

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, October 12, 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 agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the personnel reports; the RESP report; the RACTC report; the student/staff recognitions; the tuition waiver agreements for Kayden Meduna from South Heart to Dickinson; Payton Taylor from Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; Layla, Carmen and North Davison, and Arthur Harrison from Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; Tristen Schmidt from Dickinson to South Heart; Dustin Robert from Dickinson to South Heart; and Wyatt and Kylie Davis from Dickinson to Hebron.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Collaborative Bargaining Training** – There will be collaborative bargaining training beginning this week Friday at 8:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Office.
 - b. **Immunization Point of Dispensing (POD)** – Southwest District Health Unit will be holding a mass vaccination at Dickinson High School on Friday, October 22.
 - c. **American Education Week** – This year, the week of November 15-19 has been designated American Education Week. Dickinson Public Schools will recognize the teachers and staff that have contributed to the education of the children in the community. Board members are invited to participate in the events planned for that week.
 - d. **North Dakota Title I Conference** – At the North Dakota Title I Conference held last week, Berg Elementary was recognized as the 2010-2011 National Title I Distinguished School from North Dakota. The state will pay for three individuals to attend the National Conference in January and Berg Elementary will receive a grant to be used towards their Title I program. Principal Tammy Praus from Berg praised Denise Adams and Christine Pechtl for their hard work on the Title I program. She also recognized all the teachers at Berg noting it is a team effort.
- 4) **Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update** – A report of Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary's progress on the additions at these two schools is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep reported there have been some change orders done for the additional concrete work at Lincoln. The skylights at both Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools use natural lighting and are a positive addition to the projects. Brick work should begin soon at Jefferson Elementary.
- 5) **North Dakota School Board Association Convention**
 - a. **Delegates** – President Kris Fehr, Dr. Becky Pitkin, Mr. Jason Hanson, and Superintendent Douglas Sullivan will be attending the convention. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Superintendent Sullivan, Dr. Pitkin, and Mr. Hanson will be attending the new member/law seminar. The Board named President Fehr, Dr. Pitkin, and Mr. Hanson as delegates from Dickinson Public Schools at the convention.

- b. Resolutions – A copy of the 2010 resolutions is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
- 6) **Open Enrollment Applications** – The Board approved the open enrollment request for Ethan Steffan to attend Dickinson Public Schools from the Killdeer Public School District. The Board also approved the open enrollment request for Paige Balliet to attend Dickinson Public Schools from the South Heart School District.
- 7) **Approval of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) VI-B Grant** – Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Director of Student Services addressed the Board regarding the IDEA VI-B Grant. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction requires assurances that IDEA will be met. The Board approved the application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act VI-B funds. A summary of the application is available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 8) **Approval of North Dakota Educational Technology Council (ND ETC) Grant Applications** – Principal Becky Meduna from Jefferson Elementary, Principal Perry Braunagel from Hagen Junior High, and Principal Tammy Praus from Berg Elementary addressed the Board and summarized the applications for the grant from teachers at their schools. Copies of the applications are available on the website under Supporting Documents. The Board approved the applications for the North Dakota Educational Technology Council Grant.
- 9) **Energy Development Impact Office (EDIO) Reimbursement Request for Funds** – This summer, EDIO awarded the school district \$25,000 to be used towards the additions at Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. A copy of the request for funds from EDIO is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The Board approved the reimbursement request for \$25,000 from the Energy Development Impact Office.
- 10) **Board Policy–Assignment of New Descriptor Code** –A copy of policy DBH (old descriptor code)/DKA (new descriptor code)–Reduction in Staff is posted under Supporting Documents. The only change to this policy is the descriptor code. The Board moved to reaffirm policy DKA-Reduction in Staff with the assigned new descriptor code.
- 11) **Board Policy Revisions-Second Reading and Final Adoption** – The Board approved the second reading and final adoption of the school Board policy revisions for policy GDHB-Use of Controlled Substances by Activity Group Members, policy DJA-Substitute Teachers, and policy DDC-Unpaid Leave, as presented. Copies of these policies are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 12) **Other** – There were no other items for discussion.
- 13) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Announcements

A Board workshop followed the meeting. Items on the agenda for the workshop included: Science Scores, Roughrider Education Services Program, Finance and Budgetary Information, Social Studies Curriculum Development, and Legislative Issues.