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## February Agenda

### Parkston School Board Meeting

February 13, 2012 6:30 P.M. Elementary Conference Room

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Establish a quorum**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approve agenda** – The agenda was amended to include under New Business the addition of “Confirm Receipt of Home School Application”.
5. **Approve minutes** – The minutes of the regular January Meeting and Special Meeting were approved.
6. **Accept financial reports** – The financial reports were reviewed. I did share with the board that I feel we will need to keep an eye on the cash flow levels of the Special Education fund.
7. **Approve claims** – All claims were approved
8. **Visitors and Correspondence** – There were none
9. Superintendent report
  - a. **Legislative Report**
    - i. **Governor’s Education Bill** – I gave a brief overview of HB 1234, the Governor’s education bill. I shared with the board the amended version that passed the full house earlier in the day, 41-28. A copy of the various components of this bill can be found in the February Board Packet.
    - ii. **Preschool/Drivers Education Bill** – I also discussed with the board the Preschool and Drivers Education Bill. I traveled to Pierre to testify on this bill and ask that an emergency clause be attached to the legislation so that we would not have to wait until July 1<sup>st</sup> to charge. I explained to the board, who would ultimately make the decision, that my intentions, should this bill pass and become law upon the signature of the Governor, would not be to charge for preschool until next year. I would recommend however that we charge for driver’s education this spring. This of course is all assuming that the bill passes.

- iii. **HB 1151** – This bill was most interesting for our school district. Several years ago, our district was successful in defending this law with the Sisseton School District. The law clearly states that when a child is placed in a residential treatment facility by a parent, the resident district is required to pay the tuition to the school where the treatment facility is located. In our situation, Sisseton refused to pay us. The court ruled in our favor. This bill tried to change that law. I met with the prime sponsor, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Education to explain why this bill was a bad bill and I worked with them to find possible solutions. Ultimately, the “fix” came down to funding. As a result, the bill was killed in committee.
  - b. **Capital Outlay planning** – I discussed with the board some of the projects we are considering for the coming school year. A list of these potential projects are included in the board packet.
  - c. **Open Enrollment Report** – We lost one student to Ethan. That leaves us with a total of 30 in, 28 out.
  - d. **Calendar Committee Report** – A rough working copy has been sent out, with feedback received. The calendar committee will meet sometime soon to finalize plans for the 2012-13 school calendar. While we have delayed a bit due to the Governor’s education plan and a possible need to add professional development days, I am not certain that we will know for some time what the professional development may entail and as a result, we will proceed with the calendar planning and make adjustments if needed.
  - e. **State of District Address** – I have finished work on my State of the District Address. I need to put a few final touches on the presentation before scheduling the event. Like last year, we will invite the public to attend, but will also televise the address.
10. **Principal Report/ Principal/AD** – Mr. Vanlaecken met with the board and shared the results of the Impact testing and his findings on possible changes to the wrestling schedule. Mr. Monson reported on conferences and his initial findings for preschool/Beginndergarten/Kindergarten enrollment.
11. **Old Business**
- a. **Student Representation on School Board** – Pursuant to our earlier discussions, we published in the Daily Data requests that any student interested in serving as a non-voting member of the school board attend the school board meeting. No students showed interest.
  - b. **Boiler Report** – I gave a brief update with the boiler problems. While we have not finalized the project, we believe the end is near. The board asked who would foot the bill for the extra work that was required. I informed them that my expectations were that the contractors would have to figure out who was responsible for the extra costs and that I feel the school district should not be held responsible. I told the board that was the position I would take and if I met resistance, I would let them know.

- c. **Weber Donation** – Mr. Monson provided the board with several options in how they may proceed with the Weber Donation. The board will take a month to consider the options and will address the matter again next month.
- d. **Finalize Early Retirement Benefits**- The board took final action in granting the early retirement benefit to Mrs. Bigge.

12. **New Business**

- a. **Federal Funding Discussion** – I shared with the board the latest information on the Federal funding sources. We have seen a steady decrease in funding over the last few years and I do not expect it to change. Furthermore, the state is looking at changing the status of Our Home from Title I –Neglected to Title I –Delinquent. If this change should occur, it would have a negative impact on all of our title programs.

**Confirm receipt of Home School Application** -The board then confirmed receipt of a home school application, pursuant to codified law.

b. **Executive Session**

- i. Negotiations
- ii. Personnel

13. Adjourn