

Follow Up Report October, 2011

Parkston School Board Meeting

October 10, 2011 6:30 P.M. Elementary Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve agenda -approved
5. Approve minutes – approved
6. Accept financial reports- approved, an adjustment will be made in the coming months
7. Approve claims -approved
8. Visitors and Correspondence
9. Superintendent report
 - a. US DOE Flexibility Package – I shared with the board the newly released US DOE Flexibility package in response to No Child Left Behind. With a 2-3 year delay in the reauthorization of NCLB, schools across the nation have become frustrated with congress and the unfair expectations of NCLB. As a result, the Obama Administration has provided an alternative to schools across the nation. While still holding schools to very high standards, the Flexibility package provides schools with an opportunity to improve without being labeled as a failing school due to the unrealistic expectations of NCLB. While we are still trying to figure out exactly what schools will need to accomplish to take advantage of this flexibility, it appears that one component will be that teachers and principal evaluations will be tied directly with student growth. In other words, test score results will be a component of evaluations.
 - b. NCA Review – I notified the board that we would be sending a team to Chamberlain to prepare for the upcoming NCA review.
 - c. I reported to the board about the law change that requires certain components be included in teacher evaluations and that the administration is currently studying the Charlotte Danielson Framework.
 - d. Boiler project – is complete
 - e. Student count – 562 down 4 from last year
10. Principal Report/ Principal/AD
11. Old Business
 - a. Student hygiene/showers/ locker room supervision –Recommendation to the board was to no longer require PE students to shower. The board also discussed the liability exposure of not having all locker rooms supervised for both PE and athletics.
 - b. Discuss goal setting meeting Dr. Melmer –I reported to the board the testimonials I found in regard to Dr. Melmer’s work. While they were positive, I recommended waiting for a number of months to consider this for we are going to be extremely busy in the coming months with NCA, Common Core, and teacher evaluation work. That couple with Mr. Monson’s schedule and Mr. Kollmann’s surgery will spread us pretty thin and we really had no room for one more project at this time.
12. New Business
 - a. Attorney General Opinion regarding PK and Drivers Education –The board discussed the Attorney General Opinion stating that schools could not charge for Preschool or Drivers Education. The board then also discussed what this meant for the future of these programs. No decisions were made and for now, we will continue to operate as normal, however at some point we will need to decide if the community values these programs and wants us to keep them. If that is the case, then we will also need to decide how to fund them. To

- finalize the AG ruling, the board then rescinded the motions it made in July, setting the tuition prices for preschool and drivers education.
- b. Set snack price for PK – Three years ago, we stopped setting a preschool snack price and we included that cost in the tuition. Now that we can no longer charge tuition, we needed to set the snack price. This was set at \$10.
 - c. Upcoming Legislative Session – In light of the AG opinion, I drafted a letter to the District 19, 20 and 25 legislators. The Parkston School District has property in each of these legislative districts. The board granted me permission to mail this letter, which asks the legislators to attend our November meeting to discuss the upcoming session and asks if they would have interest in sponsoring legislation to reverse the AG opinion that was recently handed down.
 - d. Consider membership to SD Coalition of Schools –This item had no interest and died for lack of a motion.
 - e. Consider Contract with USD for student teachers – The board approved a contract with USD for student teachers.
 - f. Consider Donation – We have an anonymous donation for the board to consider in the amount of \$1700, to be used to send two teachers to a National Conference. We also received donations for band equipment.
 - g. Executive Session
 - i. Personnel

13. Adjourn

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Add under New Business

- f.1 Consider bids on surplus fuel tanks – Two bids were received. One bid was \$350 from Agland Coop, the other was for \$2500 from CHS Farmers Alliance.
- f.2 Approve Amended Contracts – The board approved amended contracts that had language inadvertently omitted.