

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2011

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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 financial reports; the RACTC report; the personnel reports which included the hire of Paulette Huber, .26 music teacher at Lincoln Elementary; tuition waiver agreements for Dion and Zachary Sande from Dickinson to South Heart, Jeremiah D. Moyers from Dickinson to South Heart, Irelynn Kuntz from South Heart to Dickinson, and Alexander Czajkowski from Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson; and to dissolve an open enrollment for Karina Perusquia from Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson. There were no certified resignations or student/staff recognitions.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a. **Lincoln and Jefferson Open Houses** – The open houses for the additions at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary schools has been scheduled for September 27 (Lincoln) and 28<sup>th</sup> (Jefferson) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The public will be invited to attend the open houses.
  - b. **North Dakota School Board Association (NDSBA) Annual Conference** – The NDSBA conference is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 28-29 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. The registration for the NDSBA Conference is available on the school board website under Supporting Documents.
  - c. **NDSBA Law Seminar and New Member Seminar** – The NDSBA Law Seminar and New Member Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 also at the Ramkota in Bismarck. The tentative agenda for the seminars is available under Supporting Documents.
  - d. **Bullying Policy** – The NDSBA has provided DPS with a draft of the revised bullying policy. A committee will be formulated to discuss the draft and will propose a policy to the Board for their review.
  - e. **Building Co-chairs and Principals Leadership Team** - This team has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Office.
  - f. **Budget Committee Update** – The Budget Committee met last week. The four topics of discussion were: Gearing Up for Kindergarten, a Title I teacher at Lincoln Elementary for the remainder of this school year, the Hagen Junior High social studies and science positions, and faculty housing.
- 4) **ACT Test Results 2010** – Superintendent Sullivan and Principal Dockter addressed the Board presenting information from the results of the tests administered at DHS spring 2011. The test results are posted under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was for discussion only. No action was requested.

- 5) **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Update 2010-Program Improvement** – Due to Dickinson Public Schools buildings not meeting AYP, the District was required to submit a Program Improvement Plan to the Department of Public Instruction over the summer. A portion of the submitted report is posted under Supporting Documents. The plan was prepared by Superintendent Sullivan, Mrs. Martinson and Mrs. Kathrein. They addressed the Board and explained the changes implemented in the District. This agenda item was for discussion only. No action was requested.
- 6) **School Board Workshop** - Following the Board meeting was a Board workshop. Topics discussed at the workshop may become future Board meeting agenda items.
- 7) **Department of Public Instruction Certificate of Compliance** – DPS is required to file an annual report with the Department of Public Instruction certifying that all teachers in the District have a valid teaching license and are highly qualified. The report also stipulates that DPS does background checks on certain individuals and follows a review process as outlined in Century Code. The Board approved the DPI Annual Compliance Report for the 2011-2012 school year. A copy of the report is available under Supporting Documents.
- 8) **Board Policy Revisions, Additions and Deletion-Second Reading and Final Adoption** – The Board approved for second reading and final adoption the revisions of 23 policies, the additions of six policies and the deletion of one policy. The policies are posted on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 9) **Board Regulation Revision-First Reading and Final Adoption** – The Board approved the revision of Board regulation GAAC-BR Procedure for Reviewing Complaints. A copy of this regulation is posted under Supporting Documents.
- 10) **Other** – There were no other topics for discussion.
- 11) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

A Board workshop followed the meeting. Items on the agenda for the workshop included: Current Enrollment and Enrollment Trends, Property Tax Initiative, and the School Board Self-evaluation Instrument.