

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2012

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- 1) **Call to Order** – Board 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 student/staff recognitions; the personnel reports which included the hires of Dena Bergstedt, science instructor at DHS, Sandra Hood, kindergarten instructor at Heart River, Lacey Keeton, grade one instructor at Jefferson, Tylene Walters, grade five instructor at Berg, Kalindi Wax, .27 physical education instructor at Jefferson, Guy Fridley, activities director/assistance principal at DHS, and Andrea Hall, grade five instructor at Jefferson; the resignations of Tracy Brudwick, basic education instructor at the Adult Learning Center, Christa Hirschfeld, grade one instructor at Jefferson, Dustin Honeyman, kindergarten instructor at Heart River, Page Jordan, science instructor at DHS, and Carly Arterburn, grade five instructor at Jefferson; the tuition waiver agreement for a child of Mariah Kistler from New England to Dickinson; the tuition waiver agreement for a child of G. Hunke from Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; dissolving an open enrollment request for a child of Carrie Hatzenbuehler; and the RACTC report. There was no RESP report received.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep reported the following on behalf of Superintendent Sullivan:
  - a. **Year End Finances** – Assistant Superintendent Reep predicted the district fiscal year end would be in the black. He will provide more details at the July Annual Meeting.
  - b. **Personnel Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep noted with the hiring of the two individuals at tonight's meeting, those hires will be the 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> licensed staff members hired this spring. That is a record number of hires. President Fehr commended Mr. Reep, the committee members and staff for their hard work. Assistant Superintendent Reep noted that Director of Instruction, Melanie Kathrein, recently conducted some training with teachers within the district, including new teachers. President Fehr thanked Mrs. Kathrein for her commitment to assisting the teachers.
  - c. **Primary Election** – Assistant Superintendent Reep reminded everyone to vote tomorrow at the elections.
- 4) **Board Vacancy** – The Board appointed Mr. Scott Staudinger to the Dickinson Public School Board until a successor is elected and qualified at the next election, pursuant to NDCC 15.1-09-05.
- 5) **School Resource Officer Update** – Lieutenant Dave Wallace with the Dickinson Police Department addressed the Board. Lt. Wallace commended the principals, teachers, aids and staff on their diligence in doing an excellent job and for caring about the students. He noted that he and the DPS staff intervene and stop issues before they become law enforcement issues. Lt. Wallace reported attendance is a continuous matter that is dealt with from the elementary level through high school. President Fehr thanked him for attending the meeting and reporting to the Board. A copy of a memorandum from Lt. Wallace is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda topic was informational only. No action was requested.

- 6) **Partners in Parenting Update** – Mrs. Stacy Kilwein, Coordinator, addressed the Board. She highlighted the Gearing Up For Kindergarten Program and distributed booklets containing comments received from attendees at the program. Currently there are 29 registered for the program for next year. Mrs. Kilwein noted the number of families using their services has increased. This increase cannot be solely attributed to the influx of families. They see families that are struggling. Parenting is hard and parenting is an important partner in a child’s education. Mr. Reep explained the funding for the Partners in Parenting. President Fehr thanked Mrs. Kilwein for attending the meeting and reporting. A copy of Mrs. Kilwein’s report is available online under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 7) **Adult Learning Center Update** – Mrs. Margaret Olheiser, Coordinator, addressed the Board providing information regarding the Southwest Adult Education Project and the services provided at the Adult Learning Center in Dickinson and the Beulah satellite offices. Many adults that have been unsuccessful in accomplishing their high school degree have utilized their services to complete the GED. Mrs. Olheiser explained the computer center at the ALC and the classes and training available which have been key factors in the adult education. Ms. Ross expressed her appreciation for the graduation programs held annually and hearing the touching stories from the speakers. President Fehr and Board members thanked Mrs. Olheiser for her many years of service. A copy of Mrs. Olheiser’s reports are available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 8) **Prairie Rose Elementary School Update**- Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board. Pictures he had taken last week of the Prairie Rose Elementary construction site are available on the website under Supporting Documents. He noted the first picture was of the retention pond, the second picture is where the main building will be located, the third picture was taken from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue where the trees had been moved, and the fourth picture is the northern boundary of the school. Construction meetings will be held biweekly with the first meeting scheduled for June 20. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 9) **Wellness End of Year Summary**- A copy of the district Wellness End of the Year Summary is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 10) **Average Daily Membership (ADM) Report and Transportation Report**- Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board summarizing the two reports available on the website under Supporting Documents. The net student membership for the 2011-2012 school year is an increase of approximately 104 students from the previous year. This is equivalent to approximately \$414,000 in additional funding from the state. The transportation report is similar to the year before. Both the ADM Report and the Transportation Report are available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 11) **Board Policy Revisions–Second Reading and Final Adoption** – The Board approved for second reading and final adoption the revisions to school board policy BCAA–Board Meeting Agenda and Pre-Meeting Preparation, policy FFA–Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse, policy FFE– Extracurricular Participation Requirements, and policy FGA–Student Education Records. Copies of the policies are available on the website under Supporting Documents.

- 12) **Other** – Mr. Hanson reported the new RACTC director is Mr. Larry Sebastian.
- 13) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.