

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, August 24, 2009, at the Hub Area Technical School.

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Wirth at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Brad Olson, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mrs. Linda Burdette, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas.

Call to Order

Mrs. Bobbie Wirth, City-Wide PTA President, informed the Board they plan to have an artwork contest working with the art teachers and students to support this year's theme of "PTA Rocks".

PTA Rocks

Mr. Mike Miller reported the student handbook, parking lot resurfacing and the house bids for the Building Trades class were approved.

Hub Area
Technical School
Update

10-041

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

Approval of
Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations:

1. Public School Exemption Certificates:

- a. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #18 for two (2) children
- b. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #19 for one (1) child
- c. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #20 for two (2) children
- d. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #21 for two (2) children
- e. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #22 for one (1) child
- f. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #23 for two (2) children
- g. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #24 for three (3) children
- h. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #25 for four (4) children
- i. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #27 for one (1) child
- j. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #28 for two (2) children
- k. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #29 for three (3) children
- l. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #30 for three (3) children
- m. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #31 for two (2) children
- n. Approve Public School Exemption Certificate #32 for two (2) children

2. Open Enrollment Application:

- a. Approve Open Enrollment Application #2010-19 for one (1) child
- b. Approve Open Enrollment Application #2010-20 for one (1) child
- c. Approve Open Enrollment Application #2010-21 for one (1) child
- d. Approve Open Enrollment Application #2010-22 for one (1) child

All voted "Aye".

10-042

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

Approval of
Agenda

All voted "Aye".

Mr. Gene Brownell, Athletic Director, reported that a handful of parents and students who responded to a survey on middle-school students competing athletically at a higher grade level indicated they are satisfied with the experience. One parent out of the seven families said he/she would not want her/his child to do it again, at least for some sports.

Middle School
Athlete Survey

Scores from ACT (American College Testing) tests taken by Seniors who graduated in May 2009 from Central High School broke several school record highs, CHS Principal Jason Uttermark told the board. While 36 is a perfect score on the ACT test, Central's 2009 seniors scored, on average: 22.2 in science, a CHS record; 21.4 in English, another record; 22.9 in reading, also a record; 22.1 as a composite score of all test categories, it ties the school record, which was set by the class of 2008; 21.5 in math, which is down from 22.3, which is the school's record high. All these scores except math exceeded the national and state averages. Central's math score beat the national average, but not the state average of 21.8. Also, 29 percent of 2009 seniors who took the test met all requirements for college readiness as defined by ACT, another CHS record.

ACT/AP Testing
Scores

Mr. Uttermark also reported the highlights of the AP (Advanced Placement) testing: average scores are up on AP exams, Total tests given was up; 100% of students in Macro Economics, English Literature/Composition, Government and Political Science, and Calculus BC scored 3 or above. The lowest averages correlate with classes that do not meet all year and/or have younger students.

Central teachers and students have every reason to be proud of these scores!

Mr. Bob Pitz, Director of Operations, reported on the summer projects being completed by the Operations Department, Swisher Field lights are up and working and the bleachers have been completed. Mr. Pitz also reported the air conditioning system at Holgate Middle School (original to the building) has failed and not able to be repaired. Because of the plans to renovate Holgate's cooling system by the fall of 2010, the Board reached consensus not to spend any money for a temporary air-conditioning fix. Temperatures will be monitored and cool night air will be brought in through the air-handling system. The Capital Outlay Bonds for the cooling system at Holgate Middle School are progressing with the bids expected on October 15. The "Wind for School" project (windmill) is also progressing with the City approving a permit for a generator. May Overby's addition was completed in time for the beginning of school and also under budget.

Operations
Report

It was decided Brad Olson, Scott Wirth and Brian Sharp will be serving on the Holgate Middle School construction committee.

Construction
Committee

Dr. Becky Guffin, Assistant Superintendent, reported T-Cap (Teacher Compensation Assistance Program) funds from the Department of Education are no longer available; therefore, District funds will be used for extended school day activities.

Extended School
Day Activities

Aberdeen public schools started classes on Monday with 142 more students than a year ago and 165 more than when school let out in May. K-12 enrollment was 3,892 on Monday, but numbers traditionally fluctuate during school's first few weeks, after which a more reliable enrollment figure will be available.

Enrollment

10-043

The second reading of the revision of Policies GCG was held. It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Alm to approve the second reading and revision of Policy GCG.

All voted "Aye".

Approval of
Second Reading
of Revision of
Policy GCG

10-044

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Nikolas to adjourn into executive session at 8:26 PM, pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, to discuss the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student.

All voted "Aye".

Adjournment Into
Executive
Session

President Wirth declared the Board out of executive session at 9:49 PM.

Adjournment Out
of Executive
Session

10-045

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Burdette to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM.

All voted "Aye."

Adjournment

Scott Wirth

President

Tom Janish

Finance Director