

## Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools  
Special Meeting

November 28, 2011; 5:00 p.m.  
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a special meeting on November 28, 2011, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Kris Fehr, Vice-president Leslie Ross, Dr. Morton Krieg, Dr. Becky Pitkin, and Mr. Jason Hanson. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Mrs. Becky Meduna, and Mr. Perry Braunagel. Others present were: Mrs. Jennifer Jung, Ms. Susan Walz and Ms. April Baumgarten from the Dickinson Press.

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

There were no requests for Public Participation.

**North Dakota Educational Technology Council (ND ETC) Grant Application** – Director of Instruction Melanie Kathrein addressed the Board. Mrs. Kathrein explained the ND ETC grant funds would be used to purchase approximately 220 iPads to be utilized by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Hagen Junior High. It would also include cases and storage carts for the iPads, airport printers and eight Apple TVs. The software fee would be approximately \$20.00 per iPad for the applications. This would be a pilot project at Hagen and after evaluating the program, iPads could be expanded to other grades in the future. The first year the iPads would not be available for the students to take home. The second year (2013) it is proposed the students would be allowed to take the iPads with them after school. Mrs. Kathrein provided a short presentation projecting the iPad onto a screen using the Apple TV technology. A copy of the grant application is available on the website under Supporting Documents. This would be a grant where funds would need to be matched by DPS. Assistant Superintendent Reep indicated the request for the matching \$87,000 would go before the DPS Budget Committee. Training on the iPads is planned through EduTech. An acceptance or denial of the application request could be received from ND ETC by January 6, 2012. The administrative recommendation was for the Board to authorize the submission of the grant application. The deadline for submission was December 2. Action was requested. Mr. Hanson moved to authorize the administration to submit a grant application to the North Dakota Educational Technology Council in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Century Link Foundation Grant Application (Formerly QWEST)** – Mrs. Jennifer Jung, Jefferson Elementary instructor, addressed the Board. Mrs. Jung explained a request for the application is to purchase four iPads for two kindergarten classrooms at Jefferson Elementary. The learning activities utilizing the iPads would be tailored to the specific needs of the students in an effort to decrease learning gaps. This grant application is also through the North Dakota Educational Technology Council (ND ETC) but is not competing for funds with the district grant. A copy of the application request is available on the website under Supporting Documents. The administrative recommendation was for the Board to authorize the submission of the grant application. The deadline for submission was December 2. Action was requested. Ms. Ross moved to authorize the administration to submit a grant application to the North Dakota Educational Technology Council for the Century Link Foundation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Dr. Pitkin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Adjournment** - At 5:42 p.m., Mr. Hanson moved to adjourn. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Kris Fehr, Board President

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Vince Reep, Business Manager

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Susan Walz, Acting Secretary