

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

November 9, 2009; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on November 9, 2009, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Dean Rummel, Dr. Mort Krieg, Ms. Leslie Ross, Mrs. Mitzi Swenson, and Mrs. Kris Fehr. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep, Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, and Mr. Shawn Leiss. Others present were: Naomi Thorson, Twila Petersen, and Beth Wischmeyer from the Dickinson Press.

President Rummel called the meeting to order.

There were no requests for Public Participation.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mrs. Swenson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the October 5, 2009, regular meeting; minutes from the October 5, 2009, workshop; minutes from the October 12, special board meeting; bills for September 2009; financial report for October 2009; the pledged assets report for October 2009; and to accept the tuition waiver agreement for Kayden M. Meduna (South Heart to Dickinson 2009-2010). There were no new licensed hires or resignations. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- 1) Southwest Community High School (SWCHS) Report – Superintendent Sullivan provided information as a follow-up from a previous Board meeting. There is background information available as a Supporting Document on the website. Mr. Shawn Leiss from SWCHS was available to answer questions. The background information indicated SWCHS began in 2002. At that time, the limit of students enrolled was set at 20. There currently is 2.83 staff at the SWCHS. Mr. Leiss explained the largest number of students on the waiting list has been about three or four. He felt the 20 student limit was sufficient.
- 2) Professional Development request – Superintendent Sullivan drafted a memorandum with possible training options for Professional Learning Communities which are posted as Supporting Documents on the website. At last month's Board workshop, Dr. Sullivan requested some funding for staff members to receive additional Professional Learning Communities training. There was discussion regarding the advantage of having the training during the summer months with a stipend paid to participants versus training during the school year and the difficulty of finding a large quantity of substitute teachers at one time. The Board requested Superintendent Sullivan move forward and draft a proposal for their consideration and approval.
- 3) Volleyball- There will be a volleyball play-off game on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. here against Williston.
- 4) School Board policies – Approximately two months ago at a Board meeting, Superintendent Sullivan discussed the North Dakota School Board Association (NDSBA) recommended changes to the Board policies. Dr. Sullivan explained after further researching the material, he felt this project has expanded into a much larger project than anticipated. One of the primary goals of the NDSBA was to remove anything duplicated in the Century Code.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

- 5) NCA visitation team to Grand Forks – Superintendent Sullivan reminded the Board members he would be traveling to Grand Forks on Sunday, November 15 for an NCA visit.

Update on Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Proposed Additions – Assistant Superintendent Reep updated the Board regarding new information available. A copy of a summary is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. This agenda item was informational only. No action was required. Mr. Reep has been meeting with the building principals at Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. He has also had meetings with the architect and Prairie Engineering. The revised draft for Lincoln includes the multipurpose room adapted for a gymnasium. There was discussion regarding the age of the heating and cooling systems at the two schools. Proposed plans are to have the bidding in February with possible ground breaking in April.

Ms. Ross entered the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

North Dakota School Board Convention

- 1) Convention Report – President Dean Rummel and Mrs. Kris Fehr recently attended the North Dakota School Board Convention held in Bismarck. A copy of their summary reports is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. They both gave brief information regarding the sessions they attended. They tried to attend different sessions. Mrs. Fehr said one theme was CTE. President Rummel felt Dickinson Public Schools would benefit by joining the School Nutrition Association, be involved in the FIRST Robotics Program, consider the Healthier U.S. School Challenge, and check into a quote from Eide Bailly LLP for auditing services. Another area covered at the convention was the ND TFFR. There was discussion regarding the TFFR's funding issues.
- 2) Legal Seminar Report – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep gave a brief report on the Legal Seminar. A copy of Mr. Reep's report is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. Mr. Reep relayed information regarding concerns received by Board members and the proper channel for concerns. Mr. Reep feels our Board has followed these guidelines by forwarding all concerns to the Superintendent. Other areas discussed were notification of open meetings, truancy issues, FERPA changes, and school board election changes.

Approval of IDEA Title VI-B Grant – Mrs. Dorothy Martinson, Director of Student Services addressed the Board regarding the IDEA Title VI-B Grant. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction requires assurances that IDEA will be met and the application for funds has been approved by the Board. A copy of the Mrs. Martinson's budget summary is posted under Supporting Documents on the website. Action was requested. Ms. Ross moved to approve the application for IDEA Title VI-B funds. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Enrollment – Angie Schneider applied for open enrollment for Michael Berg to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Killdeer School District. The application indicates they moved so the waiver applies. Marilyn Drager applied for open enrollment for Sara Drager to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from Belfield School District. This application indicates they moved so the waiver applies. The administrative recommendation is to approve the applications. Action was required. Mrs. Fehr moved to approve the requests for

Open Enrollment (Cont.)

Michael Berg and Sara Drager to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other – Dr. Sullivan presented a book to the Board Whatever It Takes: How Professional Learning Communities Respond When Kids Don't Learn.

At 6:15 p.m., Mrs. Swenson 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