

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

March 9, 2009; 5 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held a regular meeting on March 9, 2009, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: Dean Rummel, Kris Fehr, Mitzi Swenson, Morty Krieg and Leslie Ross. Administrators present were: Superintendent Stremick, Vince Reep, Becky Meduna, Sherry Libis, Dorothy Martinson, Ron Dockter, Del Quigley, Henry Mack, Calvin Dean and Perry Braunagel. Others present were: Beverly Kinnischtzke, Kathleen Schou, Gary A. Wilz, Karen Heidt and Beth Wischmeyer-Dickinson Press.

President Rummel called the meeting to order.

There were no requests for Public Participation.

There were no deletions to the agenda. President Rummel requested that Baseball Coop Agreement with Killdeer Public Schools be added to the agenda after agenda item X.

Swenson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the February 9, 2009, regular meeting; February 18, 2009, special meeting; March 2, 2009, special meeting; March 3, 2009, special meeting; March 4, 2009, special meeting; bills for March 2009; financial report for March 2009; the pledged assets report for March 2009; the early resignation notifications for Sharon Kadrmas, grade two teacher, Jefferson Elementary; Margaret Mann, grade five teacher, Jefferson Elementary; and Jerry Tuhy, Adult Farm Management coordinator; the RESP Report; the student/staff recognitions; and the tuition waiver agreement for Lindsay Weidman, South Heart to Dickinson; and the addition of Baseball Coop Agreement with Killdeer Public Schools to the agenda. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 1) **Snow make up day**-The snow make up day for February 10 is Monday, April 13. The governor issued a letter excusing snow days beyond two days if you are unable to fit it in your calendar before graduation.
- 2) **Stimulus funds**-We have been given a tentative dollar amount of \$1.3 million in stimulus funds for Title I and Special Education. Title I and Special Education guidelines must be followed when the money is spent. DPI is recommending that school districts look for ways to spend the dollars which don't require eliminating staff in two years when the funds are gone. He reported that the legislature is considering pulling \$50 million from the funding formula. They would use stabilization dollars to replace the money.
- 3) **North Dakota State Assessment test scores**-He reviewed the District-wide raw data scores for the school district in reading and math. A handout was distributed. The Dickinson High School scores include Southwest Community High School. In reading we scored above the state average in all of the categories except one. Lincoln Elementary's grade three scored at 100% in math. This is the first time that we had a grade score 100% on the test. On the math test two grade levels scored just below the state average. Grade 11 was at 49% last year and it went up to 54.3% this year on the District-wide raw data. DHS went up to 56%. They implemented several new strategies at DHS including study sessions and math teachers are

Superintendent's Report cont.

monitoring the math test. AYP scores may be sent out in April. President Rummel thanked Mr. Dockter and his teachers for their efforts in improving the math test scores.

Facility Planning Follow up-The Board discussed facility planning at the February Board meeting. Vince Reep reported on enrollment data regarding attendance areas and neighborhood schools. 66% of Heart River's students live in their attendance area. 53% of Jefferson's students live in their attendance area and 30% of Lincoln's students live in their attendance area. 48% of Roosevelt's students live in their attendance area. Lincoln has 62 students that live north of Interstate 94 and Jefferson has 49 students that live north of Interstate 94. A handout on attendance areas is posted under Supporting Documents. He said that many of our students do not attend their neighborhood school. They will take this data into consideration when developing a facility plan for the school district. Intercity transportation may be included in future discussions. Discussion was also held at the February Board meeting regarding what land is available. President Rummel reported that the land by the community center is not available. They would have to look at other options. President Rummel, Vince Reep and Superintendent Stremick will be meeting to develop short term and long term facility plan options for the Board to consider. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Extracurricular Committee Meeting Report-Vince Reep reported on the extracurricular committee meeting. A handout is posted under Supporting Documents on the school board web site listing the committee's recommendations. The fiscal note for the committee's recommendations is \$2,811. The administrative recommendation was to: increase the elementary basketball coordinator (boys' and girls') compensation rate from 5 % to 6.5 %; to increase the DHS assistant golf coach compensation rate from 6.5 % to 7.5 %; to increase the dance team advisor compensation rate from 5.5 % to 7.5 %; to increase the Acalympics coach from 2 % to 4 %; and to deny the remaining requests. Action was requested. Ross moved to set the extracurricular pay schedule at 6.5 % for the elementary boys' and girls' basketball coordinator, the DHS assistant golf coach at 7.5 %, the dance team advisor at 7.5 % and the Acalympics team coach at 4 % and to deny the other requests. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Requests to increase the DHS cross country percentage and to add baseball and hockey coaches to the extracurricular agreement were denied. The committee also made adjustments to some of the requests. President Rummel thanked the committee for their work.

