of the Lincoln and Jefferson grade five classrooms to Berg Elementary for one year, these two additional kindergarten classrooms would be located at Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary. The DPS kindergarten enrollment projection for the fall of 2010 is approximately 230-240 students.
9. **Approved 2010-2011 Student Handbooks** - The Board approved the elementary, Hagen Junior High, and Dickinson High School 2010-2011 handbooks with a recommended revision to the DHS handbook regarding cell phone usage. These handbooks are posted on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
10. **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions – First Reading** – The Board approved for first reading 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. **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, and Deletions – Second Reading** – The Board approved for second reading and final approval 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.
12. **Other** – Mrs. Swenson mentioned that the Scrubs Camp will be a topic on the evening news on television. This camp was a collaborative grant among several agencies including Dickinson Public Schools.

Mrs. Fehr mentioned the Board would not be required to canvass the school board election since this would be taken care of by the County Auditors.

Ms. Ross recognized students from RACTC that competed in the quiz bowl at the State Leadership and Skills Conference. Team members placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the conference. The RACTC quiz bowl team may now compete at the national competition. One individual campaigned for state office and was elected.