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March Follow Up Report
Parkston School Board Meeting
Elementary Conference Room
Regular Meeting **Monday, March 12, 2012** 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. Visitors and Correspondence
9. Superintendent report
 - a. Legislative Report – I provided a brief overview of the legislative session. Attached, you will find a list of these bills.
 - b. Open Enrollment Report – We have had one student open enroll in, three out during the last month. Two of the three who open enrolled out were never enrolled here, but rather moved into the area during the last month and elected to go elsewhere due to convenience for parents.
 - c. Fuel Lock in – During the past month we locked in our fuel for next winter. The raw price being 37 cents per therm with a delivery price of 47 cents per therm. In comparisons, we paid 57 cents per therm this year, the lowest cost in the last number of years.
 - d. State of the District – I gave a brief synopsis and encouraged the TV audience to look for a replay if they had not seen the program.
10. Principal Report/AD Report
 - a. ImPACT Testing - The administration made the recommendation that the school district require ImPACT testing as part of the school physicals we require to take part in athletic activities. Mr. Walker, Dr. VanderPol and Ember Dale were present to share with the board their perspective. Dr. VanderPol stressed the importance of having a “baseline” score for each student. The board agreed and moved to require the testing, which will not cost the families or students any additional money.

- b. Weight room request- Kade Lingemann was present to request the use of school facilities to begin a weight lifting program. Mr. Lingemann outlined his plan to the board and indicated that he would charge a fee to train student athletes. Several people were present to testify on the request, including parents, coaches and the aforementioned Avera staff. A number of concerns were raised regarding the request. These include: Not wanting to go into competition with the wellness center, charging students, not all students having the ability to pay the fee, safety, training and supervision. The board left Mr. Lingemann with the task of bring back several options to accomplish this goal, all of which will not include charging the students.

11. Old Business

- a. Weber Donation – Mr. Monson and Mr. Bruening discussed the necessary steps to set up a foundation using the Weber Donation. This foundation would be created specifically to raise money and spend the Weber Donation in a capacity that would meet the spirit and character of Delilah Weber. The board committed to turning over the donation once the foundation was created and the language approved by the board.
- b. Student Representation on School Board – Ann Thury was appointed by the Parkston School Board to serve the remainder of the current year as a non-voting student member to the board.

12. New Business

- a. Void and Reissue Check - Void Check #52238 and Reissue Lost Check for \$66.90 to EAI Education
- b. Consider 2012-13 School Calendar – The board adopted the 2012-13 school calendar and indicated that the Graduation date would be set later. On a side note, I was asked about making up the day we missed earlier this year. I intentionally did not address the matter this month for I wanted to wait and see if we would have any more snow days. Depending upon how many days we miss will change my recommendation as to how we make up the days. This will be an April agenda item.
- c. Consider resignation – The board accepted the resignation from Sue Hoeffner. The administration will be meeting to discuss how to best fill this position.
- d. Surplus Palm Pilots – The board declared the Palm pilots surplus.
- e. Executive Session
 - a. Negotiations
 - b. Personnel

13. Adjourn

Bill Summary: 2012 Legislature

Updated: March 6, 2012

This summary represents major education-related bills addressed by the 2012 Legislature. An asterisk by a bill number indicates that it has not been signed by the governor.

Funding Summary (see separate summary for more details)

Per-Student Allocation:

- \$4,490.92 (2.3% increase)

One-Time Dollars:

- \$8.7 million in one-time funds for school districts to be paid in FY 12 (HB 1137*)
- \$3.9 million in one-time funds for school districts to be paid in FY 13 (SB 192) -- \$30.73/pupil
- \$8.4 million in one-time dollars for Department of Education to offer training over next three years (SB 192)
- \$37,000 in one-time funds for Department of Education to offer SDMyLife training in FY 12

Summary of General Funding Bill (SB 197*):

- \$314,937,745 General state aid to education (2.3%)
- \$45,613,203 State aid to special education
- \$1,819,627 Sparsity payments
- \$134,400 Consolidation incentives
- \$7,999,615 Technology in schools

Education Bills

SB 5 – This bill allows the State Library to revise its state publications distribution program. The new distribution model will enhance existing digital collections and will **expand the resources available online** in every school library in the state.

SB 25* – Dubbed the “anti-NCLB bill,” SB 25 allows the state to move forward in creating a **new state system of accountability**. Currently, South Dakota schools are held accountable mainly based on performance on a single assessment. The proposed new model of accountability would rely on multiple indicators, including student achievement, growth, and college and career readiness. Educators will have another opportunity to weigh in on the proposed accountability model when the rules come before the state Board of Education.

SB 130* -- SB 130 is one of two bullying bills brought forward during the 2012 session. It requires districts that don't currently have a bullying policy in place to follow the model policy contained in the bill. FYI: A survey of districts done last fall indicated that approximately 90 percent of districts have a policy in place.

