

The Morning After



Notes from last night's school board meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2012

- 1) **Call to Order** – Board President Kris Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) **Election of Officers**
 - a. **President** - The Board approved the motion for the nomination of Mrs. Kris Fehr as president of the Dickinson Public School District Board for 2012-2013.
 - b. **Vice-president** – The Board approved the motion for the nomination of Mr. Jason Hanson as vice-president of the Dickinson Public School District Board for 2012-2013.
- 3) **Consent Agenda and Personnel Report** – The Board approved the agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports; the personnel reports; and a tuition waiver agreement for two children of Frank Jorda from Dickinson to Billings County. The RACTC report and the RESP report were not received. There were no student/staff recognitions.
- 4) **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following:
 - a. **Roughrider Area Career and Technology Center (RACTC) Report** – Posted on the June Board Meeting website is a summary of the DPS cost for services and a projection for next year's services. This item was inadvertently missed at the June Board meeting.
 - b. **Fall Registration and Open House Schedule** – Available on the website under Supporting Documents in information regarding the registration and open houses at the schools within the District.
 - c. **North Dakota School Boards Association Policy Services** – A copy of the agreement for school board policy services for 2012-2013 is available on the website under Supporting Documents. There is a \$50 increase in the fees from last year.
 - d. **Stark County Social Services Agreement** – A copy of the agreement between DPS and Stark County Social Services for 2012-2013 is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. There is an increase of \$3,378 from last year for services provided by Stark County Social Services.
 - e. **State Farm Insurance** – Superintendent Sullivan publicly recognized and thanked State Farm Insurance for sponsoring the "Alive at 25" defensive driving course provided to the DHS driver's education students this summer at no cost to the students.
 - f. **Early Release Days** – The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has approved a request from DPS to continue to provide professional development to faculty and staff during early release days. Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Director of Instruction, addressed the Board providing information that is shared during the early release days. For the upcoming school year, the elementary buildings will be implementing new curriculum for language arts. The early release dates will provide an opportunity for additional coaching to teacher teams regarding the new curriculum. Other areas covered in all schools during the early release dates will include benchmark assessments, professional learning communities, student enrichment, team collaboration, school improvement, and meaningful student intervention.

- 5) **Activities/Athletic/PAC Fundraising Data** – Available on the website are summary reports for the activities/athletic fundraising and a separate summary document for PAC fundraising. Superintendent Sullivan said the information posted indicates the club or activity and the net percentage of return to the club or activity. Board President Fehr inquired if the number of fundraising activities has changed over the past few years. DHS Principal Dockter indicated there had been a decrease at the high school level. Ms. Ross expressed concern for fundraising with little return to the fund. President Fehr requested the fundraising sheets students are using should indicate the purpose of the fundraising, such as a field trip. President Fehr requested the high school data be updated and to report back to the Board periodically on the fundraising data. She also requested information be identifiable for the fundraising goal. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 6) **Baseball Club Update** – DHS Principal Dockter addressed the Board regarding the transition from baseball as a club sport to a school-organized sport. A summary report provided by Mr. Mark Rerick is available on the website under Supporting Documents. There was discussion regarding ticket takers and the baseball bus. Mr. Dockter indicated it seemed to be a good transition. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 7) **2011-2012 Budget Statistics**- Superintendent Sullivan reported on behalf of Assistant Superintendent Reep. Dr. Sullivan reported the district funds are healthy with a positive cash balance. The conservative approach by the school board allows the district funds to maintain a comfortable balance. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.
- 8) **Annual Financial Report** – Superintendent Sullivan reported on behalf of Assistant Superintendent Reep. Available on the website is a summary of the 2011-2012 expenditures and revenue in DPI format. Dr. Sullivan reported the 2010-2011 average cost per student was \$8,445. In 2011-2012, the average cost per student went up \$139 (1.6%) to \$8,584. The Board approved the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.
- 9) **Meeting Day and Time** - The Board approved the regular meeting of the Dickinson Public School District Board for 2012-2013 to be set for the second Monday of each month beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the exception of the August 13 meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. and the November meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m.
- 10) **Board Workshops** – The Board scheduled the Board workshops on Monday, October 8 and Tuesday, November 13 following the Board meetings.
- 11) **School Board Authorized Representative** - The Board appointed Superintendent Douglas W. Sullivan as the authorized Dickinson Public School District representative to the DPI and the legislature. The board also authorized Superintendent Sullivan to be the representative for the District for all federal programs, including but not limited to: all school lunch programs, vocational programs, the Energy Development Impact Office, Title I, Title IIa, E-rate and Job Service programs.
- 12) **Special Education Authorized Representative** – The Board named Mrs. Dorothy Martinson as the authorized representative for the Dickinson Public School's VI-B and other special education grants.

- 13) **Title I Look-Alike Program** – The Board designated supplemental funds in the amount of \$65,873 be set aside by the school district for the 2012-2013 school year to provide supplemental services for at-risk students at Jefferson Elementary to support their achievement toward meeting the state’s student academic achievement standards.
- 14) **Designate Official Newspaper** – The Board designated the Dickinson Press as the official newspaper of the Dickinson Public School District.
- 15) **Bank Depository Designation** – The Board designated American Bank Center to be the official depository for the school district checking account and other investments and the Board further designated Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of the West, Dacotah Bank, and Dakota Community Bank as depositories for investments for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- 16) **Committee Assignments** – The Board designated for 2012-2013 Mrs. Kris Fehr and Ms. Leslie Ross as Board representatives on the teacher collaborative bargaining team, Mrs. Kris Fehr and Mr. Jason Hanson as Board representatives on the administrative bargaining team, designated Mrs. Kris Fehr as the primary school board representative and Mr. Scott Staudinger as the secondary school board representative on the Roughrider Education Services Program, and designated Mr. Jason Hanson as the primary school board representative and Dr. Morton Krieg as the secondary school board representative on the Roughrider Area Career & Technology Center. Available on the website under Supporting Documents is a document listing other committee assignments.
- 17) **Conflict of Interest** – Board members declared changes and updates to their Statement of Interest forms. The Board moved to allow Mr. Jason Hanson, Mr. Scott Staudinger, Dr. Morton Krieg, Ms. Leslie Ross, and Mrs. Kris Fehr to participate and vote on the identified potential conflicts in accordance with NDCC 15.1-07-17. Board member conflict of interest forms are available on the website under Supporting Documents.
- 18) **Open Enrollment Application** –The Board approved a request for a child of Patricia Harrington-Staines to be admitted to the Dickinson Public Schools under the open enrollment policy.
- 19) **Other** – President Fehr congratulated Dr. Marcus Lewton on receiving his doctorate. She further welcomed the new administrators, Dr. Rebecca Pitkin, Dr. Marcus Lewton, Mr. Jay Hepperle and Mr. Guy Fridley.
- 20) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.