

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2010

- 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 consent agenda, including the minutes from the July 12, 2010, annual school board meeting; the financial reports and bills; the hiring of Vickie Conner as a Language Arts teacher at DHS; the resignation of Shawna Allard as Strategist at Lincoln; the tuition waiver agreements for Keala McCluskey, Sloan McCluskey, Kala McCluskey, Ethan McCluskey, Alexis Liberty, and Abby Liberty all from Dickinson to South Heart; the student recognitions; and the RESP report. There was no RACTC report.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep reported on behalf of Superintendent Sullivan. A copy of Superintendent Sullivan's report is posted under Supporting Documents.
 - a. **New Licensed Staff Orientation** – Orientation for new licensed personnel is scheduled for August 18 at the Central Administration Office. Board members are invited to attend the lunch on this date.
 - b. **Fall Kick-off** – A breakfast and inservice for all District teachers and staff is scheduled for August 23. This will be the first day for returning and new licensed personnel. Board members are invited to attend the breakfast and inservice.
 - c. **New Board Member Orientation** – The new Board member orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 12 at the Central Administration Office.
 - d. **New RACTC Director** – Marcus Lewton is the new director for the Roughrider Area Career and Technology Center. President Fehr added she contacted RACTC members in July regarding an interview team. A committee was formulated using the assistance of the DPS Board, administrators, and HR staff. President Fehr recommended adding RACTC as a topic for the September Board workshop and inviting Mr. Lewton to attend the workshop. The RACTC by-laws and supporting material are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
 - e. **Southwest Community High School (SWCHS)** – The closing on the building recently purchased for the SWCHS was held on July 28. Electricians, painters, and Kolling Construction are working to get everything ready before the beginning of the school year.
- 4) **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 brick layers have completed the south and east walls at Lincoln. The kitchen flooring is in at Lincoln and they are waiting for the stainless steel for the new dishwashing area.

Jefferson Elementary has a time-line document from the contractor posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The timeline shows that everything will be done by February of 2011 with the completion of the kitchen remodel during the summer of 2011. Mr. Reep said he has received good cooperation from all vendors and they have bi-weekly construction meetings.

Having the area safe for children when school begins is a priority and will be discussed again at this week's meeting with the contractors.

- 5) **Summer Building and Grounds Project Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep provided a report summarizing the progress on the projects which is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The report shows approximately 80% of the projects have been completed. Due to the heat generated by the coolers at Lincoln, an additional cooling unit was installed that was not on the project list.
- 6) **2010-2011 Budget Information** – The Budget Committee met on Monday. Ms. Ross stated the interim fund (which is a carryover account) will hold approximately 22% into the new school year. There was discussion regarding the kindergarten sections at the schools and the decision to move one kindergarten teacher from Jefferson to Heart River to accommodate the large number enrolled at that school.
- 7) **2010-2011 Personnel Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep briefly discussed the report posted under Supporting Documents.
- 8) **Budget and Tax Levy** – The Certificate of Levy is due in the County auditor's office August 15. It may be amended until October 10 and the remainder of the budget may be changed at any time by Board action. A copy of the school district's Certificate of Levy for the year 2010 is posted under Supporting Documents. The administrative and budget committee recommendation is to levy for 110 mills in the general fund, 10 mills for the building fund and 2.18 mills for the remodeling bonding levy. There is an estimated mill levy reduction of .17 mills. The Board approved the general fund expenditures of \$27,233,999, the capital projects fund expenditures of \$3,306,026, the debt services fund expenditures of \$218,997, and the food services fund expenditures of \$1,046,971 for the 2010-2011 school term. The Board also approved the Certificate of Levy for \$6,607,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.
- 9) **Fuel Bids** – Dickinson Public Schools advertised for bids for fuel (diesel and gasoline) for the transportation department for this school year. The bids were due on or before August 9. The following bids were received from Farmers Union Oil Company.:
#1 diesel at bidders' pump-\$.084/gallon below the posted cash price
#2 diesel at bidders' pump-\$.084/gallon below the posted cash price
Unleaded gasoline at the bidders' pump-\$.084/gallon below the posted cash price

The Board accepted the low bid by Farmers Union Oil Company for #1 and #2 diesel fuel for \$.084/gallon below the posted cash price and the bid for unleaded gasoline for \$.084/gallon below the posted cash price.
- 10) **Resolution of School District Board to Open an Account** – The Board adopted a Resolution of School District to authorize the Board president and business manager to open accounts. A copy of the Resolution is posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 11) **Department of Public Instruction Certificate of Compliance** – The Board approved the DPI Certificate of Compliance for 2010-2011. A copy of DPI's Annual Certificate of Compliance is posted on the school board website under Supporting Documents.

- 12) **Consolidated Grant Application Approval for 2010-2011** – A copy of the Consolidated Grant Application is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. The Board approved the Consolidated Grant Application for Federal grants for 2010-2011 which includes Title I, Title IIa, and Title IIc.
- 13) **SWCHS 2010-2011 Student Handbook** – The Board approved the revisions to the Southwest Community High School handbook for 2010-2011. A copy of the revised handbook and a list of the changes made are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 14) **Gymnastics Cooperative Agreement with Richardton-Taylor Public School District** – The Board approved an agreement for high school gymnastics commencing in the fall of 2010 between DHS and Richardton-Taylor. A copy of the agreement is posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 15) **Committee Reassignment** - The Board approved the reassign of Mr. Jason Hanson and Mrs. Kris Fehr as Board representatives on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center for 2010-2011. Other committee assignments are listed under Supporting Documents.
- 16) **Board Policy Revisions – Second Reading and Final Adoption** – The Board moved to approve for second reading and final adoption Policies HBCC – Student Fundraising, KAB – Title I Parental Involvement, and GAAB – Curriculum Adoption. Copies of these policies are available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 17) **Board Regulations Revisions and Additions – First Reading and Final Adoption** - The Board moved to approve for first reading and final adoption 12 revised Board regulations and four new Board Regulations. Copies of the revised and new Board regulations are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
- 18) **Other** – President Fehr reminded Board members to attend the upcoming new certified staff lunch and the fall school kick off.
- 19) **Adjournment** – The Board adjourned at 6:00 p.m.