

Unapproved Board Workshop Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Board Workshop

August 10, 2009; 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a Board workshop on August 10, 2009, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Dean Rummel, Mrs. Kris Fehr, Ms. Leslie Ross, and Ms. Mitzi Swenson. Absent was Dr. Mort Krieg. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Ms. Melanie Kathrein, Ms. Dorothy Martinson, Mr. Del Quigley, Mr. Henry Mack, Mr. Perry Braunagel, Mr. Ron Dockter, Ms. Becky Meduna, Ms. Tamara Praus, and Ms. Sherry Libis. Others present were: Ms. Beth Wischmeyer, Dickinson Press and Ms. Twila Petersen.

President Rummel called the meeting to order.

No action will be taken. Topics may become agenda items at future Board meetings.

Topics for discussion included:

Enrollment – Assistant Superintendent Reep provided information regarding enrollment for this school year. As of today, 242 students are enrolled in the kindergarten classes. None of the schools have had their registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. Those will be held in the next two weeks. The highest enrollments are at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary. The 7th and 8th grade classes will be at their smallest with 317 students. Dickinson High School dropped below 800 students.

Facilities – Projections indicate there will be 55 sections of classrooms in the K-5 buildings. This places the elementary schools at a maximum capacity. Some teachers will be teaching in rooms designed for OTP. Mr. Reep provided material indicating the birth rates at St. Joseph's Hospital. It is anticipated the future kindergarten class enrollments will level off between the 185-200 range. If we have ten sections of kindergarten classes in the fall 2010 and all those students rolled forward, the projection is we would need 57 sections of classrooms. We would be two classrooms short. There was discussion regarding an architect looking at expanding classrooms at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary and providing a cost estimate. Many areas were discussed such as staffing, transportation, building flexibility, and building codes. A public input meeting is planned for the near future.

Board Compensation – President Rummel discussed the current Board members compensation of \$25 per meeting that they attend. The issue was referred to the Budget committee for review recommending they do research, including policy, prior to January 1, 2010. However, changes to the Board compensation would not be implemented until July 1, 2010.

At 7:35 p.m., Ms. Ross moved to adjourn. Ms. Swenson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dean Rummel, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary