

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

October 10, 2011; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on October 10, 2011, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Kris Fehr, Vice-president Leslie Ross, Mr. Jason Hanson, and Dr. Becky Pitkin. Board member absent: Dr. Morton Krieg. Administrators present were: Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mr. Perry Braunagel, Mr. Ron Dockter, Miss Sherry Libis, Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Mrs. Becky Meduna, Mr. Del Quigley, Mr. Mark Rerick, Mr. Henry Mack, Mrs. Tamara Praus and Mr. Calvin Dean. Others present were: Miss Stephanie Dykema, Mr. Ben Pitkin, Mr. Marcus Lewton, Mrs. Kathleen Schou, Mrs. Naomi Thorson, Mrs. Twila Petersen and Mr. Sean Soehren 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.

Dr. Pitkin moved to approve the agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the September 12, 2011, regular meeting, September 12, 2011, Board workshop; the bills for October 2011; the financial reports for October 2011; the pledged assets report for October 2011; the personnel reports including the new certified hire of Laura Kelly, Title I reading and math instructor at Lincoln Elementary; the RACTC report; the student/staff recognition; and the tuition waiver agreement for Trever and Caden Kuntz from Dickinson to South Heart. There were no licensed staff resignations. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Fehr and Assistant Superintendent Reep welcomed the representatives from the DHS Student Council.

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

- a) **Immunization Point of Dispensing** – Southwest District Health Unit will be conducting a mass flu vaccination at Heart River Elementary on Thursday, October 20 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- b) **American Education Week** - This year, the week of November 13-19 has been designated as American Education Week. Dickinson Public Schools will recognize the teachers and staff that have contributed to the education of the children in the community. Board members are invited to participate in the events planned for the week.
- c) **Technology Committee Report** – There is a report posted on the website that summarizes the achievements of the committee over the past school year. Ms. Ross explained there is standardized technology in all the buildings. The committee is currently looking at their mission statement. Their first meeting this school year is Thursday, October 13.

Roughrider Area Career and Technical Center (RACTC) Update – Mr. Marcus Lewton, RACTC Director, provided an update to the Board members. There are currently 96 Dickinson Public School (DPS) students enrollment in RACTC medical career courses. There is also community support for RACTC through job shadowing. It costs approximately \$118,000 to run the Center (after reimbursement through member school's in-kind and state CTE). Tuition is set at \$400 per credit. Dickinson Public Schools pays approximately \$44,400 annually. Mr. Lewton has provided a summary report and projection

Roughrider Area Career and Technical Center (RACTC) Update (cont.)

report that are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Superintendent's Formative Evaluation – Dickinson Public Schools will use the same process as last year. President Fehr and Superintendent Sullivan have selected four areas from the superintendent's job description to be evaluated. The areas to be evaluated are: supervision with licensed and non-licensed staff; identification and implementation of board policy needs; effective records management (including all records required by law); and supervision of building and grounds, transportation, and student safety. The Board will review the evaluation at its December 12 Board meeting. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Student Transfer and Withdrawal Report – Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board presenting information regarding inward and outward migration of students during 2010-2011. Mr. Reep reported that 2010-2011 had the highest level of student mobility the District has ever observed. In a typical year, approximately 500 students either move in or move out of the District. This past year, there were approximately 700 students that either moved in or left the District. The net after the inward and outward migration was +5. Student enrollment is up by 111 students when comparing October 2011 to October 2010. This calculates to approximately \$500,000 in revenue from the average daily membership. English language learners was also discussed. A copy of Mr. Reep's Inward and Outward Migration reports along with a three year summary are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

School Board Workshop - A Board workshop immediately followed the Board meeting. The agenda for the workshop is posted on the website under the workshop agenda link. Topics discussed at the workshop may become agenda items at future Board meetings. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Hockey Agreement - The agreement with the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc. for boys' and girls' hockey was due for renewal. Mr. Mark Rerick, District-wide activities director, addressed the Board. He stated there were no changes from last year's agreement. A copy of the agreement is posted under Supporting Documents. Action was requested. Mr. Hanson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc./Dickinson Hockey Club for boys' and girls' hockey for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented. Dr. Pitkin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota School Board Association Convention

- a) **Delegates**– President Kris Fehr, Dr. Becky Pitkin, and Superintendent Douglas Sullivan will be attending the convention. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Superintendent Sullivan, and Dr. Pitkin will be attending the new member/law seminar. Action was requested to designate the delegates. Mr. Hanson moved that President Fehr and Dr. Pitkin be named delegates to represent Dickinson Public Schools at the North Dakota School Board Association Convention. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota School Board Association Convention (cont.)

- b) **Resolutions** – A copy of the 2011 resolutions are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. There was discussion regarding the resolutions that will be reviewed at the NDSBA Convention. Any input Board members may have should be provided to the delegates.

Approval of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) VI-B Grant – Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Director of Student Services, addressed the Board regarding the IDEA VI-B Grant. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction requires assurances that IDEA will be met. A summary of the application is available on the website under Supporting Documents. Action was requested. Dr. Pitkin moved to approve the application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act VI–B funds, as presented. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other – There were no other topics for discussion.

Adjournment - At 5:56 p.m., Ms. Ross moved to adjourn. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Kris Fehr, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary