

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, August 14, 2012

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- 1) **Call to Order** – President Fehr called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.
- 2) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** - The Board approved the agenda including the revised consent agenda consisting of the financial reports; the personnel reports which included the hire of Deborah Thompson, .25 language arts instructor at SWCHS; a tuition waiver agreement for a child of Amy Kass from New England to Dickinson, a tuition waiver agreement for a child of Greta Privratsky from Belfield to Dickinson, a tuition waiver agreement for two children of Shaunna Ladd from South Heart to Dickinson; and the RACTC report. There were no student/staff recognitions and no certified resignations. There was no RESP report received.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a. **Adequate Yearly Progress Report** – Superintendent Sullivan noted the letters to the parents were mailed out on August 6. President Fehr requested the Board be informed regarding the progress the district is making towards achieving adequate yearly progress.
  - b. **Professional Development/Inservice Days** – The DPS teachers and staff will be attending professional development presentations on August 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. President Fehr will be welcoming the teachers and staff on Monday and Tuesday during the presentations.
  - c. **First Day of School** – The first day of school is next week Wednesday, August 22.
- 4) **Prairie Rose Elementary School Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep provided updated information regarding the progress of the construction on the new school. The precast panels began being hung on Monday. President Fehr requested pictures to be posted so the progress may be viewed. Mr. Reep noted the process to place students at Prairie Rose Elementary will begin this fall followed by the placement of teachers, staff, and an administrator. Available on the website are three reports provided by the contractor, Comstock. Reports include minutes from a July meeting, an RFI report and a progress chart. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 5) **Summer Building and Grounds Project Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep updated the Board on the projects completed over the summer months. He noted the carpet in the cafeteria at Roosevelt was removed exposing deteriorated cement. The cement was removed and replaced and covered with new tile. Carpet elsewhere and paving is almost completed. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 6) **Health Insurance Committee Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep said the Health Insurance Committee recently met and at that meeting recommended an increase of 8% to the premiums to be effective October. The District pays 80% of the total premiums for full-time employees. The employee portion of a family premium will increase by approximately \$15.00 per month or cost an employee \$204 per month. The employee portion of a single premium will cost an employee approximately \$83 per month; this is an increase of \$6.00 per month. Mr. Reep noted the district will be researching other possible insurance carriers.

- 7) **Budget and Tax Levy** – The Board approved the general fund expenditures of \$33,788,790, the capital projects fund expenditures of \$8,402,000, the debt services fund expenditures of \$670,353 and the food services fund expenditures of \$1,287,979 for the 2012-2013 school term. The Certificate of Levy is due in the County auditor’s office August 15. It may be amended until October 15. A copy of the school district’s Certificate of Levy for the year 2013 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 106.21 mills in the general fund, 10 mills for the building fund, 3.05 mills for the remodeling bonding levy, and 1.77 mills for the HVAC levy. They are anticipating an estimated mill levy reduction of –.83 mills. The Board approved the Certificate of Levy for \$8,660,954 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.
- 8) **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 9. One bid was received from Cenex. The Board approved the low bid from Cenex for #1 and #2 diesel fuel for \$ .088/gallon below the posted cash price and the bid for unleaded gasoline for \$.088/gallon below the posted cash price.
- 9) **Consolidated Grant Application Approval for 2012-2013** - The public was invited to provide 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.
- 10) **Open Enrollment Applications** – The Board approved the open enrollment requests for two children of Scott Erhardt from Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson and two children of Bobbie Godes from Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson, as specified in the open enrollment requests.
- 11) **Other** – There were no other topics for discussion.
- 12) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.