

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

June 13, 2011; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on June 13, 2011, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Kris Fehr, Mr. Jason Hanson, Ms. Leslie Ross, Dr. Morton Krieg, and Dr. Becky Pitkin (via telephone). Administrators present were: Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mr. Ron Dockter, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Mr. Calvin Dean, Mr. Shawn Leiss, and Mrs. Tamara Praus. Others present were: Mrs. Margaret Olheiser, Mrs. Stacy Kilwein, Mr. Patrick Beckman, Mrs. Twila Petersen, and Ms. Lisa Miller from the Dickinson Press.

President Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were no requests for Public Participation.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Ms. Ross moved to approve the agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the May 9, 2011, regular meeting; the May 31, 2011, special meeting; the bills for June 2011; the financial report for June 2011; the pledged assets report for June 2011; the personnel reports; the resignation of Vickie Conner, language arts/English instructor at Dickinson High School, and Gayle Pavlicek, Title I instructor at Heart River Elementary; the student/staff recognitions; the RESP report; and the RACTC report. There were no new licensed hires or tuition waiver agreements. Dr. Pitkin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Assistant Superintendent Reep reported on the following:

- a) **Kindergarten Enrollment** – Mr. Reep anticipates the kindergarten enrollment for fall 2011 to be approximately 243 which would be the second largest kindergarten enrollment.
- b) **End of Year Fiscal** – Assistant Superintendent Reep briefly explained the anticipated status of the year end financials. Dickinson Public School's financials are very sound.
- c) **RESP Fiscal Agent** – Under Supporting Documents is a copy of a letter received from the RESP Governing Board Chair, Mr. Bill Gion, indicating RESP will not be renewing their fiscal agent contract with DPS.

Partners in Parenting Update – Mrs. Stacy Kilwein, Coordinator, addressed the Board highlighting the increased number of parents utilizing the program. She explained the Gearing Up for Kindergarten enrollment increases. It is projected there will be no further funds received from Minot's Parent Information Center and United Way for the Gearing up for Kindergarten program. These funds were received for the piloting of the program. Ms. Ross commented that the Board is supportive of the program and requested Mrs. Kilwein work with Mrs. Martinson for continuation of the Gearing up for Kindergarten Services. Any request for funding needs to be reviewed by the budget committee. A copy of Mrs. Kilwein's report is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Adult Learning Center Update – Mrs. Margaret Olheiser, Coordinator, addressed the Board noting the increased requests received for English as a second language. She also highlighted Workforce Safety and Insurance individuals, the different age levels of those pursuing a GED, and a proposed virtual satellite. A copy of Mrs. Olheiser’s report including some statistics is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Wellness End of the Year Summary – The district Wellness End of the Year Summary is posted under Supporting Documents. Red text represents any changes in the summary from the beginning of the school year. President Fehr noted the building administrators have made significant progress since the matrix was drafted. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Dickinson High School Opportunity Period Update – Dickinson High School (DHS) Principal Ron Dockter addressed the Board and gave a brief overview of the opportunity period that was implemented at DHS in January. A copy of Mr. Dockter’s report is available on the website under Supporting Documents. When comparing the number of failing grades before and after implementation, the number of failing grades has decreased. During parent/teacher conferences, some parents requested their child participate in the opportunity period. The opportunity period has provided additional benefits by reducing the rush during lunch time. Mr. Dockter will provide another update at a later date. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Average Daily Membership (ADM) Report and Transportation Report – Assistant Superintendent Reep explained the ADM numbers are down nine students from last year. Enrollment for the kindergarten through grade six has increased; however, enrollment for the students in grades 7-12 has decreased. A summary of the Average Daily Membership report is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The district will be in compliance with the Century Code and submit the reports before the June 30, 2011, deadline. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Roughrider Education Services Program (RESP) – Recently DPS received RESP’s Notice of Intent to Participate. The proposed RESP services provided in the document are not aligned with DPS’s specific needs. The administrative recommendation was to consider withdrawing from the RESP. President Fehr requested DPS administrators provide further information at the Board meeting. Assistant Superintendent Reep provided Board members with some background history regarding RESP. Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Director of Instruction, addressed the Board and discussed professional development. Dr. Becky Pitkin is the DPS Board appointed representative on the RESP Governing Board and she provided comments and insight. Discussion followed. President Fehr noted a great deal of time has been involved by both sides to try and find common ground and agree on key issues. The focus of Dickinson Public Schools has always been to provide what is best for the students. President Fehr asked if the decision to withdraw from RESP would impact the students. Administrators noted it would not impact the students. Ms. Ross moved that Dickinson Public Schools withdraw from membership in the Roughrider Education Services Program effective June 30, 2011. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aye–Mr. Hanson, Dr. Krieg, Ms. Ross, Dr. Pitkin, Mrs. Fehr. Nay–none. The motion carried. Mr. Reep and Dr. Sullivan will draft a document to be presented to RESP.

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Other – Mrs. Fehr commended the Adult Learning Center and Southwest Community High School for their inspiring graduation ceremonies.

Adjournment - At 6:11 p.m., Ms. Ross moved to adjourn. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kris Fehr, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary