

Unapproved School Board Meeting Minutes

Dickinson Public Schools
Regular Meeting

November 8, 2010; 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Central Office

The Dickinson Public School Board held their regular meeting on November 8, 2010, at the Central Administration Office. Board members present were: President Kris Fehr, Dr. Becky Pitkin, Dr. Morton Krieg, Mr. Jason Hanson, and Ms. Leslie Ross. Administrators present were: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Mr. Ron Dockter, Mrs. Melanie Kathrein, Mr. Perry Braunagel, Mr. Calvin Dean, Mr. Shawn Leiss, and Mr. Mark Rerick. Others present were: Mrs. Naomi Thorson, Mrs. Beverly Kinnischtzke, Ms. Lisa Miller from the Dickinson Press, and Mrs. Twila Petersen.

President Fehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were no requests for Public Participation.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Ms. Ross moved to approve the agenda including the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the October 11, 2010, regular meeting; minutes from the October 11, 2010, workshop; the bills for November 2010; the financial report for November 2010; the pledged assets report for November 2010; the personnel reports; the student/staff recognition; the RESP report; the RACTC report; and the ND ETC Grant application. There were no tuition waiver agreements. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Sullivan reported on the following topics:

- a. **Gearing Up For Kindergarten** – Board members should have received an invitation from Mrs. Kilwein to attend these sessions. This would be a great opportunity for Board members to observe this program.
- b. **Letter from Senator Conrad Regarding ESEA Reauthorization** – A copy of the letter from Senator Conrad to Secretary of Education Duncan is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Within the letter, Senator Conrad recognizes the concerns with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and how it affects rural educational communities such as those found in North Dakota.
- c. **American Education Week** – This year, American Education Week is being recognized November 14-20. The response Dickinson Public Schools has received from the community to participate in activities during that week has been outstanding.
- d. **Legislative Meeting, November 17** – The meeting organized by the North Dakota Study School Council (NDSSC) in Minot for November 17 has been postponed due to conflicts with committee meetings the legislators need to attend.

Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update – A report on Lincoln Elementary's progress on the addition is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Pictures of Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary's additions are also posted on the website. Superintendent Sullivan reported the improvements to the additions at Jefferson Elementary include all the windows being installed, the completion of the brick work with sheet rocking to begin this week. There should be substantial completion at Jefferson Elementary by March 2011.

Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Additions Update (Cont.)

At Lincoln Elementary, the walls in the gymnasium have been primed and work may begin this week on the interior brick work. The majority of the interior sheet rocking has been completed. The project is ahead of schedule and there should be substantial completion by February 2011. This agenda item was informational only. No action was requested.

Southwest Community High School (SWCHS) Report – Principal Shawn Leiss from SWCHS prepared a report for the school which is posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Mr. Leiss addressed the Board and summarized the report indicating the new facility has been a great improvement for the students and staff. The building is more private, has fewer distractions, and better noise reduction. This could be a record school year for the number of graduates from SWCHS. This agenda item was informational only. No action was required.

North Dakota School Board Association Convention

- a. Convention Report and Legal Seminar Report – President Fehr, Dr. Pitkin, Mr. Hanson, and Superintendent Sullivan each gave brief reports on their attendance to the recent North Dakota School Board Convention. Copies of their reports from the convention and seminars are posted on the website under Supporting Documents. Various topics included teacher licensing in North Dakota, teacher compensation pay, student contact days, high school athletics liability, employee discipline and termination, collective bargaining, and special education issues.
- b. New Member Seminar Report – Mr. Hanson gave a brief report on the New Member Seminar he recently attended. He felt the discussion regarding the TFFR legislative studies was of particular interest.

Superintendent's Evaluation – President Fehr and Superintendent Sullivan selected three areas from the superintendent's job description to be evaluated. The areas are: Recruitment/retention of staff (licensed and non-licensed), relationship with students and parents, and financial management skills. A copy of the superintendent's job description is posted under Supporting Documents. In the evaluation form, Superintendent Sullivan will respond to the topics in writing and forward the evaluation to the school board members for their comments. Board members are asked to return the evaluation forms to President Fehr by December 1. The written feedback and comments from the Board members will be the basis of the evaluation. The legal deadline for completion of the process is December 15. The Board will review the evaluation at their December 13 Board meeting. This agenda item was informational only. No action was required.

Request Approval of the Dunn County GPT Infrastructure Grant Application – On behalf of Assistant Superintendent Reep, Superintendent Sullivan explained any money received by Dickinson Public Schools would count as county revenue within the state funding formula. The justification for the grant application that will be submitted to the Dunn County Commissioners is to help defray costs incurred for the additions at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary. A copy of the grant application is posted under Supporting Documents and is presented for consideration by the Board. Action was required. Dr. Pitkin moved to approve the grant application to the Dunn County Commissioners for the Dunn County GPT Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$344,040 for costs incurred to the District from the additions at Lincoln

Request Approval of the Dunn County GPT Infrastructure Grant Application (Cont.)

Elementary and Jefferson Elementary schools, as presented. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hockey Agreement - Mr. Mark Rerick, District-wide activities director, addressed the Board regarding the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickinson Public Schools and the Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc. for the boys and girls hockey. Mr. Rerick has corresponded with Mr. Dave Hanneman, Dickinson Hockey Club Coordinator and Mr. Lynn McChesney, Dickinson Hockey Club Board president to review the Memorandum of Understanding. Dickinson Youth Activities would like to enter into a one-year agreement. Changes have been made to items #3 and #6 of the 2009-2010 agreement. Included in the change is the transportation costs are now covered by the school district, not the club. A copy of the agreement is posted under Supporting Documents. Action was requested. Ms. Ross moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickinson Public Schools and Dickinson Youth Activities, Inc./Dickinson Hockey Club for boys and girls hockey for the 2010-2011 school year, as presented. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other – There were no other items for discussion.

Adjournment – At 5:30 p.m., Ms. Ross moved to adjourn. Dr. Krieg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kris Fehr, Board President

Vince Reep, Business Manager

Twila Petersen, Secretary