

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

March 2019

3.19.19 Board meeting summary

The Dakota School Board conducted its regular March meeting on the 19th. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Student Recognition

The Dakota School Board recognized several DHS students who received state level recognition during the current school year. The following students were presented a certificate for their achievements:

Illinois State Scholars: Ben Blocker, Bryan Dieken, Samantha Elliott, Morgan Graybill, Jacalyn Reifsteck, Kennedy Schroeder, Kyle Zimmerman.

IHSA All-Academic: Bryce Bicksler, Bryan Dieken, Jacalyn Reifsteck, Kennedy Schroeder, Mackenzie Schweickart, Laney Spradlin, Kyle Zimmerman. Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA): Aleda Lee (band), Conner Elmer (choir), Hannah Wichman (choir).

IHSA Individual state wrestling: Caleb Alber (fifth place), Andrew Wenzel (state champion). **Illinois Basketball Coaches Association** (IBCA): Tabitha Toelke (3rd Team All-State).

Staff Recognition

The board also recognized elementary teachers Maime Curry and Heidi Ludolph for securing a \$13,500 grant award from the "100 Women Who Care" Foundation. The award will be used to support the Summer Reading/Bookmobile program.

Administrative Reports

Principal Reports

Dakota Elementary principal Jeff Milburn reported on the following items:

- Orton-Gillingham training (reading) for staff scheduled for March 18-19.
- ARC training (reading) for staff scheduled for March 21.
- The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) state assessment will be administered in March
- Kindergarten registration was held on March 7th.

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

- 8th grade students took the PSAT for the first time as part of the SAT preparation plan. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT on April 9th.
- The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR, state assessment), will be administered on April 17th and 18th.
- Placement testing for college dual credit has been completed. It is expected that the high school will have over 20 students enrolled in college English/psychology next school year.
- 35 students are currently registered for CareerTec programs for the next school year.
- Pete Alber is a nominee for the IWCOA Wrestling Coach of the Year, while Kevin Cline is nominated for the IBCA District 10 Coach of the Year.
- Annie, the Musical is scheduled for April 4, 5, and 6 in the Dakota High School.

Reviewed 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan.

The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan which acts as the district's improvement plan. Mr. Prusator shared that some of the uncompleted initiatives will likely be included in the 2019-2020 plan.

Approved updated board policies on display

The board approved updates to 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

Similar to the February meeting, 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.

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Rescheduled regular April meeting and scheduled organizational meeting

Due to the April 2nd school board election and vote canvassing timelines, the board voted to reschedule the regular April meeting from April 16th to Tuesday, April 23rd. The board will also conduct its organizational meeting by seating new board members and electing officers.

Approved expanding extra-curricular activities to include bowling

In order to provide greater access to extra-curricular activities the Board approved the addition of a bowling team for boys and girls beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Approved sale of excess baseball uniform inventory to public

The board approved the release of old baseball uniforms for sale to the public. The uniforms are currently in storage with no plans of being needed for use. The proceeds will go to support the high school baseball activity account.

Approved administrative cost cap waiver hearing for the April 23rd board meeting.

Due to the changes in the way the superintendent position has been staffed over the past three years and the increased allotment of days and per diem for the current year, the expenditures in budgeted administrative expense line items are 5% greater than last year. Consequently, the district will file a waiver with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). A hearing is required prior to submitting the waiver. The hearing will be held prior to the April board meeting.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

Person	Recommendation
Sue Benters	Accepted retirement request effective January 3, 2020 as daycare director
Stacy Geiken	Accepted resignation as daycare aide
Tenured staff	Employed for 2019-2020
Stacy Miller (elementary PE) Sarah Pecararo (JH math) Peggy Dieken (guidance counselor) Joe Free (HS English)	Employed as fifth year tenured status teachers for 2019-2020 school year
Sam Knaack (JH/HS PE)	Employed as fourth year probationary teacher for 2019-2020 school year.
Christine Henke (art) Lisa Kuper (elementary special education) Cindy Koester (elementary) Shannon Fisher (elementary) Dawn Hastings (elementary)	Employed as third year probationary teachers for 2019-2020
Dan Sheets (JH/HS special education) Lisa Flynn (HS English) Colby Dace (HS science) Katie Ries (JH/HS counselor) Amanda Elmer (JH/HS PE) Jamie Myers (elementary) Charity Rhode (early childhood) Scot O'Connor (HS agriculture)	Employed as second year probationary teachers for 2019-2020
David Hanes (part-time art)	Accepted resignation
Jill Spielman	Approved as girls golf coach

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.

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