

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

September 8, 2008; 5 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on September 8, 2008, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Leslie Ross, Mitzi Swenson and Morty Krieg. Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Perry Braunagel, Dorothy Martinson, Melanie Kathrein, Becky Meduna, Sherry Libis, Calvin Dean, Ron Dockter, Henry Mack, Del Quigley and Jeff Peck. Others present were: Zoe Fath, Tom Fath, Kelly Armstrong, Scott LaFond, Bill Butterfield, Margaret Olheiser, Jan Biederstedt, Kim Dockter, Tisha Jahner, Patty Tomchuk, Naomi Thorson, Keith Fernsler, Karen Heidt and Beth Wischmeyer-Dickinson Press.

President Rummel called the meeting to order.

Kelly Armstrong completed a request for Public Participation under Agenda item V. Girls' Softball.

There were no deletions to the agenda. Swenson requested to add a letter from the Belfield Public Schools to the consent agenda under student/staff recognitions. Swenson read the letter from Darrel Remington, Belfield Public Schools superintendent, out loud. The letter thanked the Dickinson Public Schools District and the DHS counselors (Maxine Hauck and Cherie Mack) for helping them during a recent moment of need. They thanked the school district for being a good neighbor and the timely response. Mr. Dockter will thank the counselors on behalf of the Belfield Public Schools.

Swenson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the August 11, 2008, regular meeting; bills for September 2008; financial report for September 2008; the pledged assets report for September 2008; the tuition waiver agreements for Kayden Meduna, South Heart to Dickinson; Deanna & Tiffany Schneider, Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; Dallas Frohlich, Elgin to Dickinson; Rosalie Hunke, Dickinson to Richardton-Taylor; and Carly Dehner, Belfield to Dickinson; and the addition of the letter from the Belfield Public Schools to the student/staff recognitions. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Bus driver-The District hired a special education bus driver but they are still looking for subs for activity bus drivers.
- b. Summer School Performing Arts Project-The group that went to Fargo met and talked about the next steps for a Summer School Performing Arts Project in Dickinson. Mr. Dockter will be conducting a survey of grades 8-12 students to establish the student interest level.
- c. Book study-The Cabinet will be reading the book Common Formative Assessments: How to Connect Standards-Based Instruction and Assessment. It is tied to the work being conducted in Professional Learning Communities.
- d. Roughrider Area Career & Technology (RACTC)-The Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center has 172 students enrolled in the RACTC classes (44 students are from existing programs). The Center has 128 students enrolled in "new classes." Dickinson High School has 44 students enrolled in the Health Careers classes.

Superintendent's Report cont.

- Stremick stated that during the planning stages they hoped to have 40 students participate in the career & technology classes to make it cash flow. He said that things are going well.
- e. **Transportation**-Transportation expenditures for 2007-08 were \$377,768 and revenue was \$165,828. The cost to the general fund was \$211,940. Total miles driven were 303,722 (127,642 for activities and 176,080 for routes). They have 100 families signed up for rural busing this year (195 students). Thirty are private school students. Stremick said that the numbers are similar to last year. Last year they had 120 families.

President Rummel congratulated Superintendent Stremick and Leslie Ross, Board representative on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center, for the program's success.

Girls' Softball-Kelly Armstrong, President of the Dickinson Baseball Club, addressed the Board under Public Participation. He requested that the Board consider funding the coach's salaries for girls' softball. The Dickinson Diamonds Fast Pitch Softball Club made a request to add girls' softball as a Dickinson High School sport beginning the spring of 2009. A projected budget was included with their request. A handout is posted under Supporting Documents. The request was on the August agenda and was tabled. Calvin Dean, Activities Director, provided information requested by the Board at the August meeting. He stated that 52 high school and junior high girls are interested in girls' softball. His recommendation is to have a Varsity and a JV team the first season. Thirteen of the 25 high school students are currently involved in spring sports. He stated that Dickinson would be the 14th school to sanction girls' softball, if approved. Mr. Dean reported that students from Trinity, Hope Christian Academy and area schools have expressed interest in a coop with Dickinson High School. Coops will be addressed at a future Board meeting. Discussion followed. A Memorandum of Understanding similar to the baseball and hockey agreements will be prepared and brought to a future Board meeting. The intent of the Board is to provide the funding for girls' softball coaches along with the approval. The projected cost is approximately \$10,000. The funding will be approved at a future meeting in the Memorandum of Understanding. The girls' softball program will also receive the subsidized rate for travel during the school year. Coops will be addressed at a future Board meeting. The administrative recommendation was to approve the sanctioning of girls' fastpitch softball for the spring of 2009.

Swenson moved to approve the sanctioning of girls' fastpitch softball for the spring of 2009. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

School Opening Report-Superintendent Stremick reported on the 2008 school opening and gave the fall enrollment numbers. They have 2,519 students enrolled as of September 1 (1,247 elementary and ECC students, 373 at Hagen, 881 at DHS and 18 at SWCHS). Last fall we had 2,561 students. We have 42 fewer students than last fall. The March projection was 2,521 students. Superintendent Stremick stated that DHS will lose 192 students over the next four years. The enrollment report is posted under Supporting Documents. This item was informational only. No action was requested.

Board Policy HEB Expense Reimbursement-Second Reading-Swenson moved to revise Policy HEB Expense Reimbursement for second reading approval and final adoption, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Enrollment Applications-George and Kathryn Augare applied for open enrollment for Johni, Bobbi and Jacob Augare to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the New England School District. Marcia Lamb applied for open enrollment for Alexis Lamb to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the Medora School District. Paula D'Amico applied for open enrollment for Zackary Weidman to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the South Heart 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 Johni, Bobbi and Jacob Augare, Alexis Lamb and Zackary Weidman to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. Kreig seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Add a Position-Superintendent Stremick reported that when they restructured the tech staff they eliminated a tech position. The administrative recommendation was to authorize the superintendent to add a technology paraprofessional at Dickinson High School. Action was requested. Swenson moved to authorize the superintendent to add a technology paraprofessional at Dickinson High School. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Swenson stated that Prairie Public TV will be having a special program on education and suggested that Board members watch the program.

At 6:45 p.m., Ross 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