

## Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools  
Annual Meeting

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

The Dickinson Public School Board held its annual meeting on July 14, 2008, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Leslie Ross and Morty Krieg. Mitzi Swenson was absent. Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Tammy Praus, Becky Meduna, Sherry Libis, Dorothy Martinson, Jeff Peck, Calvin Dean, Shawn Leiss and Melanie Kathrein. Others present were: Margaret Olheiser, Karen Heidt and Alan Reed-Dickinson Press.

President Rummel called the meeting to order.

There were no requests for public participation.

There were no deletions to the agenda. Ross moved to add the EDIO Reimbursement Request for Funds to the agenda. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ross moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the June 11, 2008, regular meeting; bills for July 2008; financial report for July 2008; the pledged assets report for July 2008; the student/staff recognitions; and the tuition waiver agreements for Eric Benjamin Baer, Belfield to Dickinson and Summer & Stetson Pedersen, Dickinson to Richardton Taylor. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- 1) **Education Commission**-The North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement will be meeting in Dickinson on August 6, 2008, at 8 a.m. MST in the DHS auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend. The public will have an opportunity to comment at the end of the meeting.
- 2) **Summer School Performing Arts Project**-A group will be going to Fargo on July 31 to view the Trollwood Performing Arts School. Eight individuals from Dickinson representing the school district, city, park district and DSU will attend.
- 3) **REA Governance**-He attended a very interesting session at the summer conference in Fargo on REA Governance. Specifically, on the role of Governing Board members and the amount of time that is invested for such a small amount of money. He will share information at a later time.
- 4) **New DHS Assistant Principal**-Jeff Peck, the new DHS assistant principal, was present at the meeting. Superintendent Stremick and President Rummel welcomed him to the school district.

**Summer Building and Grounds Project Report**-Vince Reep reported on the status of the summer building and grounds projects. The two largest projects are the DHS science pod and the Roosevelt kitchen. The science project is half way finished. They expect to be finished in early August. New carpeting will be installed in the entrance and the foyer of the science pod also. Carpeting was replaced in several areas in the district. The Hagen gym floor was refinished and the stage curtain will be replaced. Olheiser Masonry will be doing some work on the Berg exterior walls and at Roosevelt. Lincoln will be getting new gym heaters. The DHS west parking lot will be chip sealed and some slabs of black top will be replaced at some of the schools. The paving projects have been coordinated with the city in order to save money. The Adult Learning Center's roof has been redone. They are

**Summer Building and Grounds Project Report cont.**

working on the soffit and fascia. The building will be painted (inside and outside). Lockers were installed at Lincoln and 200 new lockers will be installed at Roosevelt in the near future. The new ITV lab at DHS is almost finished. They are waiting to install the Tegrity software on the computers. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

**Election of Officers**-President Rummel conducted the election of a new president and vice president.

Ross nominated Dean Rummel for president of the Dickinson Public School District and instructed the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Dean Rummel and that nominations cease. Krieg seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The motion carried.

Dean Rummel was elected the school board president for 2008-2009. He accepted the nomination.

Ross nominated Mitzi Swenson for vice president of the Dickinson Public School District and instructed the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Mitzi Swenson and that nominations cease. Krieg seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The motion carried.

Mitzi Swenson was elected the school board vice president for 2008-2009.

**Budget**

**a. 2007-2008 Budget Statistics**

Vince Reep, business manager, presented 2007-2008 final revenue and expenditures information. He reported that the revenue exceeded our budget by approximately \$460,000 (2%). The ending revenue on June 30, 2008, was \$22,021,110.35 (2% over budget). Property taxes were up; oil and gas production was up; interest earned was up; and foundation aid was higher than projected. Expenditures were under budget by \$186,000 (1% under budget). The 06 accounts that the auditor suggested we move in November and December to the 02 accounts were moved back to the 06 accounts per DPI and the auditor's instructions.

Kris Fehr came to the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

They will have more discussion at the August Board meeting regarding the other fund groups. Food services ended the year \$1,520 in the red because of the increased cost of milk and food products.

**b. 2008-2009 Budget Information**

Vince Reep, business manager, reviewed the information regarding the 2008-2009 budget. The 2008-2009 projected revenue is \$23,615,903 (9.5 % increase). The projected expenditures for 2008-2009 are \$22,361,604 (5.6% increase). The Certificate of Levy must be approved at the August Board meeting.

This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

**Annual Financial Report**-Vince Reep, business manager, reviewed portions of the annual financial report. The report is a summary of 2007-2008 expenditures and revenue in DPI format. This year's average cost per pupil was \$7,211.82 (12 % increase). A copy of the annual financial report is posted under the Financial Reports on the school board web site. Action was requested.

Fehr moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Board Workshop**-Board members discussed the Board workshop. It was suggested that all District administrators attend the sessions on topics that pertain to their areas of responsibility and that the Board workshop be scheduled in September and October. Discussion followed. Board members agreed by consensus to hold the Board workshops following the September and October Board meetings. No decisions will be made during the workshop but topics discussed could become future Board meeting agenda items. Board members were asked to forward agenda items to Superintendent Stremick, President Rummel or Karen Heidt before the August Board meeting. Superintendent Stremick will develop the Board workshop agenda.

**Meeting Day and Time**- Ross moved that the regular meeting of the Dickinson Public School District be set for the second Monday of each month beginning at 5 p.m. and that due to conflicts in the school calendar meetings be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**School Board Authorized Representative**-The Board's authorized representative is the superintendent.

Fehr moved that Superintendent Paul Stremick be named the authorized representative of the Dickinson Public School District that shall include and not be limited to the Department of Public Instruction and the legislature. Also, Superintendent Stremick shall be the authorized representative for the District for all federal programs, including but not limited to: all school lunch, special education and vocational programs, the Energy Impact Office, Title I, Title IIa, Title IID, Title IV, Title V, Head Start, E-rate and Job Service programs. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Designate Official Newspaper**-North Dakota Century Code requires that the school district designate an official newspaper.

Ross moved to designate the Dickinson Press as the official newspaper of the Dickinson Public School District. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Bank Depository Designation**-State law requires us to designate all depositories at our annual meeting. The administrative recommendation was to designate American Bank Center as the official depository for the school district checking account and other investments and Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of the West and Dacotah Bank as depositories for investments. Action was requested.

Fehr moved that American State Bank and Trust be designated as the official depository for the school district checking account and other investments and that Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of the West and Dacotah Bank be designated as depositories for investments for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Assignments-** President Rummel appointed committee members for the 2008-2009 school year. The committee assignments are listed under Supporting Documents. The Board needs to establish Board representatives for collaborative bargaining, administrative negotiations, RESP and RACTC for 2008-2009. Mitzi Swenson and Dean Rummel offered to serve as Board representatives on the collaborative bargaining team. Dean Rummel and Kris Fehr volunteered to serve as Board representatives for administrative negotiations. Dean Rummel agreed to serve as the school board representative for RESP and Mitzi Swenson agreed to serve as the alternate. Leslie Ross volunteered to serve on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center Governing Board. Action was requested. Fehr moved to designate Mitzi Swenson and Dean Rummel as Board representatives on the collaborative bargaining team, Dean Rummel and Kris Fehr as Board representatives on administrative negotiations, Dean Rummel as the RESP school board representative and Mitzi Swenson as the RESP alternate Board representative, and Leslie Ross as the school board representative on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center for 2008-2009. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Conflict of Interest-**Copies of the school board member's most recent Statement of Interest forms are posted under Supporting Documents. Board members declared their changes and updates. A motion is needed to allow each Board member to vote on their identified potential conflicts of interest. President Rummel had each Board member read their potential conflicts and changes and the Board made decisions on each Board member. Fehr said to delete Berg Elementary PAC in section C.

Ross moved to allow Kris Fehr to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Krieg seconded the motion. Aye: Rummel, Ross, Krieg.

Naye: None. Abstain: Fehr. The motion carried.

Ross said to add government under section A. She is a county employee.

Fehr moved to allow Leslie Ross to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Krieg seconded the motion. Aye: Rummel, Fehr, Krieg.

Naye: None. Abstain: Ross. The motion carried.

Krieg said to delete Legends of the Game and Mulligan's Divine Swine under section B.

Ross moved to allow Morton Krieg to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Fehr seconded the motion. Aye: Rummel, Fehr, Ross.

Naye: None. Abstain: Krieg. The motion carried.

Dean Rummel had no changes.

Fehr moved to allow Dean Rummel to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: Fehr, Ross, Krieg. Naye: None. Abstain: Rummel. The motion carried.

Swenson will identify her potential conflicts of interest at the August Board meeting and Board members will act upon them.

**Board Policies-Second Reading-** Fehr moved to revise Policy GAA Instructional Goals, Policy GBEL Correspondence Courses, Policy HEA Payment Procedures and Policy HGA Inventories of School Properties for second reading approval and final adoption, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Open Enrollment** - Troy Roth applied for open enrollment for Kenzie Gullickson to be admitted to the Dickinson Public School District from the South Heart School District. They recently moved so the waiver applies. The administrative recommendation was to approve the application. Action was required.

Ross moved to approve the request for Kenzie Gullickson to be admitted to the Dickinson Public School District under the open enrollment policy. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adequate Yearly Progress Report**-Superintendent Stremick reported on the 2007-2008 Adequate Yearly Progress Reports. All buildings met AYP standards in all content areas and subgroups except for Berg and Dickinson High School. Berg did not meet AYP standards in the content area of reading for the economically disadvantaged sub group. Dickinson High School did not meet AYP standards in the content area of mathematics for the composite score and the white sub group. There is also a District determination on AYP. The District met AYP standards in all content areas and sub groups. Handouts are posted under Supporting Documents. A letter will be mailed to parents in August with the AYP scores for their building and strategies that the District will implement to improve the scores since the scores are raised every three years. This item was informational only. No action was requested.

Krieg left the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda**

**EDIO Reimbursement Request for Funds**-EDIO recently awarded the school district \$10,000 for two new rural route buses. Action was requested to approve a request for reimbursement of \$10,000 from the Energy Development Impact Office (EDIO) for the purchase of two new buses.

Fehr moved to approve the reimbursement request for \$10,000 from the Energy Development Impact Office. Ross seconded the motion. Aye: Fehr, Ross, Rummel. Naye: None. The motion carried.

**Other**

Ross thanked Superintendent Stremick for the new laptop computers that are used for Board meetings and the overhead projector which was recently installed on the Board room ceiling.

At 6:32 p.m., Ross moved to adjourn. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Dean Rummel, Board President

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Vince Reep, Business Manager

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Karen Heidt, Secretary