Open Enrollment Applications-Swenson moved to approve the requests for Tanner Wiege, Kaleb Kostelecky, Kayden Meduna, Dallas Frohlich, Haeden Bullinger, Carly Dehner, Levi and Kyle Swearson, Ethan Dickey, Tia Kilwein, London Kuntz and Alex Buresh to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Bids for Lincoln Boiler System- The school district advertised for mechanical and electrical bids for the Lincoln boiler system. Two mechanical bids were received and two electrical bids were received and opened at 1 p.m. on March 4, 2009.

Acceptance of Bids for Lincoln Boiler System cont.

The following is a summary of the bids:

<u>Mechanical Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Central Mechanical	\$199,300
Williams Plumbing, Heating & Utilities	\$216,900

<u>Electrical Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Berger Electric	\$11,800
Denny's Electric & Motor Repair, Inc.	\$13,900

The administrative recommendation was to accept the low mechanical bid submitted by Central Mechanical for \$199,300 and the low electrical bid submitted by Berger Electric for \$11,800.

Swenson moved to accept the low mechanical bid submitted by Central Mechanical for \$199,300 and the low electrical bid submitted by Berger Electric for \$11,800, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Revision of Policy HCE Gifts, Bequests and Grants and Policy KAIB Advertising in the Schools-First Reading-Policy HCE Gifts, Bequests and Grants and Policy KAIB Advertising in the Schools was presented for first reading. Copies of the policies with the recommended changes are posted under Supporting Documents. The new language is underlined and the language that is to be deleted has a ~~strikeout~~. The administrative recommendation was to approve the revisions for first reading approval. Action was requested.

Ross moved to approve policy HCE Gifts, Bequests and Grants and policy KAIB Advertising in the Schools for first reading approval, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Coop Agreement with Hope Christian Academy-Hope

Christian Academy requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School in girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. The administrative recommendation was to approve the application. Action was requested.

Calvin Dean, activities director, stated that we just recently received the request from Hope Christian Academy and that it must be approved by the North Dakota High School Activities Association in order for the player to play this year. The request involves one student from Hope Christian Academy.

Ross moved to approve the extracurricular cooperative agreement with Hope Christian in girls' fast pitch softball beginning the spring of 2009. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Baseball Coop Agreement with Killdeer Public Schools-Killdeer Public Schools has requested an extracurricular coop with Dickinson High School in baseball beginning the spring of 2009. The administrative recommendation was to approve the application.

Action was requested. Calvin Dean, activities director, stated that we just recently received the request from Killdeer and that it must be approved by the North Dakota High School Activities Association in order for the players to play this year. The request involves two students from Killdeer. They both currently play in the Dickinson summer baseball feeder program.

Baseball Coop Agreement with Killdeer Public Schools cont.

Fehr moved to approve the extracurricular cooperative agreement with Killdeer in DHS baseball beginning the spring of 2009. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation-Board members completed a superintendent's evaluation. President Rummel reviewed the evaluations with Superintendent Stremick. He summarized the evaluations at the meeting. A summary was distributed. President Rummel reported that all evaluation areas were marked satisfactory by all five Board members. The evaluations and the summary will go into Superintendent Stremick's personnel file. President Rummel publicly thanked Dr. Stremick for the job he has done for Dickinson Public Schools. Action was requested.

Swenson moved to acknowledge that school board members evaluated Superintendent Stremick as required by North Dakota Century Code and that the evaluations were satisfactory. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Contract- President Rummel reported on the superintendent contract negotiations with Dr. Douglas Sullivan. President Rummel reported that Dr. Sullivan agreed to the contract terms that were approved by the Board at the March 4 executive session. He signed the contract and will begin on July 1, 2009. Action was requested. Swenson moved to approve the three year contract with Dr. Douglas Sullivan for the position of superintendent of the Dickinson Public Schools with a salary of \$135,000 the first year, \$140,000 the second year and \$145,000 the third year plus benefits, as presented. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Board members thanked the staff for their help with the superintendent search.

At 5:55 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