SB 139* -- This bill aims to **expand the Teach for America** program in South Dakota through a state-private partnership. The goal is to grow from the current 57 Teach for America teachers to 100 by 2015. HB 1137 provides the state funding for this bill, which is \$250,000.

SB 186 -- SB 186 **updates the definition of non-sectarian textbooks** in SDCL 13-34-23, in order to include digital materials. The obligation to loan "textbooks" remains; the definition of what constitutes a textbook has been expanded.

HB 1005 – Changes made to SDCL 13-27-2 during last year's legislative session provided that, upon filing of a homeschool application, the child is automatically excused from public school attendance without school board action. When 13-27-2 was changed, other statutes in the same chapter were not similarly changed. **HB 1005 brings these other statutes in line with 13-27-2.**

HB 1006 – This is a **clean-up bill** that addresses certain outdated and obsolete provisions related to the Department of Education.

HB 1007 – HB 1007 repeals outdated statutes related to education. Administrators might be most interested in the **elimination of a requirement** for districts to submit an annual report regarding the use of long-term substitute teachers.

HB 1124 – This bill **allows districts to pay for the background checks** of its employees if the district so desires. This reverses action taken by the 2011 Legislature.

HB 1128 – In the event that additional Common Core State Standards would be under consideration for adoption in South Dakota, this bill requires the department to conduct at least four public hearings over the course of a year in the following cities: Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

HB 1147 – HB 1147 **removes the individual liability of school board members** for contracts made or checks/warrants issued in excess of the district's issuing capacity.

HB 1189* – This bill **establishes a deadline within each semester after which no student may transfer**. The dates are the last Friday in September and the last Friday in January. The bill outlines three specific instances in which the deadlines would not apply: 1) Student transfers to an alternative school or specialized educational program, 2) Student enrolls in the district after the deadline in each semester, 3) Receiving district determines that special circumstances exist and allows for the transfer.

HB 1195 – This bill **allows districts to offer and charge for programming** outside of the regular school term and school day (eg., pre-K and driver's ed). Districts may not charge for high school extracurricular activities.

HB 1234* -- This bill is a **comprehensive education package**, focused mainly on teachers. It sets up a scholarship program to attract teachers to critical teaching needs areas, provides for bonuses to certain math and science teachers, allows for rewarding of teachers with bonuses either through a state plan



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(top 20 percent of teachers) or local district options, and phases out continuing contract. The bill requires development of a common statewide evaluation system.

Other bills of interest

SB 106* – This bill clarifies that the contracts of public employees and documentation related to payment of those employees are considered public information.

SB 161* – This bill deals with meetings of public bodies and arrangements for the public to listen via telephone or the Internet.

SB 183* – SB 183 establishes juvenile sexting as an offense and sets a penalty for it.

HB 1131 – This bill adds to the requirements related to posting of public notice for meetings of public bodies.

K-12 Education Funding Summary FY 13

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Funding Bills:

SB 08 – This bill provides for the required tri-annual adjustment of the funding levels for students with disabilities.

SB 48 – This bill includes an allocation to the Department of Education for FY 12 for training related to SDMyLife system.

SB 49* – This bill sets the maximum levies for the general fund of a school district as follows:

- Maximum levy: \$8.628/thousand
- Maximum levy on agricultural property: \$2.322/thousand
- Maximum levy owner-occupied single-family dwelling: \$4.029/thousand

SB 192 – This bill makes appropriations for the purpose of one-time increases in education and health care funding. It includes \$3.9 million in one-time funds for K-12 education (noted above), \$8.4 million to the Department of Education for training (noted above), and one-time funds for the technical institutes.

SB 197* – This is the general funding bill for state government and includes most of the funding pieces noted in the summary above.

HB 1041 – This bill allows the Department of Education to carry over any unobligated state aid to special education funds from FY12 to FY 13, to meet the obligation and federal maintenance of effort requirement.

HB 1137 – This bill contains a one-time payment for school districts to be paid in FY 12. It also contains \$250,000 to expand the Teach for America program in South Dakota.

HB 1199 – This bill sets a cap of \$110,000 for sparsity payments per district (instead of the current cap of \$123,750) and removes language that says if insufficient funds are available that each district shall receive a pro rata share of the total available.



Summary of Technical Institute Funding:

- \$20,896,857 Per-pupil funding (SB 197*)
- \$413,849 One-time funds for postsecondary technical institutes (SB 192)
- \$500,000 One-time funds for postsecondary technical institutes (SB 197*)

HOUSE BILL 1234

Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Program (Hard-to-fill positions)

- Begins in 2013-14 school year
- South Dakota Board of Education to define areas of critical teaching needs
- Juniors and seniors in teacher education programs eligible
- Maximum of 100 scholarships per year
- Scholarship amount equal to tuition and fees for 30 credit hours at a South Dakota public postsecondary institution as of July 1, 2013
- Recipient agrees to teach in critical need area in South Dakota for five years

Math and Science Teacher Incentives

- Begins in 2014-15 school year
- Funds to school districts for purpose of attracting/retaining math and science teachers
- \$2,500 bonuses to middle and high school math and science teachers (\$350 to district to cover payroll taxes)
- Teachers with math or science endorsement also eligible
- Teacher must receive distinguished or proficient rating on state evaluation system
- Participation for teachers is voluntary

Reward/Bonus Program

- Begins in 2014-15
- Districts have three options:
 - Create **local** teacher reward program that gives bonuses to teachers based on student achievement, teacher leadership or district's high-needs teaching areas
 - Participation for teachers is voluntary
 - Give \$5,000 bonuses to top 20 percent of teachers (\$500 to district to cover payroll taxes)
 - Teacher must receive distinguished rating on state evaluation system
 - Participation for teachers is voluntary
 - Opt out of the bonus money completely (dollars redistributed to participating districts)

Common Evaluation System

- Allows for development of common teacher and principal evaluation system across state

Continuing Contract (teacher "tenure")

- Continuing contract eliminated in 2016
- No teacher who has continuing contract prior to July 1, 2016, loses it

WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE?

The Legislature made a number of amendments to the original HB 1234, which added more local control and more educator input.

- Local districts now have the option to create a local teacher rewards plan and distribute funds to teachers based on local decisions (amended in House Education).
- Local districts now have the option to opt out of the bonuses entirely (amended in House Education).
- Local districts can create a rewards plan based on local market needs (i.e., hard-to-fill positions), not just science and math (clarified in Senate Education).
- Education stakeholders, not the secretary of education, will have final decision making on approval of local teacher reward plans (amended in Senate Education).
- Local teacher rewards plan may include “teacher leadership” as a criterion for receiving a bonus (amended in Senate Education).
- A group of teachers, principals, superintendents and other key stakeholders will advise on the implementation of this act. This group is in addition to the other work groups and oversight boards already outlined in the bill (amended on Senate floor).

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI		
AUG.			1	2	3		
	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17		Inservice Aug 20 8:00 - 3:30
	20	21	22	23	24		
	27	28	29	30	31	10	August 21 Classes begin (August 9 days)
SEPT.	3	4	5	6	7		
	10	11	12	13	14		Sept 3 Labor Day Break - No school
	17	18	19	20	21		
	24	25	26	27	28	19	(Sept. 19 days)
OCT.	1	2	3	4	5		Oct 8 - Native American Day - No school
	8	9	10	11	12		Oct. 19 - End of First Nine Weeks(43)
	15	16	17	18	19	14	Conferences - Oct. 25 2:30 dismissal (3-9)
	22	23	24	25	26		Comp day on Oct. 26
	29	30	31			8	
NOV.				1	2		
	5	6	7	8	9		State FB Nov 8-10
	12	13	14	15	16		Nov 15-17 State VB
	19	20	21	22	23		Nov. 21, 22 & 23 No Classes Thanksgiving Break
	26	27	28	29	30	19	(Nov. 19 days)
DEC.	3	4	5	6	7		Dec. 21 Students dismissed at 2:30
	10	11	12	13	14		X-mas Break - classes resume Jan. 3
	17	18	19	20	21	15	(Dec. 15 days)
	24	25	26	27	28		End of First Semester - (43) plus (42) = 85
	31						
JAN.		4	5	6	7		Classes resume on Jan. 3rd
	11	12	13	14	15		
	18	19	20	21	22		Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day - No classes
	25	26	27	28	29		
	31					20	(Jan. 20 days)
FEB.					1		PTC Feb 5 (3-9) - Comp Day Feb 8
	4	5	6	7	8		State Wrestling Feb 22-23
	11	12	13	14	15		February 20 - Music Contest - Pro Develop Day
	18	19	20	21	22		No school Feb 21 & 22
	25	26	27	28	29	18	(Feb. 18 days)
MAR.					1		
	4	5	6	7	8		March 12 - End of 3rd Nine Weeks (45 days)
	11	12	13	14	15	7	March 8 GBB State - March 15 BBB State - No school
	18	19	20	21	22		
	25	26	27	28	29	11	March 29th - Good Friday - No classes
APR.	4	5	6	7	8		April 1 - Easter Monday - No classes
	11	12	13	14	15		
	18	19	20	21	22		
	25	26	27	28	29		
	30					21	(April 20 days)
MAY			1	2	3		
	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17	13	May 17 Last day of classes - students dismissed at 1:45
	20	21	22	23	24		Second Semester 90 days
	27	28	29	30	31		

Things to note:

- Added Native American Day, MLK Day
- 5 Day break in Feb for kids, 4 for staff