

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, March 13, 2012

- 1) **Call to Order** – President Kris Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the agenda including the revised consent agenda consisting of the financial reports; the RACTC report; the student/staff recognitions; and the personnel reports which included the hire of Laura Kelly, Library Media Specialist at Lincoln Elementary, the resignations of Nicole Clark, kindergarten instructor at Jefferson Elementary and the resignation of Alvina Schneider, grade five instructor at Heart River Elementary; the early retirements of Debra Conlon, physical education instructor at Roosevelt, Becky Meduna, elementary principal at Jefferson, and Margaret Olheiser, coordinator at the Adult Learning Center; and the tuition waiver agreement for Kadynn Watson from Dickinson to South Heart. There was no RESP report received.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Dunn County GPT Infrastructure Grant** – DPS has been awarded \$48,000 which will be utilized to purchase a replacement for the baseball bus.
 - b. **Special Education Grant** – Superintendent Sullivan commended Student Services Director Dorothy Martinson along with the following teachers: Elaine LaPlante-Jilek, Ellen Becker, Lee Mehrer, Justene Metcalfe, Alisha Webster, Sheri Twist and Holly Morris who had written a grant and received an award of \$9,000 for the purchase of Read 180 reading intervention programs to be used at DHS, Hagen and Berg.
 - c. **Kindergarten Enrollment** – Kindergarten enrollment for next fall is currently at 194. This is 17 more students than last year or 9.6% higher than last year. Assistant Superintendent Reep is projecting 250 kindergarten students for the fall of 2012.
 - d. **Name the School** – Naming the new elementary school has been referred to the District-wide PAC Committee. At the May Board meeting, 3-5 alternative choices will be presented for the Board to review. There were approximately 130 submissions and approximately 47 different varieties of names.
 - e. **Early Release Days Waiver Application** – Mrs. Kathrein has submitted a waiver application to the Department of Public Instruction to authorize DPS early release time to be used for professional development. The application is completed every five years. DPS will keep the Board posted regarding the determination from DPI.
 - f. **DHS Student Council Representatives** – Superintendent Sullivan and Board President Fehr recognized and welcomed to the meeting Miss Lindsey Huber, DHS freshman student council representative.
- 4) **District Strategic Plan** – Superintendent Sullivan addressed the Board and briefly discussed the process for drafting a strategic plan for the district. This agenda item was for discussion only. No action was required.

- 5) **New Elementary School Update** – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep addressed the board providing updated information regarding the new elementary school. Under Supporting Documents on the website is an artist’s rendition of the exterior of the school and also the architect’s floor plan. The big glassed section of the building will be part of the cafeteria and multi-purpose room. The kitchen equipment will be part of the bid. Belsinger GEO received the bid for the core boaring. The company has completed its soil samples. The bid opening will be held on April 24 at 2:00 p.m. Board members will meet sometime after the bid opening to receive the bids. Staffing and student placement was discussed. The amount of students at the building will be the beginning process to know how many staff will be necessary. This agenda item was informational only. No action was required.
- 6) **Superintendent Evaluation** – President Fehr provided a summary regarding the four areas Superintendent Sullivan was evaluated. Superintendent Sullivan received satisfactory marks from all Board members in all four areas. A copy of the summary for the evaluations is available as a Supporting Document on the website. Due to a technology fault one Board member submission was not received. Board President Fehr has received the last submission and will revise the evaluation summary to include the additional information. A new summary will be posted on the website.
- 7) **Open Enrollment Applications** – The Board approved the open enrollment requests for the following students that will be starting in fall 2012: Chase Hatzenbuehler, Alexander Czajkowski, Irelynn Kuntz, Kaylee Saladin, Serenity Wortham, Kolton Kupper, Alisha Twogood, and Patrick Lemer II. The Board approved the open enrollment requests for the following students for the 2011-2012 school year: Mark Erickson and Megan Erickson, Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson.
- 8) **Early Resignation Notifications** – The Board approved the early resignation incentive notification from Debra Conlon, physical education instructor at Roosevelt Elementary (31 years of service), Becky Meduna, elementary principal at Jefferson Elementary (42 years of service) and Margaret Olheiser, coordinator at the Adult Learning Center/instructor of basic computer skills/chief GED examiner (24 years of service). Ms. Ross noted the many years of experience these individuals and others that have resigned. The combined total to date is over 500 years of experience. Board President Fehr thanked the individuals for their many years of experience and noted their positions will be hard to fill. She commended them for their leadership and congratulated them on their retirement.
- 9) **Board Policy Revisions and Deletion-Second Reading and Final Adoption** - The Board approved for second reading and final adoption the revision of Board policy ABCA-Copyrighted Material and Intellectual Property, policy BC-Meetings of the Board, policy CAAA-Superintendent Recruitment and Appointment, policy DI-Personnel Records, and policy FFI-Student Use of Electronic Devices. The Board approved for second reading and final adoption the deletion of policy GBFA-Procedure for Review of Instructional Material. Copies of the policies are available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 10) **Other** – There were no other topics for discussion.
- 11) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.