

November Follow-up Report
Parkston School Board Meeting
November 15, 2011 6:30 P.M. Elementary Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve agenda –The board approved the agenda with one change, adding student matter to executive session.
5. Approve minutes -approved
6. Accept financial reports -approved
7. Approve claims -approved
8. Visitors and Correspondence

Senator Jim Putnam and Representative Frank Kloucek were present to discuss with the board the upcoming legislative session. Specifically, the legislators were asked about legislation that would reverse the Attorney General opinions that state schools are unable to charge a fee to provide Preschool and/or Drivers Education. While both members stated they did not understand why the AG made such a decision, I thought they fell a bit short in coming out and making the statement that they thought it would have support to pass. In regard to funding, neither legislator had any insight as to what K-12 could expect for funding or if the state law would be ignored again.

9. Superintendent report – As the previous item ran long, I kept my report very brief, reporting only on a few things over the last month. IEP meetings, etc.
10. Principal Report/ Principal/AD – Mr. Kollmann and Mr. Vanlaecken gave brief reports.
11. Old Business – there was none
12. New Business
 - a. Discuss ImPact testing – Ember Dale and Dr. Wickersham from Avera St. Benedict was present to discuss with the board their position regarding ImPact testing for students. For the last couple years, concussions have become a major concern, especially in athletics. One of the problems with concussions is ascertaining when a student has recovered from the injury. ImPact testing is a tool that physicians can use to help them evaluate the recovery from a concussion. Students are given a computerized “baseline” test that evaluates the normal brain function in regard to memory and reaction speed. This test is stored on a server off site and the data is hopefully never accessed. However, should a student receive a concussion, the physician can then ask the student to take a another ImPact test and compare the results from both tests to help determine if the student has recovered. This test is only one tool that helps the physician. The board agreed that we should proceed and we will be sending a letter out to all parents, giving them the option to have their student tested or not. Regardless of the parent’s decisions, our policy regarding concussions is still in place, which requires a physician’s approval for an athlete to return to participation if they have had a concussion.

- b. Consider donations – The board accepted a donation of \$52,215 from the estate of Delila Weber. In addition, the board directed the administration to appoint a committee of school and community members to provide recommendations to the board in how to use the money from this donation. The board also accepted a donation from the athletic booster club for a volleyball blocker.
- c. Consider Law Conference Request – Was approved
- d. Discuss student representation to school board – The board discussed having a student as a non-voting member to the school board. They directed the administration to investigate and find if there is any interest from the students.
- e. Discuss delegate assembly packet – The board reviewed the delegate assembly packet and provided Mr. Hora with guidance in how to approach the various topics that he will be asked to debate and discuss at the Associated School Board’s Delegate Assembly in Pierre this Friday.
- f. Consider resignation - The board accepted the resignation of Colleen Mette as JH VB coach and Julie Wolf and Tammy Maeschen from the sick leave assistance committee.
- g. Consider rotation of sick leave assistance committee members and appoint – The board approved a rotation of the sick leave assistance committee members and appointed Judy Heisinger and Carrie Oakley to fill the two vacant positions.
- h. Executive Session
 - a. Personnel and student matter

13. Adjourn