

## Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools  
Regular Meeting

August 11, 2008; 5 p.m.  
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on August 11, 2008, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Leslie Ross and Mitzi Swenson. Morty Krieg was absent. Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Perry Braunagel, Del Quigley, Sherry Libis, Jeff Peck, Ron Dockter, Melanie Kathrein, Tammy Praus, Becky Meduna, Dorothy Martinson, Henry Mack, Shawn Leiss and Calvin Dean. Others present were: Bill Butterfield, Terry Jones, Scott LaFond, Lorrie Nantt, Margaret Olheiser, David Ripplinger and Karen Heidt.

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 July 14, 2008, annual meeting; bills for August 2008; financial report for August 2008; the pledged assets report for August 2008; the hire of Carrie Zeigler, .5 FTE math, Southwest Community High School; the student/staff recognitions; the tuition waiver agreements for Kaylee Johnson, Dickinson to South Heart and Aaron Johnson-Enget, Dickinson to South Heart; and to dissolve the open enrollment applications for Jacob Robb with South Heart, Charity Fetch with Belfield and Cody Johnson with South Heart. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Bus Driver-They still need a special education bus driver. He has run ads in the paper and on the radio but they have not had any inquiries.
- b. RESP-A committee is working on updating the bylaws and bringing the joint powers agreement into alignment with state law. Information will be brought back at a future Board meeting.
- c. Commission on Education Improvement-The commission meeting which was held last Wednesday in Dickinson went well. The commission will be finalizing its recommendation in October or November. The major topics of discussion are on strategies to increase student achievement.
- d. Buildings-They are still looking for a building for Southwest Community High School and the Adult Learning Center. They have not found anything suitable yet.
- e. Board Workshop-The Board workshops will follow the September and October Board meetings. Several topics have been submitted.

There were no questions.

**Trollwood Performing Arts School**-Dean Rummel, Mitzi Swenson and Superintendent Stremick reported on the Trollwood Performing Arts School in Fargo. A group representing the school district (Superintendent Stremick, Dean Rummel, Mitzi Swenson, Ron Dockter and Michael Stevenson), park district (James Kramer), DSU (Hal Haynes) and the city (Greg Sund) recently toured the performing arts school. It is education driven. They offer several summer school courses for credit plus performing opportunities. The group was very impressed with the Trollwood Performing Arts School and feel that it is a

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great opportunity for students. Discussion followed. Superintendent Stremick will meet with the different entities to discuss possible future steps. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

**Southwest Transportation Study**-The Southwest Transportation Study report is posted under Supporting Documents. David Ripplinger from the Small Urban & Rural Transit Center Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute was available to answer questions on the report. They are preparing planning documents for increased coordination, improved efficiency and safety and security of transportation in southwest North Dakota. Other areas they are looking at include the adoption of new technology that works with the entire system and legal and regulatory restraints. Some of the technology includes video cameras, magnetic I.D. boarding cards and new safety technology. They were contracted by the State Transportation Department. He is currently completing the study and meeting with community groups for comments. The project group will identify the next steps and a proposed budget. Funding may be available for some of the new technology. This item was informational only. No action was requested.

**Consolidated Grant Application Approval for 2008-2009**-The public was invited to make comments regarding the Consolidated Grant Application. There were no comments. A synopsis of the Consolidated Grant application is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. We received notification of the following amounts:

Title I	\$731,578.85	(includes carryover)
Title IIa	\$400,573.00	
Title II d	\$ 15,197.00	(includes carryover)
Title IV	\$ 26,710.00	
Title V	\$ 129.00	(carryover)
Total	\$1,174,187.85	

The Board is required to approve the grant application annually prior to submittal. Action was requested.

Ross moved to approve the Consolidated grant application for Federal grants which includes Title I, Title IIa, Title II d, Title IV and Title V, as presented. Swenson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 proposed budget was included with their request. The NDHSAA recently sanctioned girls' softball as a high school sport in North Dakota. Thirteen schools in the state have sanctioned the sport and will be competing this spring thus far. A number of representatives from the Dickinson Diamonds Fast Pitch Softball Club were present at the meeting. Calvin Dean reviewed Title IX information. They would play during the spring season. Scott LaFond, Diamonds Softball representative, answered questions from the Board. Discussion followed. A handout is posted under Supporting Documents. The administrative recommendation was to table this agenda item.

