

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2011

- 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 RESP report; the RACTC report; the student/staff recognitions; the personnel reports which included the hiring of Rebecca Andvik, ELL instructor at DHS; Kyle Christensen, mathematics instructor at Hagen Junior High; Amanda Hlibichuk, grade four instructor at Lincoln; Kelly Jahn, grade three instructor at Lincoln; Nicole Johns, grade five instructor at Lincoln; Cassie McLean, grade five instructor at Jefferson; Lidia Muckle, Title I reading and mathematics instructor at Hagen Junior High; Justin Schlecht, district-wide art instructor; Meagan Schlecht, grade two instructor at Heart River; and Alisha Webster, strategist at Hagen Junior High. There were no tuition waiver agreements.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Accreditation Report** – Dr. Sullivan informed the Board members that he received inaccurate paperwork regarding two personnel in the district who were not licensed or had an accreditation pending. The matter was cleared up with DPI and an updated letter has been received notifying DPS the individual was properly licensed and the other individual was unable to take a required test due to inclement weather. The test was rescheduled and already completed.
 - b. **Graduations** – The Adult Learning Centers graduation will be held May 12 at 7:30 p.m., the Southwest Community High School graduation will be held May 25 at 7:00 p.m., and the Dickinson High School graduation will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 3:00 p.m.
 - c. **June School Board Meeting** – Superintendent Sullivan will be unable to attend the Monday, June 13 School Board meeting.
- 4) **Major Summer Building Projects** – Assistant Superintendent Reep provided the board with a building projects summary that is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The reconfiguration of the boiler and heating system at Berg is a work-in-progress. Mr. Reep stated that the building roofs are up to date. Other discussion included the ceiling at the Jefferson gymnasium, the DHS student parking lot, and the DHS practice gymnasium floor replacement.
- 5) **Seventh Grade Mathematics Curriculum** – At the April 4 School Board meeting, a request was made to bring the mathematics curriculum topic back to the Board for further discussion. Director of Instruction, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, has posted four documents regarding the mathematics curriculum which are available under Supporting Documents. These documents include a flow chart, common core standards from the DPI website, algebra example from Connected Math, and a short synopsis of the research on Connected Math. Mrs. Kathrein and Mrs. Andrea Dorval addressed the Board. They explained the reasoning for the transition to Connected Math, the mathematics courses students will be taking, and the alignment to common core standards. There was discussion regarding the transition for the students to Connected Math.

- 6) **Report on National School Board Association (NSBA) Convention** – Board President Kris Fehr, Board Vice-president Leslie Ross, Dr. Becky Pitkin, and Superintendent Sullivan attended the recent NSBA convention. Posted under Supporting Documents are summaries prepared by each member highlighting topics and information from the presentations and workshops attended.
- 7) **Board Policy BEC-School Board Evaluation** – A sample evaluation document was provided at the April 4, 2011, Board meeting where this topic was tabled until after the National School Board Association Convention. Ms. Ross attended a presentation regarding this topic. She shared with Board members the importance of a Board evaluation and suggested this topic be presented at a Board workshop.
- 8) **DHS Practice Gymnasium Floor Bid** – Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board explaining the district had advertised for bids for the new flooring at the DHS practice gymnasium. The district received one bid from Athletic Performance Solutions for a new wood floor to be placed over the current tartan flooring. A copy of the bid is available under Supporting Documents. The Board approved the bid from Athletic Performance Solutions to replace the DHS practice gymnasium floor.
- 9) **Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices** – Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board and explained the requirement under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act to provide the same level of financial support for lunches provided to students who pay for their meals as those students eligible for free meals. A summary of the costs is posted under Supporting Documents. The Board approved a fee of \$1.15 for breakfast for students, \$1.30 for breakfast for adults, \$1.80 for lunch for students grades K-6, \$2.10 for lunch for grades 7-8, \$2.85 for lunch for grades 9-12, and \$3.35 for lunch for adults, effective fall of 2011.
- 10) **2011-2012 Student Handbooks** – A copy of the 2011-2012 student handbooks and a summary of the changes for the elementary, junior high, and two high school handbooks are available on the website under Supporting Documents. Superintendent Sullivan discussed the bullying policy that is reflected in House Bill 1465. The North Dakota School Board Association is required to provide a model policy on this topic to the district. After receipt of the model policy, a committee will discuss the content. The Board approved the 2011-2012 elementary, Hagen Junior High, Dickinson High School, and Southwest Community High School student handbooks.
- 11) **Authorized Representative for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program** – The Board appointed Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep as the authorized representative for the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 12) **Annual Meeting Day at Time** – The Board scheduled the annual school board meeting for Monday, July 11, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.
- 13) **Teacher Negotiated Agreement** – The DPS and DEA representatives met and have a two-year teacher negotiated agreement. A copy of the agreement is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The Board approved the two-year teacher negotiated agreement that includes an index base for the 2011-2012 school year of \$29,300 and an index base for the 2012-2013 year of \$30,000, and to approve the changes in the negotiated agreement, as presented, pending ratification by the DEA at its meeting on May 16, 2011.

- 14) **Classified Staff Salary Proposal** – The Board approved the Classified Salary and Benefit package with an effective date of July 1, 2011, and to authorize a 6% increase for classified staff for the 2011-2012 school year who have received a satisfactory performance evaluation. A copy of the Classified Staff Proposal is available under Supporting Documents on the website.
- 15) **Other** – The Roughrider Career and Technology Center (RACTC) has interviewed four candidates for their health career instructor position. President Fehr complimented Mr. Stevenson for the experience provided to all the choir students when they went to Medora and Richardton.
- 16) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.