

Follow-Up Report
Parkston October School Board Meeting
Elementary Conference Room
Regular Meeting October 11, 2010 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. Correspondence/visitors – Parents came to the meeting asking to visit with the board in executive session regarding a student matter. The board spent an hour in executive session before coming out.
9. Superintendent report
 - a. Secretary Advisory Meeting – The Secretary of Education Advisory Council met earlier this week and we discussed a number of items. Items of particular interest include the problems being encountered state-wide with the bussing of open enrolled students, the adoption of new content standards, and legislation.
 - b. Workforce Development and Brain Drain Meetings – I was a participant in two meetings dealing with workforce development and the need of rural communities to find a means to attract people back to the plains and stop the Brain Drain that is occurring by having our best and brightest leave the rural areas for the more populated areas.
 - c. Red Ribbon Week – We continue to make plans for Red Ribbon week, an alcohol and drug awareness week.
 - d. State of the District – I recorded the State of the District Address last week and they are working on the edited version. They hope to have it air by the end of this week.
 - e. Count Day – Count day was the last Friday of September. We were down 20 students. With averaging and the changes in the small school factor, our funding will basically be a wash from last year.
 - f. Legislation (synthetic drugs) – I have made contact with several legislators (Cooper Garnos and Gene Abdallah) as well as the Attorney General office regarding synthetic drugs that are showing up. All are on board to draft legislation regarding the matter. Since my initial phone calls, Garnos had gotten back to me a couple times with research that they have come up with. There is much interest in this legislation
 - g. Negotiations – I was in contact with SDEA asking for a copy of the Classified PEA proposal for the school board to consider prior to the scheduled October 19 meeting. They did not have a proposal ready for the board and I am not sure if negotiations will proceed as scheduled or if they will need to be rescheduled.

10. Principal Report/AD Report – Mr. Kollmann asked and received permission from the school board to grant the Seniors an extra 9 weeks of Senior privileges for their meeting the standards and scoring well on the NCLB tests taken as Juniors. Mr. Vanlaecken reported on the fall sports.

11. Old Business
 - a. Training Rules Revision – First Reading – The administration provided a revised training rules policy to the board for their consideration. The policy that the administration recommends provides for an assessment and treatment for the first drug use offense rather than simply being out for a calendar year. This change reflects the same language as South Dakota Codified Law. The administration feels that this change provides a stronger policy, and is student centered, providing a student with therapy and counseling. The revision also addresses mood altering substances that the current policy omits all together. The administration is asking for three readings and adoption in December. This seemed to be the item of greatest debate regarding the revision. Should the policy be adopted mid-year, or should it wait until next year? If you recall, last year we revised this policy and waited until the new school year to implement it. The thought process is that since we did it this way the last time, we should follow suit with this revision. By doing something to the contrary, it may look as if certain students are receiving preferential treatment. The administration recommended implementation in December for two reasons. Last year when the policy was delayed to be implemented until the next school year, it was recommended as such because we wanted to avoid the possibility of having different students(who committed the same violation) receiving different penalties during the same school year. That would not be the case this time for it was recommended that every student would receive the same penalty this school year. Secondly, the administration wants to close as quickly as possible, the “loop-hole” that our current policy omits when it comes to synthetic drugs, steroids, inhalants, and other mood altering substances. Currently, there is no penalty for using those things. The board is asking for input on the matter and I will publish it in the newspaper, run it on television, and place it on the web along with include it with my various reports.

 - b. Land Swap – Mr. Braley is still working on the matter and it will be brought back again next month.

 - c. Exclusive Contract Pepsi – The board had questions regarding the proposal from Pepsi. As a result, Pepsi has been asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposal. They have offered \$24,500 to the school over 10 years along with new vending machines and new coolers for the concession stands.

They also included \$500 per year for the National Guard. There were questions about the length of the agreement and price setting authority.

12. New Business

- a. Homeless Policy Review – The board had the first reading (for revision) of the Homeless Policy. No concerns were expressed.
- b. Declare items surplus – We have art tables, basketball uniforms (boys and girls) and a high speed duplicator (non working) that were declared surplus.
- c. Accept Donation from Athletic boosters – The board accepted the donation from the Athletic Booster Club for video camera worth \$349.
- d. Request for school law seminar contribution – The board approved a request from Rodney Freeman for \$130 to be used for his annual trip to the National School Law Conference. In exchange the board will get an annual copy of the this non-renewal letter along with free phone call answers as long as they do not take research.
- e. Consider Open Enrollment application- The board accepted two open enrollment applications, one for a third grade student from Tripp Delmont and one for a Kindergarten student from the Ethan district
- f. Executive Session – Personnel

13. Adjourn