



Classified Leadership Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024; 1:30 p.m.
Professional Learning Lab

Present: Superintendent Marcus Lewton, Business Manager Stephanie Hunter, Julie Henderson (Berg), Miranda Massey (Roosevelt), Beth Schmitt (Heart River), Sheila Schilling (Jefferson), Heidi Smith (Lincoln), Meg Gion (Prairie Rose), Kristi Eckes (Dickinson Middle), Annette Schroeder (Dickinson High), Jeffrey Whitehead (Hagen), Kori Wilson (CTE), and Kayla Kennedy (Central Administration Offices).

Absent: Assistant Superintendent Keith Harris

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lewton at 1:30 p.m.
- II. Additions/Deletions to Agenda Items** – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the May 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes** – Heidi Smith motioned to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting. Kayla Kennedy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Old Business**
- V. New Business**
Review the October 7, 2024, school board meeting agenda-
Dr. Lewton highlighted the agenda from the previous night's School Board Meeting. The agenda can be viewed online.

Dr. Lewton recognized the wonderful things happening in the district with the staff and students, noting a phrase from Coach Hafner's core values, "Love the person and be good to your teammates."

Superintendent Lewton gave an update regarding current and future buildings and grounds projects:

- Roosevelt is still under construction with anticipation of a completion date early 2025.
- Lincoln and Heart River's projects are nearing completion as they are waiting on various items such as hardware, etc.
- Jefferson, Berg, and Heart River are projected to have various construction projects during the summer of 2025.
- Gym floors located at DMS, DHS, and Berg will be annually resurfaced during the summer of 2025.
- DHS is estimated to break ground on new construction plans and recommendations, that were presented by ICON, early spring of 2025. Dr. Lewton noted that ICON is working diligently on construction phases that will provide more details on the changes forthcoming.

Superintendent Lewton discussed districtwide data. Specifically, 5th grade math data was lower than anticipated. Elementary principals are working on providing professional development to increase scores in the future.

Inward and Outward migration was discussed with the leadership team. Our EL numbers have significantly increased from 160 last year, to 295 this year. Julie Henderson and Miranda Massey mentioned different language barriers hinder office and classroom day to day procedures. The team collectively stated that it would be useful to have various apps and resources other than “Google Translate” for private and individualized language translations. Kori Wilson was going to look into an app that uses the Promethean board to translate. Julie Henderson inquired about an app with earphone translations and Dr. Lewton was going to check into Beth Hurt at the ALC to see if there were additional resources.

Stephanie Hunter talked through health insurance premium changes. The district will be facing a 7.5-8% increase this year. Stephanie did mention if we wanted a lower increase, the district would have to compromise the quality of the healthcare plan. The health care committee agreed to keep quality the same. Open enrollment is projected to begin November 4.

VI. Other

Sheila Schilling asked about the property tax measure 4 and how the bond for DHS would affect residents. Dr. Lewton advised that the bond is bonded indebtedness and will still be owed on until fully paid off.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. Location TBD.