

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2010

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- 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, and a tuition waiver for Ryan and Aaron Anderson from Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a. **Online Forms** – The District has been working on offering online forms to become more efficient and for the convenience of parents. The documents necessary for kindergarten registration can now be found on the Dickinson Public Schools website under the online forms and parent link. Parents now have the option of choosing to complete the documents online and forwarding them to the Central Office either by email, by mail or in person. Irrespective of how a child is registered for kindergarten, all parents will be required to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records to the Central Administration Office (CAO). Until these two documents are delivered to the CAO the registration process is not complete.
  - b. **Legislative Meeting** – Recently, Senator Wardner joined Superintendent Sullivan and Assistant Superintendent Reep at a meeting in Minot to discuss legislative issues with other state legislators.
  - c. **North Dakota Commission on Education Report** – Superintendent Sullivan has posted on the Board website under Supporting Documents a report from the North Dakota Commission on Education.
  - d. **Collaborative Bargaining Team Meeting** – There will be a Collaborative Bargaining Team meeting on Wednesday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Office Board room. President Fehr and Vice President Ross are members of the team and all other interested Board members are invited to attend.
  - e. **Title I Position** – Superintendent Sullivan described a new position that will be advertised soon for a Title I Stimulus Mathematics and Reading Instructor at Lincoln Elementary.
  - f. **Summer Planning** – In the past, DPS has done their summer planning sessions in August. At the recommendation of the leadership team of the building co-chairs and principals, the summer planning sessions will be held right after the end of the school year. If goals are established before the summer, teachers can review those goals and implement them the following school year.
- 4) **Audit Report**- Mr. James Wosepka, the school district's auditor, addressed the Board members. A copy of his audit report was mailed to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. There are no issues of major concern. Mr. Wosepka stated that the District has very good internal controls and checks and balances. The Board approved the annual audit report for the year ending June 30, 2010.

- 5) **Bids for Audits** – The fiscal year 2009-2010 was the last year of the three-year bid proposal submitted by Wosepka CPA to perform the school district audit. Assistant Superintendent Reep will advertise for bids for the next three years with the bid opening to be before the January Board meeting.
- 6) **Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep updated the Board members on the change orders that have been submitted to date for the additions at the two schools. All change orders still remain within the contingency. At Lincoln Elementary, the gymnasium baskets are up and the screen is being hung. The gymnasium should be completed by mid January and the classrooms should be completed in February or March. Whiteboards for the classrooms at Lincoln and Jefferson are being ordered. Jefferson Elementary has made some good strides. The addition at Jefferson is currently being heated with propane. On December 23, this should be changed over to hot water heat.
- 7) **Collaborative Bargaining Recognition Petition from the Dickinson Education Association** – Pursuant to provisions in the ND Century Code 15.1-16-10, the Board recognizes all licensed personnel employed, or to be employed, by the Board in positions requiring a license issued pursuant to Chapter 15.1-13 of the ND Century Code, except administrators and substitute teachers, as an appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of the 2010-2011 negotiations.  
  
Pursuant to provisions of Section 15-1-16-11 of the ND Century Code, the Board recognizes the Dickinson Education Association as the exclusive representative of the appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of the 2010-2011 negotiations.
- 8) **Superintendent Evaluation** – President Fehr distributed copies of Superintendent Sullivan’s evaluation summary to Board members. The Board member responses along with the summary will be placed in Dr. Sullivan’s personnel file. The summary was reviewed with Dr. Sullivan prior to the Board meeting. All Board members evaluated all areas satisfactory on the evaluation forms. Superintendent Sullivan thanked the Board members for their professionalism and also thanked the quality staff in the District.
- 9) **Board Policy Revisions and Deletions – First Reading** – Board members approved the revisions of approximately six policies and the deletions of approximately four Board policies.
- 10) **Other** – There were no other items for discussion.
- 11) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.