

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Special Meeting

October 12, 2009; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a special meeting on October 12, 2009, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Dean Rummel, Ms. Leslie Ross, Mrs. Mitzi Swenson, Mrs. Kris Fehr, and Dr. Mort Krieg. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mrs. Becky Meduna, Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, and Mr. Calvin Dean. Others present were: Mr. Len Lindbo, Mrs. Deb Conlon, Mrs. Twila Petersen, Ms. Janet Prchal from Hulsing & Associates, and Ms. Lisa Call from the Dickinson Press.

Call to Order – President Rummel called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Public Participation – Mrs. Deb Conlon filed a request for public participation regarding agenda item III (Facilities/Construction).

Facilities/Construction – Mrs. Deb Conlon addressed the Board explaining her concern with the proposed multipurpose room addition to Lincoln Elementary. She felt this room should be made into a gymnasium to accommodate the students at Lincoln since the current gymnasium is inadequate. Mrs. Conlon believes the timing is right and expressed her concern for missing this opportunity at a later date. Information regarding the square footages at the neighboring elementary schools was provided by Mrs. Conlon along with a comparison. Lincoln's gymnasium had the least amount of square footage. President Rummel thanked Mrs. Conlon for her input.

Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep briefly explained the proposed additions at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary. There are documents pertaining to the proposed additions posted on the school board website under Supporting Documents. Mr. Reep also explained the financial commitments for the additions and provided a handout outlining the financials for the General Fund and Capital Projects. He also explained the cost incurred to move the playground equipment at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary.

Ms. Janet Prchal from Hulsing & Associates discussed the proposed additions for the two elementary schools, Lincoln and Jefferson. She presented blue prints for the proposed additions pertaining to the two schools.

Ms. Prchal began with Jefferson Elementary. She stated the drawing of Jefferson's blue print was similar to the drawing from the Board meeting held last week. Ms. Prchal distributed a copy of a letter from Prairie Engineering that discussed the heating systems at the two schools (Jefferson and Lincoln). The boiler system at Jefferson is adequate for the additional classrooms and the multipurpose room. Mr. Reep explained the restrooms that Ms. Prchal scaled on the drawing were not required. There was discussion regarding removing the additional restrooms and replacing with other options. There was information shared regarding the kitchen,

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gymnasium, and multipurpose room. President Rummel stressed the importance of flexibility. Ms. Prchal will be having more discussions with the principals and staff at Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Ms. Prchal then provided information regarding Lincoln Elementary. The drawing she presented had some modifications from the proposed blue print from last week's Board meeting. The drawing from last week proposed six classrooms. Since last week's Board meeting, Ms. Prchal and Assistant Superintendent Reep discussed an option that would increase the classrooms from six to seven. They felt it would be more prudent to have a rectangular design. There was discussion regarding changing the multipurpose room into a gymnasium. Areas of concern were discussed such as the drainage area and the additional expenses for the square footage, walls, and flooring.

Ms. Ross made a motion to authorize the administration to move forward with the Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary additions, as presented. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Cooperative Agreement for Girls' Hockey – Mr. Calvin Dean, Athletics Director, addressed the Board. He recently received a request from a student in the Hazen School District. Due to the low interest for the girls' hockey sport in the Beulah and Hazen School Districts, those Districts chose to cancel this sport for this season. Timing was of the essence due to the beginning date of girls' hockey. Mrs. Swenson made a motion to approve a cooperative agreement for girls' hockey with the Hazen School District. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. An agreement will be drafted for review by the Superintendent.

Adjournment - At 5:45 p.m., Ms. Ross moved to adjourn. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dean Rummel, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary