

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

December 9, 2008; 5 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on December 9, 2008, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Mitzi Swenson, Morty Krieg and Leslie Ross. Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Dorothy Martinson, Melanie Kathrein, Becky Meduna, Sherry Libis, Tammy Praus, Ron Dockter, Calvin Dean, Henry Mack and Shawn Leiss. Others present were: Lew Moormann, Naomi Thorson, Keith Fernsler, Beverly Kinnischtzke, Karen Heidt and Beth Wischmeyer, 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.

Fehr moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the November 3, 2008, regular meeting; December 3, 2008, special meeting; bills for December 2008; financial report for December 2008; the pledged assets report for December 2008; the tuition waiver agreements for Paige Splichal, Dickinson to South Heart and Ethan Dickey, Hebron to Dickinson and the student/staff recognitions. There were no new licensed hires or resignations. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Stremick reported on the following:

- 1) Southwest Night at the Legislature-Southwest Night at the Legislature is scheduled on Monday, January 26, 2009, starting at 6 p.m. CST at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Board members that are interested in attending should contact Karen Heidt to order tickets and possibly arrange car pooling.
- 2) Summer School Performing Arts Program-They had 110 students from grades 8-12 express an interest in a summer school performing arts program. The committee will be meeting in the near future to develop some recommendations for the budget committee and the school board.
- 3) North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement-The North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement will be holding its final meeting on Tuesday, December 16 in Bismarck. The complete report will be approved at their meeting and it will be placed on the January Board agenda.
- 4) Superintendent's Monthly Newsletter Article-The Dickinson Press has agreed to run the Superintendent's monthly school newsletter article as a guest column in the Dickinson Press at no charge. His first article ran last week. He thanked the Dickinson Press for running the column.
- 5) Wellness-Jo Marie Kadrmas, Olivia Wellenstein and Ron Dockter met to discuss the Midget Market and the recommended changes. Some of the changes include:
 - a. Ms. Kadrmas (dietician) will be meeting with the Midget Market students to review nutrition guidelines for various projects at the beginning of the second semester. She will guide the students on how to read labels and how to look for the best nutritional value.
 - b. The Midget Market will run a nutritional special of the month starting in December. Their special this month is apples.

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- c. Their goal is to introduce more nutritious items while eliminating some of the very fattening products and to have at least 60% of their products be healthy choices.
- d. The Midget Market will continue to advertise "healthy choices" at Dickinson High School.

Audit Report-Jim Wosepka, the school district's auditor, presented the annual audit report and answered questions. There were no issues of major concern. A copy of the report was mailed to Board members prior to the meeting to review. Board members asked for clarifications on several areas. There is no management letter this year because there were no issues of concern. He will be making some changes to: page 34 regarding a page number, attach questions 1-9, correct the early retirement liability dollar amount to \$777,888 on page 17 and send out the replacement pages. Action was requested to accept the report.

Swenson moved to approve the annual audit report for the year ending June 30, 2008, with the corrections that Mr. Wosepka will supply. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Enrollment-Casey and Mary Kay Phillips applied for open enrollment for Keisah, Cassandra, Casey, Kelsey and Keziah Phillips to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Richardton Taylor School District. They recently moved so the waiver applies. The administrative recommendation was to approve the applications. Action was requested.

Fehr moved to approve the request for Keisah, Cassandra, Casey, Kelsey and Keziah Phillips to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Workshop Follow up-Board members requested additional information at the Board workshop regarding the Adult Learning Center fiscal costs. A handout was posted under Supporting Documents. The in kind services are estimated at about \$25,262. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Revision of Policy AAD Dickinson Public Schools Wellness Plan-Second Reading-The administrative recommendation was to approve the revision for second reading approval and final adoption. A copy of the Board policy is posted under Supporting Documents. Action was requested.

Swenson moved to approve Policy AAD Dickinson Public Schools Wellness Plan for second reading approval and final adoption with implementation to begin the 2009-2010 school year, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota School Board Convention

- a. **Convention Report-**Dean Rummel gave a brief report on the North Dakota School Board Convention. He reported that one presentation was about FERPA and the new changes that are coming. He also talked about emails and open records laws. A copy of his report is posted under Supporting Documents. President Rummel thanked the school district for allowing him to attend.

- b. Legal Seminar Report-Vince Reep and Superintendent Stremick gave a brief report on the Legal Seminar. Major topics included: patron complaints, open meetings, Board policies, electronic communications, evaluations and non renewals, potpourri, discrimination claims and who's being sued and why. A copy of Mr. Reep's report is posted under Supporting Documents.

Collaborative Bargaining Recognition Petition from DEA-The DEA submitted two petitions for recognition of an appropriate negotiating unit and recognition of a representative organization. The administrative recommendation was to recognize the DEA as an appropriate negotiating unit and to recognize them as the representative organization for contract negotiations.

Swenson moved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, the school board of the Dickinson Public School District #1 recognizes all licensed personnel employed, or to be employed, by the Board in positions requiring a license issued pursuant to Chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, except administrators and substitute teachers, as an appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of 2008-09 negotiations. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Swenson moved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, the school board of the Dickinson Public School District #1 recognizes the Dickinson Education Association as the exclusive representative of the appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of the 2008-2009 negotiations. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coop Agreement with Richardton-Taylor in Girls' Fast Pitch Softball-The Richardton-Taylor school board requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. Calvin Dean, activities director, asked for input from school board members. He reviewed the projected player numbers. Discussion followed. The past practice has been to approve extracurricular cooperative agreements with schools that don't offer the sport in our area. Board members asked Superintendent Stremick and Mr. Dean to make a recommendation at the January Board meeting. No action was requested at this time.

Superintendent Evaluation- President Rummel presented a summary report of the superintendent evaluations. He reviewed the evaluations with Superintendent Stremick. The four areas to be evaluated were: identification and implementation of school board policy needs, supervision of licensed and non licensed staff, supervision of building and grounds and transportation needs and student safety and effective record management. Every area of the evaluation was positive and satisfactory by all five Board members. Board members were pleased with Superintendent Stremick's performance. President Rummel thanked Superintendent Stremick for the job he has done. The evaluation documents will be placed in his personnel file. Superintendent Stremick thanked the Board and the administrators for their work and support. Action was requested. Swenson moved to approve the superintendent evaluation, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Fehr and Rummel thanked Mrs. Meduna for preparing for the NCA visitation team. Swenson brought a book, Adventures of a Nepali Frog, for each of the elementary libraries and the Berg library.

Superintendent Stremick asked Reep, Ross and Swenson to stay after the meeting to schedule a budget committee meeting.

At 6:15 p.m., Fehr moved to adjourn. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dean Rummel, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Karen Heidt, Secretary