

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2010

- 1) **Call to Order** – Superintendent Sullivan called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Election of Officers**
 - a. President - The Board approved the motion for the nomination of Mrs. Kris Fehr as president of the Dickinson Public School District for 2010-2011.
 - b. Vice-president – The Board approved the motion for the nomination of Ms. Leslie Ross as vice-president of the Dickinson Public School District for 2010-2011.
- 3) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the consent agenda, including the minutes from the June 14, 2010, regular school board meeting; the June 22, 2010, special school board meeting; the tuition waiver agreement for Dakota Jilek from Dickinson to South Heart; and the RESP report. There were no student/staff recognitions to report. There was no RACTC report.
- 4) **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **School Board Member Orientation** – When Dr. Pitkin returns from her trip, Mrs. Petersen will schedule a time that is convenient for Dr. Pitkin and Mr. Hanson to meet with the Central Office staff.
 - b. **New District-wide Activities Director** – Dr. Sullivan introduced and welcomed Mr. Mark Rerick as the new district-wide activities director.
 - c. **Back to School Schedule** – A tentative schedule for the Back to School events has been posted on the school board website. School Board members are welcome to attend any or all events.
 - d. **2010 School Registration and Open House Schedule** – The fall school registration schedule and open houses for all buildings are posted on the school board website.
 - e. **NDSBA Policy Services Renewal Contract** – The contract with the North Dakota School Boards Association Policy Services is due for renewal. The new contract is posted on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
 - f. **Energy Development Impact Office (EDIO) Grant** – On behalf of DPS, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep applied for the EDIO grant. DPS was successful in receiving a grant for \$25,000. Mr. Reep indicated these funds would be placed in the capital projects account and used to offset the costs for the additions at Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary.
 - g. **Technology Committee Report** – A copy of Dr. Sullivan's Technology Committee report is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Dr. Sullivan briefly explained some information in the report.
 - h. **NDHSAA Athletic Physical Form** - The North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA) has changed their guidelines and therefore created new athletic forms. These forms may be located on the DHS website under the athletic quick links. The new form was not a requirement of DHS but was created by and a requirement for the NDHSAA.

- 5) **District Technology Plan** – A copy of the District Technology Plan is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Superintendent Sullivan briefly explained some highlights in the report.
- 6) **School Resource Officer (SRO) Report** – School Resource Officer Dave Wallace addressed the Board and explained the philosophy of the SRO is education, prevention, and intervention. Officer Wallace recently was transferred into the SRO position. The SRO has seen an increase in harassment using technology, such as postings on Facebook, texting, and sexting. The SRO spends approximately 65% of his time at Hagen Junior High and the remaining at DHS. He has an office at each building. The cooperative agreement with the schools and SRO has been beneficial to both sides.
- 7) **Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update** – A report of Jefferson Elementary’s progress and a report of Lincoln Elementary’s progress on their additions are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep reported the kitchen and two offices at Lincoln Elementary may be completed as soon as August 1. The entire south wall is complete on the gymnasium area. Work is progressing very well at Lincoln Elementary. Work at Jefferson Elementary is moving slower than at Lincoln.
- 8) **2009-2010 Budget Statistics** – Mr. Reep, business manager, presented 2009-2010 final revenue and expenditures information for several different fund accounts. The fund balances are listed under the Combined Balance Sheet under Financial Reports.
- 9) **Annual Financial Report** – A copy of the annual financial report is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. Mr. Reep, business manager, explained the ending balance on the report ties into the balance sheet. The report is created by a software program. Everything in the district financials ties back to what is reported to the State. The Dickinson Public Schools average cost per pupil for 2009-2010 was \$7,778.04.
- 10) **Meeting Day and Time** - The Board moved to schedule the regular meetings of the Dickinson Public School District on the second Monday of each month beginning at 5:00 p.m. The April Board meeting will be held on April 4, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.
- 11) **Board Workshop** - The Board moved to schedule their Board workshops on Monday, September 13 following the regular Board meeting and on Monday, October 11 following the Board meeting. Board members were asked to forward agenda items to Superintendent Sullivan. No decisions will be made during the workshop but topics discussed could become future Board meeting agenda items.
- 12) **School Board Authorized Representative** - The Board named Superintendent Doug Sullivan the authorized representative of the Dickinson Public School District for the Department of Public Instruction and the legislature, all federal programs, including but not limited to: all school lunch, special education and vocational programs, the Energy Impact Office, Title I, Title IIa, Title IId, Title IV, Title V, Head Start, E-rate and Job Service programs.
- 13) **Designate Official Newspaper** - North Dakota Century Code requires that the school district designate an official newspaper. The Board moved to designate the Dickinson Press as the official newspaper of the Dickinson Public School District.

- 14) **Bank Depository Designation** - State law requires Dickinson Public Schools to designate all depositories at their annual meeting. The Board moved that American Bank Center be designated as the official depository for the school district checking account and other investments and that Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of the West, Dacotah Bank, and Dakota Community Bank be designated as depositories for investments for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- 15) **Committee Assignments** - The Board moved to designate Mrs. Kris Fehr and Ms. Leslie Ross as Board representatives on the collaborative bargaining team, Mrs. Kris Fehr and Mr. Jason Hanson as Board representatives on administrative negotiations, Dr. Becky Pitkin as the primary RESP school board representative, Mrs. Kris Fehr as the secondary RESP Board representative, and Ms. Leslie Ross as the school board representative on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center for 2010-2011. Other committee assignments are listed under Supporting Documents.
- 16) **Conflict of Interest** - Board members declared changes and updates to their Statement of Interest forms. The Board moved to allow Mr. Jason Hanson, Dr. Becky Pitkin, Dr. Morton Krieg, Ms. Leslie Ross, and Mrs. Kris Fehr to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17.
- 17) **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, Deletions – First Reading** – The Board moved to approve for first reading Policies HBCC – Student Fundraising, KAB – Title I Parental Involvement, and GAAB – Curriculum Adoption.
- 18) **Board Policy Revisions, Additions, Deletions – Second Reading** - The Board moved to approve for second reading and final approval approximately 22 revised board policies, 28 deleted policies, and five new policies. Copies of these revisions, additions, and deletions are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
- 19) **Other** – Newly elected Board members were welcomed. Ms. Ross explained the current status of the RACTC.
- 20) **Adjournment** – The Board adjourned at 6:30 p.m.