Swenson moved to table the girls' softball request until the September Board meeting. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Conflict of Interest-Mitzi Swenson**-Mitzi Swenson was gone during the July 14, 2008, Board meeting. A copy of her current Conflict of Interest form is posted under Supporting Documents. President Rummel asked Swenson to identify potential conflicts. Swenson reported that there were no changes on her Conflict of Interest form. Action was requested. Fehr moved to allow Mitzi Swenson to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Ross seconded the motion. Aye-Rummel, Fehr, Ross. Naye-none. Abstain-Swenson. The motion carried.

**2008-2009 Personnel Update**-Vince Reep gave an update on the 2008-2009 personnel changes. They are still looking for a special ed. bus driver, a special ed. paraprofessional for the bus and an ED instructor for DHS. A summary of the 2008-09 personnel changes is posted under Supporting Documents. This item was informational only. No action was requested.

**Budget and Tax Levy**- The Certificate of Levy is due in the County auditor's office August 15. It can be amended until October 10 and the rest of the budget can be changed at any time by Board action. A copy of the school district's Certificate of Levy for the year 2009 is posted under Supporting Documents. Action was requested to approve the expenditure fund levels for 2008-2009, as presented. The administrative recommendation was to approve the budget, as presented.

Swenson moved to approve the general fund expenditures of \$22,502,704, the capital projects fund expenditures of \$1,011,853, the debt services fund expenditures of \$235,535 and the food services fund expenditures of \$891,394 for the 2008-2009 school term. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The administrative recommendation was to levy for 185 mills in the general fund, 10 mills for the building fund and 2.53 mills for the remodeling bonding levy. They are anticipating an estimated mill levy reduction of 5.61 mills. The total amount requested for all levies was \$9,417,000. Action was requested.

Ross moved to approve the Certificate of Levy for \$9,417,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Fuel Bids**-We advertised for bids for fuel (diesel and gasoline) for the transportation department for this school year. The bids were due on August 5. The following bids were received from G.A. Sadowsky & Son, Inc.:

#1 diesel at bidders' pump-\$ .0275/gallon below the posted cash price

#2 diesel at bidders' pump-\$ .0275/gallon below the posted cash price

Unleaded gasoline at the bidders' pump-\$ .0577/gallon below the posted cash price

The administrative recommendation was to accept the low bid by G.A. Sadowsky & Son, Inc. for #1 and #2 diesel for \$ .0275/gallon below the posted cash price and the bid for unleaded gasoline for \$ .0577/gallon below the posted cash price. The bid will be for one year beginning August 21, 2008.

Swenson moved that the Board accept the low bid by G.A. Sadowsky & Son, Inc. for #1 and #2 diesel fuel for \$ .0275/gallon below the posted cash price and the bid for unleaded gasoline for \$ .0577/gallon below the posted cash price. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Department of Public Instruction Certificate of Compliance**-A copy of DPI's Annual Certificate of Compliance for the year 2008-2009 is posted on the school board web site under Supporting Documents. The certificate is submitted to DPI. Action was requested. Fehr moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for the 2008-2009 school year. Swenson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Strategic Plan**-The Dickinson Public Schools Strategic Plan is posted under Supporting Documents. Major goals include: improving student achievement, providing opportunities and support for professional development and enhancing and maintaining business, education and community relationships. Action plans for improving student achievement (math, reading and science) and professional development were distributed and reviewed. Discussion followed. No action was requested. This agenda item was informational only.

**Student Transfer & Withdrawal Report**-Vince Reep presented student transfer and withdrawal information for students K-12, as requested by the Board. We had 90 students transfer into-the-district last year and 124 students transferred out-of-the-district. A copy of his report is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

**Board Policy HEB Expense Reimbursement-First Reading**-Policy HEB Expense Reimbursement was presented for first reading approval. The suggested change was "the approval of travel requests by employees shall be vested in the Superintendent or designee." A copy of the Board policy is posted under Supporting Documents. The new language is underlined. The administrative recommendation was to approve the revision for first reading approval. Action was requested. Swenson moved to revise Policy HEB Expense Reimbursement for first reading approval, as presented. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Open Enrollment**-Ron & Kim Wert applied for open enrollment for Austin, Katie, Alex and Kami Wert to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from the South Heart School District. Jean Hellickson applied for open enrollment for Chance Hellickson 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. Swenson moved to approve the request for Austin, Katie, Alex and Kami Wert and Chance Hellickson to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. Fehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Other**

Fehr stated that Hagen's registration process went very smoothly. A tour of the remodeled science labs and the new Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center ITV classroom at Dickinson High School was given following the Board meeting.

At 6:40 p.m., Swenson moved to adjourn. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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