

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Special School Board Meeting

October 8, 2014; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a special meeting on October 8, 2014, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Kris Fehr, Vice President Jason Hanson, Mrs. Tanya Rude, Ms. Leslie Ross, and Mrs. Sarah Ricks. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep and Mr. Shawn Leiss. Others present were: Elizabeth Heidt, Emily Bren, Amy Hughes, Madison Hughes, Silva Barton, Marrill Fahlstrom, Sandra Hood, Dawn Sipma, Tracy Sipma, Troy Kuntz, Kelly Jahn, Trina Kudrna, Nancy Mack, Linda M. Greenwood, Scott Schmidt, Clarence Hauck, Jim Steckler, Mary B. Bruhschwein, Marily Dukart, T. M. Winter, JoAnn A. Coates, Brenda Loney, Leslie Wilkie, CaraLee Heiser, Susan Moberg, Nathan Amberg, Naomi Thorson, Cynthia A. Koppinger, Al Koppinger, Lyle Smith, Leann Mehrer, Daniel Pender, Judith Dalton, Mallory Wolf, Diana Stroud, Jamie Pellwitz, Chelsea Roshau, Kelcey Evers, Susan Bogner, Twila Petersen, and Nadya Faulx from the Dickinson Press.

Call to Order - Board President Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. She reported only the items on the agenda would be discussed. No other items would be addressed.

Public Participation - There were no requests for public participation.

2013-2014 Professional Negotiated Agreement – Assistant Superintendent Reep explained the Board needs to act on the 2013-2014 negotiated agreement based on the court’s decision. Available under Supporting Documents is the proposed 2013-2014 negotiated agreement. The changes to the agreement are listed on the background agenda. Changes include aligning some terminology, such as teachers, to be consistent. The recommended changes were as a result of an ad hoc committee reviewing the agreement and providing both sides the recommended revisions. Mr. Reep also noted a change in the emergency leave article VIB sunset clause. Both sides agreed to remove that part. The DEA has signed the 2013-2014 professional negotiated agreement. The administrative recommendation was to approve the 2013-2014 professional negotiated agreement. Mrs. Rude moved to approve the teacher negotiated agreement for the 2013-2014 school year that includes an index base for 2013-2014 of \$32,000; revised language in the “Titles, Names and Acronymous Items” and deletion of the sunset clause from Article VI (B) “Emergency Leave”. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Representative Organization – Assistant Superintendent Reep reported the DEA submitted a petition for recognition on September 16. Superintendent Sullivan and Mr. Reep have reviewed the document and it appears to be in order. All individuals are teachers in the school district. Administrative recommendation was to approve recognition of the DEA as the representative organization. President Fehr noted Century Code specifically spells out who is a licensed classroom teacher that the organization can negotiate for. Superintendent Sullivan noted it was important for the Board to approve it tonight so that the District can begin negotiations. Ms. Ross moved to approve the Dickinson School Board Resolution Recognizing the Dickinson Education Association as the Representative Organization for Teacher Negotiations. Mrs. Ricks seconded the motion. President Fehr directed Superintendent Sullivan to set the schedule and set up a meeting as soon as possible. He said the same process would be used as previously, utilizing Meeting Wizard. He added that for the next couple of weeks he could not attend an evening meeting as his schedule was tied up. He recommended the initial meetings be held in the mornings. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment – At 5:07 p.m., Mrs. Rude moved to adjourn. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Kris Fehr, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary