

# The Morning After



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## Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2012

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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 revised consent agenda consisting of the financial reports; the personnel reports; the student/staff recognitions, a tuition waiver request for two children of Inga Davis from Richardton-Taylor to Dickinson, the RACTC report and the RESP report. There were no certified hires or resignations.
- 3) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
  - a. **NDEA Convention** - There will be no school on October 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> due to the North Dakota Education Association Annual Convention.
  - b. **NDSBA**- The School Law Seminar/New Member Seminar will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012, at the Ramkota Hotel. The North Dakota School Board Association Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.
  - c. **American Education Week**- This year, American Education Week will be recognized during November 12-16. Preparations have already begun within the district to recognize the teachers and staff for their dedication and commitment to the students and the district.
  - d. **Perception Surveys** – There will be perception surveys administered between October 29 and November 16 to faculty, parents and students. It will be easily accessible online.
  - e. **Budget Committee Meeting**- The Budget Committee met last week and discussed many topics. Topics included state funding, the 2013-2014 budget for Prairie Rose Elementary, and adding back in a social studies teacher and a science teacher at Hagen Junior High.
- 4) **Prairie Rose Elementary School Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep provided updated information regarding the progress of the construction on the new school. Available on the website are minutes from the construction meeting held on September 19. Mr. Reep noted the contractors continue to work on the steel frame and the geothermal system. He believes the contractors are still on schedule. Their goal is to have the building enclosed as soon as possible. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 5) **Student Mobility Report** – Assistant Superintendent Reep presented information regarding student migration in and out of the district. Available on the website is a student mobility report from 2011-2012 and also a summary from the past four years regarding student mobility. In the school year 2010-2011, there were 721 students that either came into the district or left the district. This was an all time high. In 2011-2012, there were 960 students that either came in or left the district. Even though a large percentage of students are mobile, the district does an outstanding job in making sure the students and their families feel welcome and provide the best education possible. Some challenges with student mobility include receiving student records from the child's previous school, receiving special education records on a timely manner, and foundational skills. One principal noted that some of the students have been very mobile and

have attended many schools. Mr. Reep noted there will be a position posted for an ELL instructor to provide additional student support.

- 6) **Superintendent's Formative Evaluation** – DPS will follow the same process as previous years to evaluate the superintendent. The three areas that will be evaluated are: relationship with school board, educational leadership, and relationship with the community. A copy of the superintendent's job description is posted on the website. Superintendent Sullivan will respond to the topics in writing and forward the evaluation to the school board members for their comments. Board members were asked to return the evaluation form to President Fehr by November 23. The Board will review the evaluation at its December 10 Board meeting. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 7) **School Board Workshop** – There was a school board workshop following the Board meeting.
- 8) **Collaborative Bargaining Recognition Petition from the Dickinson Education Association (DEA)** – The DEA has submitted a notice of intent to negotiate by submitting two petition requests to recognize the appropriate negotiation unit and to recognize the representative organization. The proper notices will be posted in the schools for the teachers to review. This will be presented to the Board at the November meeting for action. No action was requested at this time. This agenda item was informational only.
- 9) **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 2012-2013 school year.
- 10) **North Dakota School Board Association Convention** – The Board named President Fehr, Mr. Scott Staudinger and Ms. Leslie Ross as delegates from Dickinson Public Schools for the North Dakota School Board Association Convention. Board members discussed some resolutions that will be voted on at the convention.
- 11) **Approval of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) VI-B Grant** – The Board approved the application for the IDEA VI-B Funds.
- 12) **Open Enrollment Application** – The Board approved an open enrollment application for a child of Finola Martinez, as specified in the open enrollment request, to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from Richardton-Taylor.
- 13) **Other** – There were no other topics for discussion.
- 14) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

A Board workshop followed the meeting. Items on the agenda for the workshop included enrollment and open enrollment.