11.13.18 Board meeting summary
The Dakota School Board conducted its regular November meeting on the 13th. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Administrative Reports
2018 State Report Card
Mr. Prusator provided a brief summary of the 2018 State Report Card for Dakota. The report card is produced annually and gives information on student demographics, finances, student achievement and other related data on the school district. The report card will be posted to the district web page.

Keep Dakota Proud! Plan
Mr. Prusator shared a status report on the 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan. The plan includes initiatives in the areas of instruction, staffing, facilities and programming. The plan is used as a guide to direct the district’s resources.

Inclement Weather and School Cancellation
With winter approaching, Mr. Prusator reviewed the framework and parameters on making determinations on cancelling school due to snow and cold.

Principal Reports
Mr. Grey shared highlights from the JH/HS, which included the following:
- Suicide prevention assembly scheduled for November 19th.
- 5 Essential parent survey is now open. Parents will be sent e-mail encouraging them to participate.
- A graduation committee composed of parents, staff, and students has scheduled graduation for Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m.
- Several DHS fall sports teams finished their seasons with winter sports seasons getting underway.
- The band competed in the IMEA LA competition in DeKalb.

Approved Fiscal Year 2018 audit
Jerry Funk, from Wipfli, LLP presented the fiscal year 2018 audit (annual financial report). Mr. Funk reviewed the process to conduct the audit and shared that the district received a “financial recognition” score from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). He indicated that the audit process went smoothly. The board unanimously approved the audit.

Approved tentative 2018 property tax levy and scheduled Truth in Taxation hearing for Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Mathers reviewed the tentative 2018 tax levy. He shared that the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) is projected to increase approximately 4% and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was set at 2.1% for the purpose of this year’s levy. Given both of those factors, the district expects to receive approximately 3.2% more local property tax revenue and the total tax rate will decrease from $5.88 to $5.33. The board is scheduled to conduct a levy hearing on December 18th and approve the levy at its regularly scheduled board meeting, also scheduled for December 18.

Reviewed April 2019 school board election timeline
Mr. Prusator reviewed the process and timeline for community members to become board candidates for the April 2, 2019 school board election. Petitions can be picked up at the county clerk’s office and must be filed between December 10 and December 17. The board currently has four seats expiring.

Approved Personnel Recommendations
The following personnel items were approved by the board:

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<td>Jason Grey</td>
<td>Employed as superintendent beginning July 1, 2019</td>
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<td>David Hanes</td>
<td>Employed as .4 FTE art / .6 FTE aide</td>
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<td>Devin Martens</td>
<td>Accepted resignation as golf coach</td>
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<td>Jim Moyer</td>
<td>Approved as volunteer assistant high school boys’ basketball coach</td>
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The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.