

Dickinson Public Schools
Approved State Mandated Planning Public Input Hearing Minutes
Monday, June 27, 2022; 5:00 p.m.
Professional Learning Lab

A complete recording of the June 27, 2022, State Mandated Planning is available on the Dickinson Public Schools website utilizing the BoardDocs link.

The Dickinson Public School Board held a State Mandated Planning Public Input Hearing on June 27, 2022, at the Professional Learning Lab. Board members present were President Brent Seaks, Vice President Kim Schwartz, Board Member Michelle Orton, Board Member Jason Rodakowski, and Board Member David Wilkie. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Marcus Lewton, Assistant Superintendent Keith Harris, Business Manager Stephanie Hunter, and Board Secretary Twila Petersen.

Call to Order - Board President Seaks called the State Mandated Planning Public Input Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

State Mandated Planning

PowerPoint Presentation – Available on the website utilizing the BoardDocs link is posted the State Mandated Planning PowerPoint that was shared with the Board. Superintendent Dr. Lewton addressed the Board.

The PowerPoint was a snapshot of the District and included information on the District's profile. The profile highlighted that the District had increased its enrollment by 1,200 students since 2009.

Some of the District's accomplishments towards addressing the overcrowding at the high school have been the implementation of the Roughrider Virtual Academies, collaboration with Dickinson State University, zero-hour classes at Dickinson High School, and purchasing the Halliburton building that houses the North Campus.

The District's financial data presents a general fund ending balance of approximately \$14 million at the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. At the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the general fund balance was approximately \$5.8 million.

The District currently receives ten mills for maintenance of all the District buildings. The ten mills generate approximately \$1.6 million. Dr. Lewton shared this amount does not cover the facilities' maintenance costs.

The student enrollment projection for the next school year is trending upwards based on rolling student enrollment forward. From 2020-2021 to 2021-2022, the number of DPS employees has decreased.

Dr. Lewton explained that student enrollment significantly impacts the District's long-range planning. If the elementary enrollment would increase, the buildings would soon reach maximum capacity. Superintendent Lewton used an example of the enrollment at Heart River Elementary, which is currently at 268 students. The maximum capacity is 270 students. Superintendent Lewton referenced data that is being collected that will help to identify some of the areas where student capacity could be reached in the near future.

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PowerPoint Presentation (cont.)

At the high school level, projections indicate the high school will be at maximum student capacity in the 2025-2026 school year. The number of students that could utilize the CTE Center at the North Campus in 2025-2026 is unknown. Moving some students to the North Campus would help assist with space at the high school. Dr. Lewton explained the grant funds and donations received for the Southwest Area Career and Technical Education Academy.

Through all the oil booms and lulls, shortages of space, and the adversity of Dickinson Public Schools, the District continues to excel in preparing students to be Choice Ready. Choice Ready students are ready for the workforce, post-secondary education, and the military.

Available in the PowerPoint is a list of several major projects within the District's buildings and also a list of just the repairs to upkeep the Dickinson High School. Dr. Lewton noted the average age of the school buildings is 55 years. As the buildings continue to get older, the cost of maintaining the buildings increases.

One of the slides in the PowerPoint provides a timeline for reviewing the District facilities for planning for the future while engaging the community with input on facility needs.

Next school year, four health careers classes will relocate to the Dickinson Middle School. These classes have been moved to the middle school due to the lack of space at Dickinson High School.

Some factors that will affect the District in the future will be student enrollment at all levels, the cost of deferred maintenance, the cost to renovate Dickinson High School, and balancing the elementary enrollment.

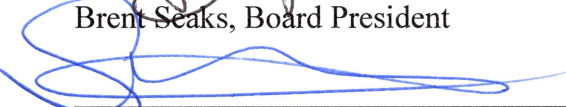
President Seaks thanked Superintendent Lewton and the staff for their time preparing the report. He encouraged members of the community to reach out to the Central Administration Offices if they should have any questions.

Public Input – There was time allocated for public input regarding the District's planning. There were no members of the public in the audience.

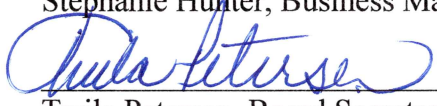
Adjournment – At 5:20 p.m., President Seaks declared the State Mandated Planning adjourned.



Brent Seaks, Board President



Stephanie Hunter, Business Manager



Twila Petersen, Board Secretary