

Follow-Up Report
Parkston October School Board Meeting
Elementary Conference Room
Regular Meeting November 8, 2010 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve agenda – the agenda was amended to include the consideration of early release dates for professional development and the discussion of the Alltel –AT&T change over.
5. Approve minutes
6. Accept financial reports
7. Approve claims
8. Superintendent report –I gave a report on a number of items. First, I distributed the Special Education Part B Survey that was provided to us by the Department of Education. I then shared with the board that we will have our Federal Programs Title Review next week and that we are prepared and expect good findings. I also shared that our Special Education review will also be held this year with an expected review in January. American Education Week is coming up and I inquired if there was anything in particular that the board wanted to do for the staff. I also reported that Red Ribbon Week and it's activities went well in promoting drug and alcohol awareness. I then reported that we had the Drug Dog go thru the school and parking lot and we had no incidents. I also shared that we brought back the two gentlemen who presented on Bullying and had them provide education for parents during conferences. Lastly, I reported on two potential capital projects that we are investigating for the coming summer. One is a new phone/intercom system and the second is lighting for the football field.
9. Principal Report/AD Report – Neither principal had a report to give. Mr. Vanlaecken reported on the conclusion of fall sports and that winter sports would begin shortly.
10. Old Business
 - a. Training Rules Revision – Second Reading – A second reading was held on the proposed training rules revision. Language was added to ensure it was clear that if a student elected to pursue an evaluation and further treatment, the cost of such would be to the student. Rather than conduct a third reading, the board moved to adopt the policy immediately (with the aforementioned changes). The motion carried.
 - b. Land Swap – Late in the day, we received notice that our school attorney had received communication with the Hanson County State's Attorney regarding the requirements of a variance that was needed for a family in their county and our school district for construction on their property. The family has been required by the Hanson County zoning board to get a variance anytime they built on the home place. It is the opinion of our attorney and the Hanson County State's Attorney that a zoning variance and school districts have nothing in common. In other words, a patron should not be required to get a variance for building purposes on the basis of school district boundaries. Thus, it was recommended that the board refuse the request to

swap property with another school district. The item was left on the table until the next meeting.

- c. Exclusive Contract Pepsi – A motion was made to have a “Parity” contract with Coke and it received a second, but failed on a 3-2 vote. A motion was then made to have an exclusive contract with Pepsi but died for a lack of second.

11. New Business

- a. Homeless Policy Review – A second reading was held on the Homeless policy. No changes were made.
- b. Consider Open Enrollment Application – An open enrollment application from the Armour school district was approved for an 11th grade student.
- c. Void Checks- Seven checks were void.
- d. Accept Bid for EZ Vacuum Trailer –A bid for \$100 was accepted for the EZ Vacuum Trailer.
- e. Weightlifting program for AAU Group – AAU board members were present to ask permission to use the facilities to educate 4-6 grade students on the importance of weight training and to instruct students on the proper techniques. Insurance and liability matters were discussed and the request was approved.
- f. Consider Release Dates - The board approved the request to dismiss school at 1:00 on the following dates for the purpose of Professional Development. December 3, January 14, February 18, March 25 and April 15
- g. Alltel – ATT&T Change over - For the past few years, the school district has provided a data device and service to certain staff so that they could receive and send email messages. (Blackberries and service). With the Alltel –ATT change over, the school will be required to make some changes. An inconvenience that was discussed was that staff was finding it cumbersome to carry two devices. 1 –their own private cell phone and 2-the school data device. The board was asked if they would consider reimbursing the staff for data services if the staff members would agree to contractual language that required them to “purchase, maintain and carry a data device to receive and send school email”. In exchange, the board agreed to reimburse the staff for the cost of the data portion bill, which is \$25 per month. The cost to the district for an entire year will increase by a total of \$500 over the previous arrangement.
- h. Executive Session- The board went into executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters. No action was taken upon their coming out of executive session.

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