

Follow-Up Report
Parkston School Board Meeting
Elementary Conference Room
Regular Meeting February 15, 2011 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve agenda
5. Approve minutes
6. Accept financial reports
7. Approve claims
8. Visitors and Correspondence – Correspondence was received from the community regarding the use of the armory for the All School Reunion.
9. Superintendent report – I had a brief report on Legislation, capital projects and budgeting. Nothing real exciting or pressing here. I did field a few questions however regarding topics we have discussed. One question centered on the question if the live broadcasts are impacting our attendance at games. Though we do not have hard numbers, I believe that it is somewhat evident that the live broadcasts have influenced attendance. It has appeared to me that the attendance has been more influenced for the boy's basketball team than the girls. Having said that, the success of their seasons may also have something to do with this. We also pointed out that while we may have a negative influence on gate receipts, we certainly have had a positive PR campaign for the school. The program has been widely accepted and supported by the community and has been recognized state wide. The program has also brought in thousands of dollars of donations, thus have probably offset any loss in gate receipts. Having said that, there is also something got be said about filling seats for the atmosphere of the student athletes. We will need to keep an eye on this and we could go to tape delays, rather than live broadcasts. We also discussed some conversations that board members had regarding the music being played between games. There is a dislike for the type of music and how loud the music is.
10. Principal Report/Technology Report – Neither principal had a report, but Mr. Kinneberg however did report on the Media Class and Club. He spoke of a \$5000 donation that Farmers State Bank is willing to make to the club. They did inquire as to advertising time on the network and then the board and Mr. Kinneberg had a discussion about selling advertising time/commercials. We will be working on this proposal.
11. Old Business
 - a. School Credit Card Policy – We had the second reading of the credit card policy, no changes were made.
12. New Business
 - a. Consider letting bids/quotes- The board agreed to use the services of Associated Consulting Engineering Inc to draw up the specs, bid books, bid documents for the Boiler Replacement project. The same company will also review the specs for the lighting of the football field. Here, we will seek firm quotes. Lastly, the board agreed to go out for quotes for a new phone system.

- b. Consider resignations and early retirement request – The board had 3 letters of resignation to consider. First, it accepted the resignation and granted the request of early retirement benefits for Irene Thury. The board thanked her for her years of service. The teacher recognition committee will be asked to provide her with a plaque. Leslie Warnke resigned her position as cheerleading advisor. The resignation was accepted upon finding a suitable replacement. Lastly, the resignation of Sarah Eggers was accepted and thanked for her years of service.
 - c. Consider Make-up days- The board discussed make-up days and the fact that the calendar says that snow days will be made up at the end. We discussed the fact that by coming back 4 days and having the last day as a Monday, we will have many kids skip out and for the best education of children, that day is not the best day to add to the calendar as the last day. Having said that, I recommended that the board add three days at this time and wait on identifying the 4th make up day. In the future, the language regarding when make-up days will be added, will not be included on the calendar.
 - d. Accept donation – The board accepted a donation of \$1000 from Jon Proehl for the band program.
 - e. Budget Planning Presentation – I presented a detailed analysis of the budget with the proposals that are being kicked around in Pierre. Depending upon the final plan out of Pierre, with declining enrollment, we will be short \$185,000 to \$325,000. We also identified about 95K in cuts that we plan to implement as of today. This could change pending enrollment in the elementary. We proposed to use existing staff (general fund staff) to fill the vacancies left by Mrs. Thury and Ms. Eggers. Thus, staff will either be given these positions if they seek them, or they will be assigned these positions. Again, this is pending what happens with enrollment. We then went into further detail as to other options we have available. The PDF to this presentation can be found on my website.
 - f. Executive Session
 - i. Personnel – Supt Evaluation – The board went into executive session to complete my evaluation. The board reviewed the evaluation with me and awarded me a two year extension to my contract for which I am most thankful.
 - ii. Negotiations – The board discussed upcoming negotiations with staff
13. Reconsider PEA Secretarial Staff Negotiated Agreement – The board rescinded a previous motion agreeing to the Secretarial Staff Negotiated agreement and then moved to accept a revised copy.
14. Authorize publication of certain salaries – the board then authorized the publication of classified salaries pursuant to codified law
15. Adjourn