

TO: School Board Members
FROM: Douglas W. Sullivan, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Agenda Background
DATE: August 10, 2015

- I. Call to Order** – Board President Ricks will call the meeting to order.
- II. Public Participation** - Any person wishing to address the Board may do so by completing a written request prior to the meeting. The request must be within the guidelines of Board Policy BCBA, Public Participation at Board Meetings.
- III. Additional Agenda Items/Removal of Items from Consent Agenda** – Items which require Board action may be placed on the agenda by approval of a majority of the Board members present. Board members may request that an item on the consent agenda be removed for consideration by itself.
- IV. Consent Agenda**
- a. Minutes – July 13, 2015, Annual Meeting. The minutes are posted under Minutes on the school board web site.
 - b. Bills – The bills are posted under Financial Reports on the school board web site.
 - c. Financial Report – The Financial Report is posted under Financial Reports on the school board web site.
 - d. Pledged Assets Report – The Pledged Assets Report is posted under Financial Reports on the school board web site.
 - e. Personnel Reports – The personnel reports are posted under Supporting Documents on the school board website.
 - f. Tuition Waiver Agreements – Jonathan Schamel requested a tuition waiver from South Heart to Dickinson. Pamela Praus requested a tuition waiver from New England to Dickinson. Priscilla Schamel requested a tuition waiver from South Heart to Dickinson. All children did not attend DPS last spring.
 - h. Dissolve Open Enrollment – Dissolve the open enrollment for two children of Jeffrey Devenport from South Heart to Dickinson. The children now live in Dickinson.

Sample motion: “I move to approve the agenda (or revised agenda) including the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the July 13, 2015, annual meeting; the bills for August 2015; the financial reports for August 2015; the pledged assets report for August 2015; the personnel reports; a tuition waiver request for Jonathan Schamel from South Heart to Dickinson, a tuition waiver request for a child of Pamela Praus, a tuition waiver request for a child of Priscilla Schamel; and dissolve the open enrollment for two children of Jeffrey Devenport; as presented.”

- V. Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Sullivan will report on topics which do not appear elsewhere in the agenda.
- VI. Business Topics**
- a. Summer Building and Grounds Project Update – Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep will report on the status of the building and grounds projects being done this summer.

Available on the website is a spreadsheet summarizing the completed projects. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.

- b. **Health Insurance Committee Report** – Business Manager Vince Reep will report on the recommendations of the Health Insurance Committee and update the Board on the program. The committee met on July 15 and recommends an increase in the premiums of 8%. Available on the website is an information sheet regarding the premium rate. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- c. **Prairie Rose Elementary School Expansion Update** – Assistant Superintendent Reep and Superintendent Sullivan will address the Board providing information regarding the completion of the expansion at Prairie Rose Elementary. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- d. **Roughrider Career and Technology Center (RACTC) Update** – President Ricks is the board representative on the RACTC Governing Board. She will update board members on the hiring process for a new director. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- e. **Teacher Negotiations Update** – Vice-president Fehr and Board Member Hanson will update board members regarding teacher negotiations. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- f. **Budget Input and Development Committee** – The Budget Committee met on July 15 and August 6. Available under Supporting Documents are the minutes from those meetings. Mrs. Ross and Mr. Hanson are the Board representatives on this committee. Superintendent Sullivan and Assistant Superintendent Reep will provide summaries from the budget meetings. This agenda item is informational only. No action is requested.
- g. **Budget and Tax Levy** - The Certificate of Levy is due in the County auditor’s office August 15. It may be amended until October 10 and the rest of the budget may be changed at any time by Board action. The revenue and expenditures are listed below.

General Fund	Revenue <u>\$43,173,226</u>	Expenditures <u>\$43,173,226</u>
Capital Projects Fund	Revenue <u>\$58,878,417</u>	Expenditures <u>\$37,583,323</u>
Debt Services Fund	Revenue <u>\$4,646,550</u>	Expenditures <u>\$1,831,369</u>
Food Services Fund	Revenue <u>\$1,308,600</u>	Expenditures <u>\$1,711,023</u>

Action is requested to approve the expenditure fund levels for 2015-2016. The administrative recommendation is to approve the budget as presented. **Sample motion: “I move to approve the general fund expenditures of \$43,173,226, the capital projects**

fund expenditures of \$37,583,323, the debt services fund expenditures of \$1,831,369, and the food services fund expenditures of \$1,711,023 for the 2015-2016 school term.”

A copy of our Certificate of Levy for the year 2015-2016 is posted under Supporting Documents. The administrative and budget committee recommendation is to levy for 54.71 mills in the general fund, 10 mills in the building fund, and 23.75 mills in debt services for a total of 88.46 mills. This is an increase of 3.6 mills. The total amount requested for all levies is \$14,531,454. Action is requested. **Sample motion: “I move to approve the Certificate of Levy for \$14,531,454 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.”**

- h. Open Enrollment Applications** –Mary Gouker applied for open enrollment for her child to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools from South Heart School District. Christopher Reindel applied for open enrollment for his two children to be admitted to DPS from New England Public. Krista Austin applied for open enrollment for her child to be admitted to DPS from Richardton-Taylor. All families recently moved and therefore the deadline waiver applies. The administrative recommendation is to approve the applications. Action is requested. **Sample motion: “I move to approve the request for a child of Mary Gouker, two children of Christopher Reindel, and one child of Krista Austin to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools as per the open enrollment request.”**
- i. School Board Policy Revisions, Second Reading and Final Adoption** –
- i. Policy FGDD-Student Publications and Freedom of Expression is available on the website under Supporting Documents. NDSBA has recommended revisions to board policy FGDD-Student Publications based on the passing of HB 1471. Posted under supporting documents is a copy of the policy. Proposed revisions from the NDSBA are noted in **red** text, proposed administrator revisions are noted in **purple** text. The administrative recommendation is to revise policy FGDD. Action is requested and a roll call vote is required on the motion. **Sample motion: “I move to complete the second reading of revised policy FGDD-Student Publications and Freedom of Expression, as presented.”**
 - ii. Policy AAC-Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy is available on the website under Supporting Documents. Attorney Phillips has provided guidance to the Board regarding proposed revisions to the policy. Proposed revisions from the NDSBA are noted in **red** text; proposed revisions from the School Board are noted in **purple** text; proposed revisions recommended by Attorney Phillips are noted in **blue** text. At the March 9 and July 13 School Board meetings, policy AAC was proposed for a second reading but was then tabled. Action is requested. A roll call vote is required on the motion. **Sample motion: “I move to complete the second reading of revised policy AAC-Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment.”**

VII. Other

VIII. Adjournment

Announcements:

Booster Club Kick-off Picnic, Sunday, August 23, 5:30 p.m. at the Badlands Activities Center.