

Agenda
Parkston School Board Meeting
Elementary Conference Room
Special Meeting June 27, 2011 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum- Hora, Proehl, Heisinger present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve agenda/changes to agenda – Agenda was approved with the addition of letters g, h, and i, listed below.
5. Approve claims – Claims were approved
6. New Business
 - a. Approve Health Contract – The Avera contract that provides student health services was approved for the 2011-12 school year.
 - b. Accept Resignation – The resignation from Trish Freeland for drama was accepted.
 - c. Accept Contracts – Contracts were issued to Morgan Casey, Special education, Sandra Schroeder, Nurse, LeOnna Koehn, SPED Paraprofessional, Colleen Mette, Asst VB, and Leslie Warnke, Drama
 - d. Approve Open Enrollment Applications – Two open enrollment applications were accepted. Both applications come from the Tripp Delmont school district, with one being an 11th grade student and the other a Kindergarten student.
 - e. Consider bids for bus and tractor – The high bid of \$1851 from Larry Mehlhaff for the Ford Tractor was accepted. Likewise, the high bid of \$1250 from Mike Muntefering for the school bus was accepted.
 - f. Finalization of 2010-2011 Budget and make adjustments if necessary - The board heard information regarding the year end numbers for the 2010-2011 school budget. In the general fund, revenue will be \$3,655,907 while the expenditures will be \$3,701,217.64. Thus the district will deficit spends \$45,309 unless transfers are made. Likewise, in Capital Outlay, the district anticipates deficit spending by \$9,000. After discussion, the board moved to adopt a supplemental budget that included five items. Three items were simply functions that were over budget by slight amounts

that needed to be corrected. The other two moves were more significant. First, the board moved to pay \$50,000 of South Dakota Retirement from the Pension fund with cash on hand rather than pay it from the general fund. Secondly, the board also elected to pay \$50,000 additional of bussing expenses from the Capital Outlay fund rather than pay it from the general fund. Both moves will be funded with cash on hand in those accounts.

With these moves, it is anticipated that the general fund balance will grow slightly, knowing that next year the school district will feel the full brunt of the 8.6% funding cut. Early estimates suggest that the deficit in the general fund will be near \$175,000, up from the \$50,000 encountered this year. (The district will lose \$263,000 in revenue plus the \$50,000 it ended this year short, for a total shortfall of \$313,000. Cuts were made totaling \$140,000, leaving the district \$173,000 short).

As a result, the board will be looking at making similar moves at the conclusion of next year's (2011-12) budget. Fortunately, we have one-time revenue available for next year that will limit the impact to reserves. After that however, unless things change in Pierre, we will feel the greatest impact of the budget cuts during the 2012-13 school year.

- g. g.) Ratify Negotiated Agreement - The board ratified all three negotiated agreements and will wait for ratification from the associations before releasing details of the process.
- h. h.) Approve SDSDBF participation agreement (Health Insurance) - The board took action and agreed to join the South Dakota School District Benefit Fund for Health Insurance for next year. This is the same group the district has been with for years.
- i. i.) Discussion item
 - 1) Consent Calendar – the board will experiment with a consent calendar in the coming months. Here, all items of “routine” business are included in the consent calendar and acted upon with a single motion without debate or discussion. This is designed to save time. Should something be placed on the consent calendar that a member would like to debate, they simply need to ask to have it removed, where it will be acted upon in a normal fashion.
 - 2) Open Forum – Discussion was also held regarding an open forum. It was discussed that we should consider a time when people could come and talk to the board without notifying the board in advance. It was discussed that such a forum comes with certain risks. Primarily, without advance knowledge of what is going to be discussed, information relevant to the topic cannot be collected to help answer questions. Furthermore, there is a risk that personnel items could arise that would be better handled in executive session. Thus the board concluded that they want to encourage the public to voice their thoughts and provide feedback during the normal, “Visitor and Correspondence” section of the agenda. We simply would ask that you notify us in advance so that we may be better able to provide relevant data to the

board or redirect the conversation to Executive Session should the matter be in regard to personnel.

3) Safe Schools Grant – In conjunction with the City of Parkston, the school district helped secure a grant for \$107,000 for a Safe Routes to School Grant. The grant will provide infrastructure upgrades, specifically for sidewalks on main street between the school and railroad tracks. There will be other educational components as well. Chief Reichenberg deserves special recognition for his work on the project.

7. Adjourn