

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2011

- 1) **Call to Order** – President Fehr called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
- 2) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the revised agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports, the RACTC report and the personnel reports which included the hires of Tracy Brudwick, basic education instructor at the Adult Learning Center, Erin Saarela, strategist/LD instructor at DHS, and Tina Nygaard, language arts instructor at DHS. There were no student/staff recognitions and no tuition waiver agreements.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **EDIO Grant** – The District applied for funding through the State Land Department Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office (EDIO). DPS was not awarded any funds. A copy of the letter from the State Land Department is posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
 - b. **Stark County Social Services** – DPS and Stark County Social Services have renewed their agreement. A copy of the agreement is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The agreement provides for one full-time position and one part-time position. Board members requested a breakdown of the time the social workers are providing for the district. President Fehr recommended the budget committee include social workers in their topics of discussion. Administrators wish to include this topic along with other possibilities after a review of a needs assessment for the District.
 - c. **NDSBA Policy Services Maintenance Contract** – Superintendent Sullivan said the amount charged by the North Dakota School Boards Association (NDSBA) is the same as last year. The administrative recommendation is to continue with the policy services. A copy of the contract is provided on the website under Supporting Documents.
 - d. **Board Policy Final Draft** – Superintendent Sullivan explained the Board has reviewed approximately 263 policies and regulations since February of 2010. In May of 2011, DPS was notified by NDSBA that they are on a waiting list for a final review of their policies. NDSBA recently notified DPS that NDSBA should begin working on the review by the end of August. Once NDSBA reviews the policies, there may be further revisions to the policies. Upon approval from NDSBA, the Board policies may then be posted online.
 - e. **Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary School Open Houses** – The work on the additions at the two schools is near completion. Assistant Superintendent Reep is intending to work with the principals from the two schools to have a public open house tentatively in September.
 - f. **2011-2012 High School Baseball Program** – A copy of the email provided by Activities Director Mark Rerick is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The email explains the transition for DPS to financially control the baseball program. After the baseball season, Mr. Rerick will be meeting with the baseball club board to further discuss the equipment and busing for the program. Mr. Rerick has met with the softball club. The softball club wishes to continue its current agreement with DPS. President

Fehr commended Mr. Rerick and the administrators on taking the initiative to move forward with the baseball program.

- g. Professional Development-August 22 and 23rd – Mr. Mike Mattos from Learning Tree will be presenting to all the faculty and administrators on August 22 and 23rd. Mr. Mattos will be presenting information regarding Response to Intervention and Professional Learning Communities. A copy of the agenda for both days is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Board members were encouraged to attend as much of the sessions as possible.

- 4) **Summer Building and Grounds Project Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep updated the Board on the projects completed over the summer months. Mr. Reep summarized the projects by building. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 5) **Health Insurance Committee Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep said the Health Insurance Committee met in June and at that time recommended an increase of 5% to the premiums to be effective October. The District pays 80% of the total premiums. The employee portion of a family premium will increase by approximately \$9.00 per month or cost an employee \$189 per month. The employee portion of a single premium will cost an employee approximately \$77 per month. This is an increase of \$3.60 per month.
- 6) **Budget and Tax Levy** – The Board approved the general fund expenditures of \$27,147,440, the capital projects fund expenditures of \$987,237, the debt services fund expenditures of \$215,595 and the food services fund expenditures of \$1,128,850 for the 2011-2012 school term. The Certificate of Levy is due in the County auditor's office August 15. It may be amended until October 10. If any amounts of the expenditures are going to exceed the above amounts, it may only be changed upon Board action. A copy of the school district's Certificate of Levy for the year 2012 is posted under Supporting Documents. A public hearing was held prior to the Board meeting to provide an opportunity for the public to present oral or written comments regarding the property tax levy. The budget committee and administrative recommendation was to levy for 110 mills in the general fund, 10 mills for the building fund and 1.92 mills for the remodeling bonding levy. They are anticipating an estimated mill levy reduction of -.26 mills. The Board approved the Certificate of Levy for \$7,368,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.
- 7) **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 August 5. Two bids were received. The Board approved the low bid from Farmers Union Oil Company/Cenex 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.
- 8) **Consolidated Grant Application Approval for 2011-2012** - The public was invited to make comments regarding the Consolidated Grant Application. A synopsis of the Consolidated Grant application is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. The Board approved the Consolidated grant application for Federal grants which includes Title I and Title IIa.
- 9) **Open Enrollments** – The Board approved the open enrollment requests for the following students: Ella Venneman, Karina Perusquia, Hanna Lindgren, Aubrey Lindgren, Braydn Fielding, Alex Stephenson, and Hailey Stephenson.

- 10) **Board Policy Revisions, Additions and Deletion-First Reading** – The Board approved for first reading the revisions of approximately 23 policies, the additions of approximately six policies and the deletion of one policy. The policies are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 11) **Board Regulation Revisions–First Reading and Final Adoption** – The Board approved the revision of ABCB-BR–Sportsmanship Regulation and the revision of BBC-BR–Procedure for Selecting Appointee. One regulation (GAAC-BR) was tabled until further information is researched. Copies of the regulations are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 12) **Other** – There were no other topics for discussion.
- 13) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.