

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, November 23, 2009, at the Hub Area Technical School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM with the following members present: Mr. Scott Wirth, Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Brad Olson, Mrs. Linda Burdette, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas. Mr. Brian Sharp was absent.

Call to Order

10-086

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Burdette to adjourn into executive session, at 6:01 PM, pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, to discuss the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.
All voted "Aye".

Adjournment Into Executive Session

Mr. Sharp arrived at 6:05 PM.

Arrival

President Wirth declared the Board out of executive session at 6:53 PM.

Adjournment Out of Executive Session

The meeting reconvened at 7:03 PM with all members present and the pledge of allegiance recited.

Reconvene

Mr. Bruce Kleinsasser, Cheer Team advisor, was recognized for the Class AA Large cheer division state title in stunting/non-tumbling his team recently received. Congratulations, Mr. Kleinsasser and girls!

Cheer Team Championship

Mr. Dennis Northrup, Varsity Volleyball Coach, and his Senior team members, Abby Taffe, Ashley LaFave and Allison Kusler, were recognized as 2009 State AA Volleyball Champions!
Congratulations, Mr. Northrup and team!

State AA Volleyball Champions

May Overby staff reported at the listening session earlier in the day their pleasure with the building addition and new Smart Board. The *Enrich* program that transitioned from Lincoln Elementary to May Overby Elementary has been a positive move. Concerns included class size and shelving in the addition.

May Overby Listening Session Report

President Scott Wirth commented on the School Board self-evaluation; topics discussed included the possibility of obtaining community input for the self-evaluation next year.

School Board Self-Evaluation

Mr. Duane Alm commented on the Associated School Board delegate assembly and leadership conference recently held in Pierre.

ASBSD Delegate Assembly and Leadership Conference

Mr. Mike Miller gave the Hub Area Technical School update. Miller said the school is looking to increase its public relations efforts through brochures, a newsletter, or possibly a video because enrollment is down a bit.

Hub Area Technical School Update

10-087

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Burdette to approve the consent agenda including the following:

- a. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations:
 - 1. Public School Exemption Certificates (approval of):
 - a. #62 for one (1) child
 - 2. Open Enrollment Application (approval of):
 - a. #2010-32 for one (1) child
- b. Approval of Donation
 - 1. May Overby Elementary - 10, \$100 gift certificates from Wal-Mart Supercenter for teacher use
- b. Approval of District Grant Applications:
 - 1. C.C. Lee Elementary - 1,500 Wal-Mart Community Grant for C.C. Lee Elementary to buy Turbo Readers for home practice for K-3 students for the 2009-10 school year.

All voted "Aye".

Approval of
Consent Agenda

10-088

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda.

All voted "Aye".

Approval of
Agenda

10-089

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Sharp to approve the plans for a three-classroom, 4,689-square-foot addition to O.M. Tiffany Elementary. The addition, designed by Aberdeen's HuLa Design/Build, will include a music room, a kindergarten classroom and a classroom that could have multiple uses. It will also include a new entryway off North Dakota Street, near the current entryway. The project's preliminary budget is \$700,000; \$340,000 would come from a 2009-10 capital outlay allocation (federal stimulus funds), and \$360,000 would come from a proposed 2010-11 capital outlay allocation.

All voted "Aye".

Approval of O.M.
Tiffany Addition

The Board heard discussion of the Simmons Middle School ICU homework program by Kelly Northrup, Principal, and Wade Charron, Assistant Principal. The program focuses on assuring students turn in missing assignments--it doesn't allow them to fail, Northrup said. Charron said students have to have a D or an F due to missing assignments to qualify for the program.

Simmons Middle
School
Homework
Program

The Board heard from Central High School Assistant Principal Mark Murphy, who discussed the importance of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, pointing to the array of recent accomplishments for CHS sports and other activities.

Central High
School Update

Central High School Principal Jason Uttermark, reported on the recent changes to graduation requirements. Uttermark indicated Central High School should have little difficulty meeting the requirements.

Graduation
Requirements

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The second reading of the School Improvement plans was held. It was moved by Alm and seconded by Sharp to approve the School Improvement Plans.
All voted "Aye".

Second Reading
and Approval of
School
Improvement
Plans

10-091

It was moved by Nikolas and seconded by Miller to approve seeking the services of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota for a strategic plan at a cost of \$350 for a half day or \$500 for a full day.
All voted "Aye".

Approval of
Strategic
Planning

Superintendent Harms updated the Board on the November 25, 2009, point of dispensing site exercise at Central High School. Local middle school and high school students will receive H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine in the morning as part of a POD exercise. A public vaccine clinic will be held in the afternoon.

POD Exercise

Mr. Bob Pitz, Director of Operations, reported the move of the ductwork at Central High School has been completed and the digging of the wells for the geothermal heat at Holgate Middle School is underway.

Operations
Update

Superintendent Harms presented a "Focus on Academics" report, showing a photo slideshow of academic activities happening at the District's schools.

Focus on
Academics

10-092

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Nikolas to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM.
All voted "Aye."

Adjournment

Scott Wirth

President

Tom Janish

Finance Director