

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, June 14, 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 resignations of Vickie Conner, language arts/English instructor at Dickinson High School, and Gayle Pavlicek, Title I instructor at Heart River Elementary. There were no tuition waiver agreements.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep reported on the following:
 - a. **Kindergarten Enrollment** – Mr. Reep anticipates the kindergarten enrollment for fall 2011 to be approximately 243 which would be the second largest kindergarten enrollment.
 - b. **End of Year Fiscal** – Assistant Superintendent Reep briefly explained the anticipated status of the year end financials. Dickinson Public School's financials are very sound.
 - c. **RESP Fiscal Agent** – Under Supporting Documents is a copy of a letter received from the RESP Governing Board Chair, Mr. Bill Gion, indicating RESP will not be renewing their fiscal agent contract with DPS.
- 4) **Partners in Parenting Update** – Mrs. Stacy Kilwein, Coordinator, addressed the Board highlighting the increased number of parents utilizing the program. She explained the Gearing Up for Kindergarten enrollment increases and the projected decrease in funds for Gearing Up for Kindergarten received from Minot's Parent Information Center and United Way. These funds were received for the piloting of the program. A copy of Mrs. Kilwein's report is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 5) **Adult Learning Center Update** – Mrs. Margaret Olheiser, Coordinator, addressed the Board noting the increased requests received for English as a second language. She also highlighted WSI individuals, the different age levels of those pursuing a GED, and a proposed virtual satellite. A copy of Mrs. Olheiser's report including some statistics is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 6) **Wellness End of the Year Summary** – Assistant Superintendent Reep reflected the summary available on the website which indicates that most goals have been met. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 7) **Dickinson High School Opportunity Period Update** – DHS Principal Ron Dockter addressed the Board and gave a brief overview of the opportunity period that was implemented at DHS in January. A copy of Mr. Dockter's report is available on the website under Supporting Documents. When comparing the number of failing grades before and after implementation, the number of failing grades has decreased since the inception of the opportunity period. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

- 8) **Average Daily Membership (ADM) Report and Transportation Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep explained the ADM numbers are down nine students from last year. Enrollment for the kindergarten through grade six has increased; however, enrollment for the students in grades 7-12 has decreased. A summary of the Average Daily Membership report is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The district will be in compliance with the Century Code and submit the reports before the June 30, 2011, deadline. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

- 9) **Roughrider Education Services Program (RESP)** – Assistant Superintendent Reep provided Board members with some background history regarding RESP. Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Director of Instruction, addressed the Board and discussed professional development. Dr. Becky Pitkin is the DPS Board appointed representative on the RESP Governing Board and she provided comments and insight. After discussion, the Board approved the withdrawal of DPS from RESP effective June 30, 2011.

- 10) **Other** – Ms. Ross commended the Adult Learning Center and Southwest Community High School for their inspiring graduation ceremonies.

- 11) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.