

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2011

- 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 Laura Kelly, Title I Reading and Math Instructor at Lincoln; the student/staff recognitions; and a tuition waiver agreement for Trever and Caden Kuntz from Dickinson to South Heart. There were no certified resignations.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep reported on the following:
 - a. **Immunization Point of Dispensing** – Southwest District Health Unit will be conducting a mass flu vaccination at Heart River Elementary on Thursday, October 20 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 - b. **American Education Week** - This year, the week of November 13-19 has been designated as American Education Week. Dickinson Public Schools will recognize the teachers and staff that have contributed to the education of the children in the community. Board members are invited to participate in the events planned for the week.
 - c. **Technology Committee Report** – There is a report posted on the website that summarizes the achievements of the committee over the past school year. Ms. Ross explained there is standardized technology in all the buildings. The committee is currently looking at their mission statement. Their first meeting this school year is Thursday, October 13.
- 4) **Roughrider Area Career and Technical Center (RACTC) Update** – Mr. Marcus Lewton, RACTC Director, gave the Board members an update. There are currently 96 DPS students enrollment in RACTC medical career courses. There is also community support for RACTC through shadowing. It costs approximately \$118,000 to run the Center. Tuition is set at \$400 per credit. DPS pays approximately \$44,400 annually. Mr. Lewton has a summary report and projection report which are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 5) **Superintendent's Formative Evaluation** – DPS will use the same process as last year. President Fehr and Superintendent Sullivan have selected four areas from the superintendent's job description to be evaluated. The areas are: Supervision with Licensed and Non-licensed Staff; Identification and Implementation of Board Policy Needs; Effective Records Management (including all records required by law); and Supervision of Building and Grounds, Transportation, and Student Safety. The Board will review the evaluation at its December 12 Board meeting. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 6) **Student Transfer and Withdrawal Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board presenting information regarding inward and outward migration of students during 2010-2011. Mr. Reep reported that 2010-2011 had the highest level of student mobility the District has ever seen. In a typical year, approximately 500 students either move in or move out of the District. This past year, there were approximately 700 that either came in or left the District.

The net after the inward and outward migration was +5. Student enrollment is up by 111 students when comparing October 2011 to October 2010. This calculates to approximately \$500,000 in revenue from the average daily membership. English Language Learners was also discussed. A copy of Mr. Reep's Inward and Outward Migration reports along with a 3-year summary are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

- 7) **School Board Workshop** - Following the Board meeting was a Board workshop. Topics discussed at the workshop may become future Board meeting agenda items.
- 8) **Hockey Agreement** - The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc. /Dickinson Hockey Club for boys and girls hockey for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 9) **North Dakota School Board Association Convention**
 - a. **Delegates** – President Kris Fehr, Dr. Becky Pitkin, and Superintendent Douglas Sullivan will be attending the convention. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Superintendent Sullivan, and Dr. Pitkin will be attending the new member/law seminar. The Board approved President Fehr and Dr. Pitkin as delegates from Dickinson Public Schools at the convention.
 - b. **Resolutions** – A copy of the 2011 resolutions are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. There was discussion regarding the resolutions that will be reviewed at the NDSBA Convention. Any input Board members may have should be provided to the delegates.
- 10) **Approval of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) VI-B Grant** – Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Director of Student Services, addressed the Board regarding the IDEA VI-B Grant. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction requires assurances that IDEA will be met. The Board approved the application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act VI-B funds. A summary of the application is available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 11) **Other** – There were no other topics for discussion.
- 12) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Announcements

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