

# Dakota CUSD #201

## Board Meeting Summary

### February 2019

#### 2.19.19 Board meeting summary

The Dakota School Board conducted its regular February meeting on the 19th. Below is a summary of the meeting. The January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

#### Administrative Reports

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

Mr. Mathers provided an overview of the district's finances for the second quarter. He reported that both revenues and expenditures are tracking with the adopted budget, with actual expenditures being slightly less than budgeted at the halfway point of the fiscal year.

#### Principal Reports

Dakota Elementary principal Jeff Milburn reported on the following items:

- The mobile dentist program had its highest participation level this year.
- The after school reading program is underway and is being hosted in the library.
- A survey to determine interest in a potential YMCA before and after school daycare has been sent to parents.

Dakota JH/HS principal Jason Grey reported on the following:

- Students were provided a presentation on hazing from a retired detective from the Freeport Police Department.
- Five wrestlers qualified for the state individual meet. Caleb Alber took 5<sup>th</sup> place and Andrew Wenzel was crowned state champion. Andrew is the 43<sup>rd</sup> individual wrestling champion from Dakota High School.
- The girls' basketball team finished the season with a record of 23-6 and won the Polo Regional Championship. Three of their six losses were to teams that advanced to the Elite Eight.
- The boys' basketball team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the conference and is playing for the regional championship at Forreton.

- Junior high and high school teachers are evaluating English Language Arts curriculum for next school year.
- The high school is hosting a college dual credit meeting for courses being offered next school year.
- All sophomores took the Highland College placement test at Highland.

#### Approved 2019-2020 Dakota High School course guide.

The Board reviewed and approved next year's course guide. One significant change was adding a College Transitional Math course which, if passed, will permit students to earn Highland math credits without needing to take the placement examination. An Accounting I class is also being offered.

#### Reviewed/placed updated board policies on display

The board briefly reviewed and put on public display updated board policies. Most of the updates are in response to changes in legislation. The recommendations are provided by the Illinois Association of School Board's (IASB) policy department.

#### Review draft of 2019-2020 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

Mr. Prusator reviewed the [2019-2020 draft of the KDPP](#). The plan includes initiatives for consideration for next year. At this point items are being added to the list with the board planning to make a final approval for the plan at the April or May board meeting.

#### Approved cooperative hockey agreement with Monroe High School

The Board approved the cooperative hockey agreement with Monroe High School. This cooperative agreement has been in place for the past two years.

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**Reviewed possibility of expanding extra-curricular activities to include bowling**

In order to provide greater access to extra-curricular activities the Board reviewed the possibility of adding a bowling team for boys and girls. The administration has done preliminary work in determining interest and logistics.

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Action</b>
Randy Bay	Employed as JH/HS principal
Approved 2019 Spring coaches	Sam Knaack, varsity baseball Jeff Kinney, varsity softball Cindy Koester, fresh-soph softball Shad Sutheland, volunteer softball Annie Pieffer, volunteer softball Dan Sheets, HS head boys' track Carrie Tressemer, HS girls' head track Steve Olson, Assistant HS track Tanner Folk, HS volunteer track Rudy Folk HS volunteer track Joe Free, JH track Jennifer Geisemen, JH track F/S baseball still open
Approved 2019 Fall coaches	Joe Free, HS head football coach Kim Toelke, HS head volleyball coach Kurt Mills, HS head golf coach
Renee Houghton	Accepted resignation as JH/HS aide
Don Borman	Accepted resignation JH/HS custodian
Heidi Ludolph	Approved retirement contract, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the district board room.

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.