

**September Follow Up Report**  
**Parkston School Board Meeting**  
**September 12, 2011 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 approved with two changes. A Popcorn Machine was added to surplus and Executive Session was added for the reason of discussing Personnel
5. Approve minutes
6. Accept financial reports – Financial reports were approved. It was noted that state aid, gross receipt taxes and interest income are all down significantly.
7. Approve claims
8. Visitors and Correspondence – We had a set of parents come in and visit with the board about privacy, showering for PE, bullying, and a number of topics. While there is no specific problem, they hoped to educate the board as to potential problems. As a result, the board has asked the administration to check into a few options to protect privacy in the locker rooms.
9. Superintendent report - I gave an open enrollment report, 3 in and 3 out for the last month. The boiler project is near completion and the field lights are a vast improvement over the old lights. I also reported that the school district is beginning work to educate our staff and provide them with training regarding the implementation of Common Core Standards. Likewise, I shared with the board that the administration is beginning work/training to implement the new Teacher Evaluation tool that is recommended by the Department of Education. This tool is the Charlotte Danielson Framework. Eventually, we will provide training for teachers and also we will need to take this matter to the negotiations table. Lastly, I reported that we were fortunate to receive a Grant from the US Department of Education for \$3500 to help cover the aforementioned professional development costs.
10. Principal Report/ Principal/AD – Mr. Kollmann gave a brief report on enrollment and how the year is going to date. Mr. Vanlaecken did the same.

11. Old Business

- a. Discuss goal setting meeting Dr. Melmer – The board further discussed the possibility of asking Dr. Melmer to come to a meeting to visit with the board about goal setting and planning. There was also discussion that perhaps now, with all of the budget cuts, was not the appropriate time to spend money bringing in Dr. Melmer. I was given the direction to look to see if we could get some of the information he can provide us without having him come. Likewise, the board asked if I could look for any testimonials to share with the board.
- b. Amend school calendar (make up day for music contest) – As the staff knows, the school board agreed to have the District host a Regional Music contest on February 22. This will bring hundreds of people to our school. As a result, the board realized that it would be nearly impossible to have school that day and a couple months back, adopted the school calendar which identified February 22 as a vacation day. Last night the board addressed how we will make-up that day. February 22 was added back to the calendar, however, however this will be a day of professional development and students will not attend. Professional development activities will be planned, however, staff may be asked to assist part of the time with the contest.

12. New Business

- a. Dakota STEP Presentation – Mr. Kollmann presented the Dakota Step Test Scores with the board. We then discussed how we are to make the next step. How does a school “fine tune” it’s instruction to further increase the test scores pursuant to NCLB. I told the board that I thought the only real answer is to further analyze the data and identify what staff can do to make the next step. I continued by saying this would require time and money. Staff needs the time to analyze this data and they need to be paid for their time. The board stated that they were very proud of their staff, as are we all.
- b. Declare Items Surplus- The board declared, 2-500 gallon fuel oil tanks surplus. We will get the tanks appraised for value. They also declared 20 outdoor light fixtures, obsolete audio visual equipment, and a popcorn machine surplus. (Last we knew, the popcorn machine was operational).
- c. Adopt Budget- The board adopted a final budget. Differences between expenditures and revenue will be made up with reserves.

	Budgeted Expenditures	Budgeted Revenue
General fund,	\$3,794,801	\$3,403,675
Capital Outlay	\$ 581,838	\$492,470
Special ED	\$786,550	\$692,464
Pension	\$78,435	\$78,435
Bond Redemp	\$275,000	\$275,000

- d. Discuss School Supreme Court Ruling - I discussed with the board the various reactions coming out as a result of the Supreme Court ruling on the funding case. There have been a number of responses all suggesting that despite having lost the overall case, education made significant headway during this process. No longer can the state claim that schools are a creation of the legislature. The high court made it clear they are a creation of the Constitution. The State claimed that children were not guaranteed a “quality” education. The Supreme Court corrected them. The list of “small victories” go on, with one attorney identifying at least 12.
- e. Discuss Pending AG Opinion in regard to Preschool and Drivers Education - We had hoped that the supreme court would address the matter of if a school can charge for preschool or not. The Supreme Court did not rule on the topic and as a result, we will now need to wait for the Attorney General opinion.
- f. Consider Initiated Measure Resolution – The board discussed the Initiated Measure and its resolution.
- g. Void Check and Reissue – Check number 51909 was void and reissued. The company never received the check.
- h. Executive Session – the board went into executive session to discuss personnel.

13. Adjourn