

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Special Meeting

December 3, 2008; 3:30 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a special meeting on December 3, 2008, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr and Leslie Ross. Krieg and Swenson were absent. Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Becky Meduna, Tammy Praus, Perry Braunagel, Shawn Leiss, Sherry Libis, Henry Mack, Ron Dockter, Del Quigley, Melanie Kathrein and Dorothy Martinson. NCA visitation team members present were: Dr. Jay Heath (Chair) and Wilfred Volesky. Others present were: Jan Biederstadt, Crystal Hoerner, Jennifer Jung, Kristi Todd Stilling, Rosella Perdaems, Ellen Becker, Lynelle Mann, Cynthia A. Koppinger, Jan Bauer, Stacy Kilwein, Melinda Fridrich, Butch Hrouda, Ali Schneider, Carla Mortenson, Darlene Henning, Toni Fosaaen, Andrea Dorval, Dana Price, Kim Kuhn, Becky Pitkin, Karen Heidt and Beth Wischmeyer-Dickinson Press.

President Rummel called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Stremick introduced Dr. Jay Heath, the NCA visitation team chair, and thanked the visitation team for their work.

Dr. Heath introduced Superintendent Wilfred Volesky, one of the NCA visitation team members. The other five team members, representing school districts in North Dakota and South Dakota, were unable to stay for the meeting because of the weather. The NCA visitation team reviewed the seven standards for District accreditation rather than school accreditation for each school. The team started their work on Sunday evening and met with 202 stakeholders from the school district over the past three days. Stakeholders included: the superintendent, school board members, Central Office administrative staff, classified staff, teachers, parents, students and community members. A summary report which outlines the overall school district's strengths, commendations and the visitation team's recommendations was distributed and reviewed. The report is based on the seven NCA school improvement standards. A final report will be sent to Mrs. Meduna, District NCA chair, in the next two to three weeks. Dr. Heath stated that Dickinson has a fine school district and that they may be able to make it better by implementing some of the NCA visitation team recommendations. No action was requested. This agenda item was informational only.

President Rummel thanked Dr. Heath and Superintendent Volesky and the NCA visitation team members. Also, he thanked Mrs. Meduna, the school improvement building chairs and the people that spent time serving on the committees. He looks forward to receiving the final NCA visitation team report.

At 4 p.m., Fehr moved to adjourn. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Dean Rummel, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Karen Heidt, Secretary