

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

October 2017

10.17.17 Board meeting summary

The Dakota School Board conducted its regular October meeting on the 17th. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Mathers shared information that included reports on the Dakota Childcare program; first quarter financial update and a meeting with a representative from the Dakota Athletic Boosters.

Reviewed 2017-2018 District Improvement Plan (Keep Dakota Proud! Plan)

Mr. Prusator provided a review of the tentative 2017-2018 District Improvement Plan. We're later in the process than we would be normally. Many of the items in the plan will likely carry over into the 2018-2019 improvement plan, but we want to make as much progress as we can this year. If any community members would like anything included for consideration, please let the district know as soon as possible by e-mailing Sue Gallagher at sgallagher@dakota201.com. We'll likely approve it at the November meeting.

Approved building School Improvement Plan

The Board approved the 2017-2018 school improvement plans. These plans included some of the goal setting work that was done in each building earlier in the year. The district will continue to work at developing building plans and goals that all link tightly to our shared vision and District Improvement Plan.

Reviewed 11/1/17 Community Focus Group Session

The Board reviewed the format and questions for the community focus group session scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st, which begins at 7:00 p.m. and Dakota High School. This will be the board's third focus group session having conducted one in each of the two previous school years. One of the school board's biggest responsibilities is engaging the community and this format does a pretty effective job of that. The purpose of the focus group session is to share information about the district to the community and getting feedback from the community on the direction of the school district.

Community members are invited to attend.

Approved special board meeting for Tuesday, December 5th

The board approved scheduling a special meeting for Tuesday, December 5th, for the purpose of conducting a board self-evaluation with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). The board self-evaluation process is critical activity in assisting the board in improving in its governance role. This will be the board's third self-evaluation over the past three years. As was the case in the past, the self-evaluation with an IASB representative, will be conducted in closed session.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the Board:

Person	Board Action
Debbie Todorav	Employed as daycare aide
Shane Riggle, Doug Heilemier, Tony Alber, Seth Milks	Approved as volunteer wrestling coaches
Eric Rankin	Approved as volunteer high school girls basketball assistant coach

The school board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 21 at the Dakota Elementary School library.