

Unapproved School Board Workshop Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Board Workshop

April 20, 2017; 3:30 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a workshop on April 20, 2017, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Sarah Ricks, Vice President Brent Seaks, Mrs. Tanya Rude, Mrs. Kim Schwartz, and Mr. David Wilkie. Administrator present was Superintendent Douglas Sullivan. Also present was Mrs. Twila Petersen.

Call to Order - Board President Ricks called the workshop to order at 3:30 p.m.

Topics for Discussion at Future Board Workshops – All five Board members attended the National School Board Association Convention and expressed their desire to have topics brought back from the convention at a Board workshop. During the workshop, President Ricks requested Board members think about topics they would like at a Board workshop and submit them to be posted on a board. The topics were then grouped into similar interests. Following are the general topics (not in any particular order or ranking): Strategic Plan/District Goals; Governance Team Expectations; Board Best Practices (Board Plan); Board Self Evaluation; High School Visioning; Community Engagement; Superintendent Evaluation/Superintendent Goals; Academic Innovation; Volunteer Program; District Morale; Board/Business Manager Relationship; Financial Future/Policy; Food Services; Facilities (Berg, Attendance Areas); and Data Reports.

Prioritize Topics for Discussion – Vice President Seaks asked Board members to review the list of topics and consider what would be their top five choices. There was discussion regarding topics impacted by the District's financial future, time sensitive topics, and how some topics intertwine. The choices were then ranked. Following is the ranking order of the topics: 1) Governance Team Expectation and Board/Business Manager Relationship, 2) Superintendent Evaluation/Superintendent Goals, 3) High School Visioning, 4) Strategic Plan/Smart Goals, and 5) Board Best Practices (Board Plan).

President Ricks said the Board has a great starting point for the topics. Mrs. Schwartz requested information on financial implications for topics. Dr. Sullivan shared some information that was reported at this morning's Budget Committee meeting regarding the District's financial future.

Review Potential Dates for Board Workshops – President Ricks requested Mrs. Petersen send out a poll to find the best available date and time for Board members to attend a workshop.

Adjournment – President Ricks declared the workshop adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Sarah Ricks, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary