

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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- 1) **Call to Order** – President Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the personnel reports, the RESP report, the RACTC report, the student/staff recognitions, and dissolving a tuition waiver for Mathias Becker from Glen Ullin to Dickinson. There were no new certified hires and no new certified resignations.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a. **Collaborative Bargaining Meeting** – There will be a Collaborative Bargaining Team Meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board room.
  - b. **Southwest Night with the Legislatures** – The Southwest Night with the Legislatures will be held on Monday evening, January 24, at the Bismarck Ramkota. If Board members are interested in attending, they are asked to contact Twila to make arrangements for a ticket.
  - c. **Budget Committee** – The Dickinson Public Schools Budget Committee met last week. Superintendent Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Reep, Ms. Ross, and Mr. Hanson began the process of discussing the budget for the 2011-2012 school year. As they go further in the budgeting process, the committee will report back to the school board.
- 4) **Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep gave an update to the Board members on the progress of the additions at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Schools. Copies of the January construction reports are available on the website under Supporting Documents. Several Board members and administrators did a walkthrough last week at the additions at the two buildings. This week, striping is being done on the floor at the Lincoln gymnasium. Classroom additions at both buildings may be completed as soon as the end of March. The Jefferson Elementary kitchen updating will be completed in June. Mr. Reep recommended inviting the public to view the additions once they are completed. This will give the public an opportunity to view these projects. These \$3.4 million projects were done without borrowing any money or raising tax dollars.
- 5) **Bids for Audits** – The school district advertised for bids for the Dickinson Public Schools annual audit. Assistant Superintendent Reep provided a summary of the three bids submitted. The Board accepted the low bid from James Wosepka, PC, and CPA for the fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- 6) **Bids for Busing Contract** – The school district advertised for bids for contracted busing for rural busing and activity busing for the school district. Harlow's was the only company that submitted a bid. A copy of their busing contract is available on the website under Supporting Documents. Assistant Superintendent Reep provided information regarding the differences from the new proposed contract compared to the current contract from Harlow's. The new contract will indicate

an increase of approximately \$40,000 compared to previous years. The Board approved the bid submitted by Harlow's for rural busing and activity busing from 2011-2016.

- 7) **Destruction of Old School Records** – NDCC 21-06-05 and 21-06-06 describes the procedure for retention and destruction of school district documents. The Board moved to authorize the business manager to destroy a select group of records prior to 2005. Documents with sensitive information will be shredded prior to disposing at the landfill.
- 8) **Administrative Bargaining Recognition Petition-** The administrators requested to meet formally with Superintendent Sullivan and the administrative bargaining Board members to engage in contract discussions. Mrs. Fehr and Mr. Hanson previously volunteered to serve on the administrative negotiations committee. A copy of the Petition to the Board is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The Board moved to recognize all certified administrators in the Dickinson District as an appropriate negotiation unit for the purpose of negotiations for the 2011-2012 contract pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.1-16-10 of the North Dakota Century Code.
- 9) **Board Policy Revisions and Deletions – First Reading** – Board members approved the revisions of approximately seven policies and the deletions of approximately four Board policies. Copies of these policies are available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 10) **Board Policy Revisions and Deletions – Second Reading and Final Adoption** – Board members approved for final adoption the revisions of approximately six policies and deletion of approximately four policies. Copies of these policies are available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 11) **Addition to the Agenda**  
**RESP Discussion** – Board members requested information from administration regarding the RESP. There have been some differences between RESP and DPS. DPS administration was requested to prepare a report about the current state of affairs, history, and finances of RESP and report back to the Board in February.
- 12) **Other** – Ms. Ross recommended contacting RACTC and request copies of the RACTC minutes and agendas be posted on their website. Mr. Hanson, Board representative for RACTC, will contact the director.  
  
President Fehr thanked the principals for their hospitality during the recent tours at Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary.
- 13) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.