

**Dickinson Public Schools**  
Unapproved Special School Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 12, 2018; 6:00 p.m.  
Board Room, Central Administration Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a special meeting on April 12, 2018, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Brent Seaks, Vice President Kim Schwartz, Board Member Tanya Rude, Board Member David Wilkie, and Board Member Jason Rodakowski. Others present were: School Board Secretary Twila Petersen, Interview Candidate #4 for the superintendent position, Mr. Michael Collins, Representative with Ray and Associates (via conference call), and Reporter Iain Woessner from The Dickinson Press.

**Call to Order** - Board President Seaks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Participation** – There were no requests for public participation.

**Interview Candidate #4 for Superintendent Position (Executive Session Anticipated)** - President Seaks noted the next item on the agenda was Interview Candidate #4 for the Superintendent Position. This agenda item may be discussed in an executive session. As per North Dakota Century Code §44-04-19.2 and §44-04-18.27; Mr. Rodakowski moved to close the meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of interviewing candidate #4 for the superintendent position. Mrs. Schwartz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion: ayes-5 (Rude, Rodakowski, Wilkie, Schwartz, Seaks); nays-0; absent-0. The motion carried unanimously. The executive session was recorded and all members of the governing body were reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. President Seaks reminded the Board that any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting. President Seaks stated Board policy BCAD-Executive Session allows certain individuals to be in attendance at the closed meeting and stated the individuals invited to attend the executive session were the School Board Members Mrs. Kim Schwartz, Mrs. Tanya Rude, Mr. David Wilkie, Mr. Jason Rodakowski, Chair Brent Seaks, Recording Secretary Twila Petersen, and candidate #4 for the superintendent position. Members of the public were requested to depart the room. President Seaks anticipated adjourning the executive session, and reconvening the open portion of the meeting, at approximately 7:30 p.m. The meeting convened in executive session at 6:03 p.m. and was attended by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Rude, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Rodakowski, Chair Seaks, Recorder Petersen, and Candidate #4 for the superintendent position.

The executive session adjourned at 7:47 p.m. The public was invited to return to the meeting. President Seaks stated the discussion during the executive session was interviewing candidate #4 for the position of superintendent and no other topics were discussed.

At 7:47 p.m., President Seaks declared a recess.

At 8:07 p.m., President Seaks reconvened the meeting.

**Discussion of Final Candidates to be Interviewed for the Superintendent Position (Executive Session Anticipated)** – President Seaks noted the next item on the agenda was Discussion of Final Candidates to be Interviewed for the Superintendent Position -Executive Session Anticipated. This item may be discussed in an executive session. The legal authority

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for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code §44-04-18.27. The topic or purpose of an executive session would be to discuss the final candidates to be interviewed for the superintendent position. He noted a motion would be in order to discuss the next topic in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Mrs. Schwartz moved, as per North Dakota Century Code NDCC §44-04-18.27, to close the meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of final candidates to be interviewed for the superintendent position. Mr. Wilkie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion: ayes (5) Rodakowski, Schwartz, Wilkie Rude, Seaks; nays-0; absent-0. The motion carried unanimously.

President Seaks noted the executive session was being recorded and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting.

Board policy BCAD-Executive Session allows certain individuals to be in attendance at the closed meeting. President Seaks requested the following individuals to be in attendance: the School Board Members Mrs. Kim Schwartz, Mrs. Tanya Rude, Mr. David Wilkie, Mr. Jason Rodakowski, Chair Brent Seaks, Recording Secretary Twila Petersen, and Mr. Mike Collins, representative from Ray and Associates.

At 8:40 p.m., the meeting convened in executive session. The members of the public were asked to exit the meeting. President Seaks anticipated adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.

That the executive session began at 8:10 p.m. and was attended by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Rude, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Rodakowski, Chair Seaks, Recorder Petersen, and Mr. Collins with Ray and Associates.

The executive session adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room and the meeting was back in open session. President Seaks stated the discussion of the executive session was discussion of final candidates to be interviewed for the superintendent position and that no other topics were discussed.

At 9:06 p.m. President Seaks declared a break.

At 9:20 p.m., President Seaks reconvened the meeting.

**Selection of Final Candidates to be Interviewed for the Superintendent Position** - Mrs. Rude moved to invite the following individuals as finalists to interview for the position of Superintendent of Schools for Dickinson Public Schools: Dr. Shon Hocker and Mr. Matthew Cheeseman. Mr. Rodakowski seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion: ayes-5 (Schwartz, Wilkie, Rodakowski, Rude, Seaks); nays-0; absent-0. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Finalize Interview Schedule** – School Board members discussed a tentative schedule for interviews for the two finalists. President Seaks stated the tentative schedule would be for the candidates to arrive in Dickinson on Wednesday, April 20. The candidates would then have a tour of Dickinson, tour of the schools, meeting with administrators, meeting with teachers and staff, and an open house for the public. During the meetings and open house, parties are asked to bring questions and to get to know the candidates and fill out impression forms. Final interviews for the two finalists will be on Friday, April 20. After interviews are concluded, the Board will deliberate, work out contract and announce to public the following week that a final candidate has been selected. Mrs. Rude moved to schedule a Special School Board Meeting on Friday, April 20 at 8:30 a.m. to be held at the Central Administration Offices in the Board room. Mr. Wilkie seconded the motion. Assuming a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Finalize Interview Questions for Finalists for Superintendent Position** – The Board members finalized the questions they will ask the finalists interviewing for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

**Adjournment** – At 9:31 p.m., President Seaks declared the meeting adjourned.

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Brent Seaks, Board President

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Kent Anderson, Business Manager

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Twila Petersen, Secretary