

August 2011 Follow-up Report
Parkston School Board Meeting
August 8, 2011 6:30 P.M. Elementary Conference Room

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Establish a quorum**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approve agenda** – Was approved as amended. (Added H and I below)
5. **Approve minutes**
6. **Accept financial reports** – Much discussion was held on financials. Here I explained to the board that in the Capital Outlay account, we have made a vast majority of the purchases for the school year but will not receive any revenue until October. As a result, they will see the cash balance in this account diminish over the next few months to nearly zero before our first tax payment comes in to replenish it. I also provided the board with a cash balance sheet showing monthly balances in each account since 2004. This helps the board see trends in spending patterns as well as revenue patterns.
7. **Approve claims** – Claims were approved with a couple questions from the board simply asking questions about what a few of the items were.
8. **Visitors and Correspondence** – There were none.
9. **Superintendent report**
 - a. Open Enrollment Report – I reported to the board that for the month, we received 1 open enrollment into the district from Scotland, (Begindergarten). Overall, our records show 26 incoming open enrollments, 23 outgoing.
 - b. School funding case – preschool tuition – I discussed with the board the pending Supreme Court School Funding case and how it ties into preschool tuition and the implications that a positive or negative ruling will have upon the school district.
 - c. Penny Sales Tax – Next we discussed the progress of the initiative to put a penny sales tax on the ballot for education and Medicaid. I suspect we will see petitions circulated soon to gather the necessary signatures to get it on the ballot.
 - d. Football Field Lighting – The football field lighting is complete and is much brighter than the previous system.
 - e. Boiler project – The boiler project is a bit behind schedule. We will however have the project completed well before we ever need heat in the armory and music area.
 - f. Carpet/vehicle replacement/ other capital projects – We have installed carpet in several rooms, purchased a replacement car and have had a roof repaired. As mentioned earlier, all “significant” capital outlay projects have been completed for the year.
 - g. Preliminary AYP – We discussed briefly that the district made AYP and that we had three distinguished schools, Parkston Elementary, Parkston Junior High and Parkston High School. A comprehensive report will be given to the board next month.
10. **Principal Report/ Principal/AD** – Mr. Monson reported on his projected enrollment of 283, down 15 students from the previous year. Mr. Vanlaecken reported on the start of fall sports.
11. **Old Business** – There was none.
12. **New Business**

- a. **Discuss goal setting meeting** – The board is interested in having Dr. Rick Melmer come to Parkston to visit with the board regarding goal setting.
- b. **Budget Hearing Summary** –A quick summary of the Budget Hearing was given. We also discussed that we would need to adopt the budget at next month meeting. We feel very comfortable with our budget numbers for all funds with the exception of Capital Outlay. With our ability to transfer certain expenses to this fund, we have managed to keep the general fund growing slightly. This however has come at a bit of a cost to the capital outlay fund as we have seen with the cash flow matter discussed earlier. The current budget is requesting \$2 per 1000 of assessed valuation. This is up 25 cents from last year. The maximum levy allowed is \$3 per thousand.
- c. **Sick Leave Bank Report** – Pursuant to the policy, Mr. Kinneberg gave his report on the sick leave bank usage.
- d. **Approve Lane Change** – Kim McCann’s lane change was approved to MA +30.
- e. **Consider Request from Ethan School District regarding pickup points** – The board denied the request from the Ethan School District to allow door to door pickup in Dimock. The law was written specifically to prevent door to door pickups, thus the board felt the Ethan request was in conflict with the intent of the law and they were also reluctant to agree to the request for fear of setting precedence. The board did however recognize that by denying the request, the Ethan School District would be unable to transport the open enrolled children in Dimock until an agreement was reached. This would leave those children without transportation until the board met again in September. Not wanting to leave these children without access to bussing, the Parkston School Board granted me the authority to approve a single pickup point upon receiving the request from the Ethan School District.
- f. **Accept Donation from Band Boosters for trailer** – The board accepted a donation of \$6525 for the purchase of a band trailer.
- g. **Declare old phone system surplus** – This system was declared surplus.
- h. **Accept school exemption certification** – The board acknowledged receipt of one home school application for four children.
- i. **Consider changes to boiler project** – the board considered different potential changes to the boiler system proposal and rejected all with the exception of adding a new expansion tank.

13. Adjourn