

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

October 11, 2010; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held their regular meeting on October 11, 2010, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Kris Fehr, Dr. Becky Pitkin, Dr. Morton Krieg, and Mr. Jason Hanson. Board member absent: Ms. Leslie Ross. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mr. Ron Dockter, Mrs. Becky Meduna, Mr. Del Quigley, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Mr. Perry Braunagel, Miss Sherry Libis, Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Mr. Calvin Dean, Mrs. Tammy Praus, Mr. Mark Rerick, and Mr. Henry Mack. Others present were: Mrs. Amy Axtman, Mrs. Naomi Thorson, Mr. Riley Abing, Ms. Lisa Miller from the Dickinson Press, and Mrs. Twila Petersen.

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 13, 2010, regular meeting; minutes from the September 13, 2010, workshop; the bills for October 2010; the financial report for October 2010; the pledged assets report for October 2010; the personnel reports; the RESP report; the RACTC report; the student/staff recognitions; the tuition waiver agreements for Kayden Meduna from South Heart to Dickinson; Payton Taylor from Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; Layla, Carmen and North Davison, and Arthur Harrison from Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; Tristen Schmidt from Dickinson to South Heart; Dustin Robert from Dickinson to South Heart; and Wyatt and Kylie Davis from Dickinson to Hebron. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Douglas Sullivan reported on the following:

- a. **Collaborative Bargaining Training** – There will be collaborative bargaining training beginning this week Friday at 8:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Office.
- b. **Immunization Point of Dispensing (POD)** – Southwest District Health Unit will be conducting a mass flu vaccination at Dickinson High School on Friday, October 22.
- c. **American Education Week** – This year, the week of November 15-19 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 that week.
- d. **North Dakota Title I Conference** – At the North Dakota Title I Conference held last week, Berg Elementary was recognized as the 2010-2011 National Title I Distinguished School from North Dakota. The state will pay for three individuals to attend the National Conference in January and Berg Elementary will receive a grant to be used towards their Title I program. Principal Tammy Praus from Berg praised Mrs. Denise Adams and Miss Christine Pechtl for their hard work on the Title I program. She also recognized all the teachers at Berg noting it is a team effort.

Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update – A report of Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary’s progress on the additions is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Also available on the website are photos taken of the construction projects. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep reported there have been some change orders done for the additional concrete work at Lincoln Elementary. The skylights at both Lincoln and Jefferson use natural lighting and are a positive addition to the projects. Brick work should begin soon at Jefferson Elementary. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

North Dakota School Board Association Convention

- e. **Delegates** – President Kris Fehr, Dr. Becky Pitkin, Mr. Jason Hanson, and Superintendent Douglas Sullivan will be attending the convention. Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Superintendent Sullivan, Dr. Pitkin, and Mr. Hanson will be attending the new member/law seminar. The convention allows us to have up to four delegates to represent Dickinson Public Schools. Dr. Krieg moved that President Fehr, Dr. Pitkin, and Mr. Hanson be named delegates from Dickinson Public Schools for the North Dakota School Board Association Convention. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- f. **Resolutions** – A copy of the 2010 resolutions are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website. President Fehr requested any input regarding the proposed resolutions be addressed to the DPS convention delegates.

Open Enrollment Applications – Tom and Deanna Steffan applied for open enrollment for Ethan Steffan to the Dickinson Public School District from the Killdeer Public School District to take one class at DHS. Kim Balliet applied for open enrollment for Paige Balliet to the Dickinson Public School District from the South Heart School District. They have recently moved, so the deadline waiver request applies. The administrative recommendation was to approve both applications. Action was required. Mr. Hanson moved to approve the request for Ethan Steffan and Paige Balliet to be admitted to the Dickinson Public School District under the open enrollment policy. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 and the application for the funds is approved by the Board. A copy of the summary of the grant is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Action was requested. Mr. Hanson moved to approve the application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act VI–B funds, as presented. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of North Dakota Educational Technology Council (ND ETC) Grant Applications – Principal Becky Meduna from Jefferson Elementary, Principal Perry Braunagel from Hagen Junior High, and Principal Tammy Praus from Berg Elementary addressed the Board and summarized the applications for the grants from the teachers at their schools. Copies of the grant applications are available on the website under Supporting Documents. Action was requested. Mr. Hanson moved to approve the applications for the North Dakota Educational Technology Council Grant, as presented. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Energy Development Impact Office (EDIO) Reimbursement Request for Funds – Assistant Superintendent Reep addressed the Board explaining that during the summer of 2010, Dickinson Public Schools was awarded an EDIO grant of \$25,000 to be used towards the additions at Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. Reimbursement of the grant funds requires action from the school board. Mr. Hanson moved to approve the reimbursement request for \$25,000 from the Energy Development Impact Office. Yeas–Mrs. Fehr, Dr. Pitkin, Dr. Krieg, Mr. Hanson. Nays–None. The motion carried.

Board Policy–Assignment of New Descriptor Code – The North Dakota School Board Association (NDSBA) has recommended revisions to most of the policies adopted by the Dickinson Public Schools. Some of these policies are noted in the negotiated agreement. The Dickinson Education Association has reviewed policy DBH (old descriptor code)/DKA (new descriptor code)-Reduction in Staff and wishes to keep the policy as written without the NDSBA recommended revisions. A copy of this policy is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The administrative recommendation was to reaffirm the policy with the new descriptor code. Dr. Pitkin moved to reaffirm policy DKA–Reduction in Staff with the assigned new descriptor code. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Revisions-Second Reading and Final Adoption – The North Dakota School Board Association (NDSBA) has recommended revisions to most of the policies adopted by the Dickinson Public Schools. Copies of the proposed revisions are available on the school board website under Supporting Documents and the Board Policies-2nd Reading link. The revised policies are GDHB-Use of Controlled Substances by Activity Group Members, policy DJA-Substitute Teachers, and policy DDC-Unpaid Leave. The administrative recommendation was to approve the revisions for second reading and final approval. Action was requested. Dr. Pitkin moved to accept the second reading and final adoption of the school board policy revisions for policy GDHB-Use of Controlled Substances by Activity Group Members, policy DJA-Substitute Teachers, and policy DDC-Unpaid Leave, as presented. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other – There were no other items for discussion.

Adjournment – At 5:25 p.m., Dr. Krieg moved to adjourn. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kris Fehr, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary