

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Special Meeting

May 25, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a special meeting on May 25, 2017, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Sarah Ricks, Vice President Brent Seaks, Mrs. Kim Schwartz, Mr. David Wilkie, and Mrs. Tanya Rude. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mr. Ron Dockter, and Mr. Jay Hepperle. Also present was Mrs. Fern Pokorny and Mrs. Twila Petersen.

Call to Order - Board President Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Participation – There were no requests for public participation.

Ratification of the 2017-2019 Dickinson Public Schools (DPS)/Dickinson Education Association (DEA) Professional Negotiated Agreement – Board President Sarah Ricks and Board Member Kim Schwartz are the Board representatives for the Interest Based Bargaining team. The bargaining team had nine meetings. Available on the website is the proposed 2017-2019 DPS/DEA Professional Negotiated Agreement. Action was required. Mrs. Rude moved to approve the two-year DPS/DEA 2017-2019 professional negotiated agreement that includes the changes listed in the background agenda and also posted on the website, as presented. Mr. Seaks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion: ayes-5 (Schwartz, Wilkie, Seaks, Rude, Ricks); nays-0; absent-0. The motion carried unanimously.

School Board Regulation Revision–First Reading and Final Adoption (AAC-BR) – At the May 8 School Board meeting, the Board tabled adopting revised regulation AAC-BR-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Grievance Procedure. The revised regulation is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. The NDSBA recommended revisions are noted in red **text** and/or **strikeout**. DPS Board and administrative recommended revisions are noted in **purple** text. Mrs. Rude recommended changing policy AAC to also include retaliation. She also recommended making sure both the policy and regulation have the same information regarding whom the complaints should be filed. Additionally, Mrs. Rude recommended if the complainant and the accused decide to terminate the informal resolution procedure, that it should be submitted in writing. Action was requested. Mr. Seaks moved to complete the first reading and final adoption of revised board regulation AAC-BR Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Grievance Procedure with the few additional changes. Mrs. Rude seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion: ayes-5 (Wilkie, Rude, Schwartz, Seaks, Ricks); nays-0; absent-0. The motion carried unanimously.

2017-2018 Student Handbooks – At the May 8 Board meeting, the student handbooks agenda topic was tabled until the Board members had an opportunity to review the handbooks more thoroughly. The grammar and punctuation has been corrected and the handbooks are more uniform. Mrs. Rude explained she had brought some corrections to Mrs. Petersen this morning for the Southwest Community High School student handbook and the Dickinson High School student handbook. The corrections did not change the content of the handbooks but rather grammatical corrections. Mrs. Rude said that the handbooks could be considered for approval with the understanding the grammatical changes would be made. The Board members shared their appreciation for the time dedicated by Mrs. Rude and Mrs. Schwartz in reviewing the handbooks and providing input and feedback for revisions. Mrs. Rude asked questions concerning the Dickinson High School student handbook regarding the following areas: the effective date for the grading scale, if homebound instruction was a policy, guidelines for accidents at

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schools, exemption from class for final exams, parking by the vocational building, why handicapped parking was only a \$20 fine, inappropriate dancing, how students are eating during detention, what warrants out-of-school suspension, levels of importance for citizenship/sportsmanship, Southwest Community High School students participating in extracurricular activities, the policy name regarding student tobacco use, and searches of students. Mrs. Rude asked questions regarding the excused and unexcused absences in the Dickinson Middle School policy listed in the student handbook. The questions from Mrs. Rude were answered by Dickinson High School Principal Ron Dockter, Dickinson High School Assistant Principal Jay Hepperle, and Dickinson Middle School Principal Marcus Lewton. The elementary handbooks will be available for review and consideration of the Board at its June meeting.

Mrs. Schwartz moved to approve the 2017-2018 Dickinson Middle School, Dickinson High School, and Southwest Community High School student handbooks, with minor revisions. Mrs. Rude seconded the motion. Assuming a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment - Chair Ricks declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Sarah Ricks, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary