

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

October 14, 2008; 5 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on October 14, 2008, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Mitzi Swenson, Morty Krieg and Leslie Ross (5:56 p.m.). Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Sherry Libis, Ron Dockter, Perry Braunagel, Jeff Peck, Tammy Praus, Dorothy Martinson and Del Quigley. Others present were: Lew Moormann, Naomi Thorson, 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.

Swenson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the September 8, 2008, regular meeting; September 8, 2008, Board workshop; bills for October 2008; financial report for October 2008; and the pledged assets report for October 2008; and the tuition waiver agreements for Levi and Kyle Swearson, South Heart to Dickinson. There were no new licensed staff hires or resignations or student/staff recognitions. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 1) **Auditor** – The auditor was here last week doing his field work and gathering information. He will give an audit report at the November or December Board meeting.
- 2) **North Dakota School Study Council (NDSSC)** – The NDSSC met the end of September in Devils Lake. The NDSSC consists of the largest 16 schools in the state. They discussed shortening the North Dakota School Assessment to the subject areas that are required by No Child Left Behind and asking DPI to create power standards or a curriculum based on the standards. This would alleviate each district from developing power standards which may or may not be on target. NDSSC plans to draft a letter to DPI with the requests. The Study Council also provided the North Dakota High School Activities Association with a letter reinforcing a prior position that opposed lengthening any sports seasons.

Coop Agreement with Dickinson Catholic Schools in Girls' Fast Pitch Softball-The Dickinson Catholic Schools school board requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. Discussion followed. Dean stated that about eight girls from junior high to high school are interested in participating from the Dickinson Catholic Schools. If the coop agreement is approved it is sent to the North Dakota High School Activities Association for approval. Action was requested.

Fehr moved to approve the extracurricular coop with Dickinson Catholic Schools for girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Southwest Community High School Report-The Southwest Community High School annual report is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. Shawn Leiss was unable to attend the meeting. Superintendent Stremick answered questions from Board members. The current enrollment is 15 students with one student from Richardton Taylor. The Richardton Taylor School District pays tuition. Twenty students is the maximum number of students allowed by the state. This agenda item was informational only. No action was required.

Hockey Agreement-The agreement with the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc. for boys' and girls' hockey is due for renewal. Calvin Dean, District-wide activities director, met with Bryan Kuntz, president of the Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc., to review the Memorandum of Understanding. Dickinson Youth Activities would like to enter into a one-year agreement. Dean reviewed the minor changes in the agreement. The hockey club requested that a second assistant hockey coach be hired. The school district will not fund the position. The hockey club will pay for the second assistant coach. The school district currently pays the salary for the head varsity coach and one assistant coach. Discussion followed. The hockey club pays for transportation. They are aware of the rate increase per mile. A copy of the agreement is posted under Supporting Documents. Action was requested.

Swenson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc. for boys' and girls' hockey for the 2008-2009 school year. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Transfer Report-Vince Reep presented information regarding students entering and leaving the Dickinson school system. His report is a cumulative report with student transfer information from August of 2004 through August of 2008. The District had a net gain of +32 students from inward migration over the past four years. Last year we lost 40 students through outmigration. A summary of the information is posted under Supporting Documents. This item was informational only. No action was requested.

Open Enrollment-Ryan Rogina applied for open enrollment to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Belfield school district. Randall Ray applied for open enrollment for Kayla Rosier and Tyler Francis to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Killdeer school district. They recently moved so the waiver applies. The administrative recommendation was to approve the applications. Action was requested. Swenson moved to approve the request for Ryan Rogina, Kayla Rosier and Tyler Francis to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement Update-Superintendent Stremick gave an update on the North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement. His report included the North Dakota Curriculum Requirements/High School Graduation Requirements draft and Effect Sizes of Major Recommendations. The ND Curriculum Requirements/High School Graduation Requirements were proposed to the commission. The requirements are being supported by several legislators. The recommendation is a tiered diploma system. The commission has some of the following concerns: students are required to take a math class their senior year for the Academic Honors diploma; the regular

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diploma requires three math credits and three science credits (Dickinson High School currently requires three math and three science credits); the Honors diploma requires three credits of world language; and every diploma would require ½ credit of distance learning. There was also discussion regarding qualifications and rigor for the Honors diploma that would tie to GPA and ACT scores, dual credit or AP credit (complete the course, the exam and earn credit). Superintendent Stremick also reviewed the Effect Sizes of Major Recommendations from the 200 page consultants report resulting from the Study on School Adequacy. The commission is currently looking at instructional coaches and/or tutoring and the amount of impact on school achievement. Discussion followed. Superintendent Stremick will continue to update the Board. President Rummel thanked Superintendent Stremick for his efforts and for serving on the Education Commission. He stated that the Board may want to look at specific issues when they look at budgeting. Handouts are posted under Supporting Documents. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

North Dakota School Board Convention

- a. Delegates-Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr and Superintendent Stremick will be attending the convention. Vince Reep and Superintendent Stremick will be attending the law seminar. The convention is scheduled Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Swenson moved that Dean Rummel and Kris Fehr be named delegates from the Dickinson Public Schools for the North Dakota School Board Convention. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolutions-A copy of the 2008 resolutions is posted under supporting documents. Board members did not discuss the resolutions.

Other

Fehr stated that the NCA visitation team will be in Dickinson the first week of December. Mrs. Meduna will be getting information to Board members. The visitation team will meet with the school board at a special Board meeting on December 3. The time has not been set. The NCA visitation team will meet with individual Board members sometime that week.

President Rummel welcomed Beth Wischmeyer, a reporter with the Dickinson Press.

Ross came to the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

At 5:56 p.m., Swenson moved to adjourn. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dean Rummel, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Karen Heidt, Secretary

