

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

August 2018

8.14.17 Board meeting summary

The school board conducted its regular August meeting on August 14th. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Seated new board member

Eric Stiegler took the oath of office and was seated as a member of the Dakota School Board. Eric is filling the seat vacated by long time board member Frank Nelson, who resigned in June. He will fill the seat up through the next board election, which is scheduled for April of 2019.

Administrative Reports

August 16, 2018 Opening Teachers' Institute

Mr. Prusator reviewed the agenda for the opening 2018-2019 school year teachers' institute scheduled for August 16th at Highland College.

Principal Reports

Mr. Grey shared highlights from the JH/HS, which included the following:

- High school enrollment of 271 and junior high enrollment of 117.
- High school band conducted camp and has 50 participants, including color guard.
- Sophomore Ian Peterson recorded the school's first hole in one in a golf match against Stockton and River Ridge .
- 33 students are enrolled in college dual credit courses on the Dakota campus this year, while 41 students are enrolled in CareerTec programs.

Mr. Milburn shared updates from elementary school, which included the following:

- The new ELA training schedule
- New staff orientation
- Success of the Summer Bookmobile Program and summer reading night

New teaching staff were also introduced to the school board:

Lisa Flynn, DHS English
Colby Dace, DHS science
Dan Sheets, JH/HS special education
Katie Ries, JH/HS counselor
Amanda Elmer, JH/HS PE and health

Reviewed unaudited FY 18 financial summary.

The board reviewed the unaudited financial summary of the FY 18. The Education and Operations funds ended with positive balances, while the Transportation Fund ended with a small deficit.

Reviewed and placed on display Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget and scheduled budget hearing for September 19th.

The board placed the FY 19 budget on display. Mr. Mathers reviewed the tentative budget. Overall, the FY 19 budget has a surplus of just over \$100,000. The budget will continue to be adjusted prior to the budget hearing and final adoption at the board meeting on September 18th.

Placed updated board policies on display.

The board placed on public displays recommended policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) policy service. It's anticipated the updates will be approved at the September 18th meeting.

Reviewed Board committee assignments and responsibilities.

The board reviewed committee assignments for the 2018-2019 school year. New board member Eric Stiegler accepted an assignment to the Planning and Development Committee. The other standing board committee is the Monitoring and External Communications Committee. The board tentatively set September 11th as the next take for the committees to meet.

Scheduled annual school board retreat

The board scheduled its annual retreat for Wednesday, September 26th at the State Bank of Davis. The retreat will start at 5:30 p.m. The board uses the retreat to monitor progress and begin making strategic decisions for future years.

Scheduled community focus group session

In their commitment to engage the community, the board scheduled a community focus group session for Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Dakota High School. The board utilizes this event to solicit feedback from community members to assist them in determining initiatives for improvement.

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Approved RFP for purchase of district van

The board approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a district van.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

Personnel	Action
Mark LeBaron	Accepted resignation August 2018
Kristen Keith	Accepted resignation as early childhood teacher
Gena Ayres	Accepted resignation as elementary instructional aide
Shelly Feine	Accepted resignation as elementary cafeteria worker
Linda Maize	Accepted resignation as elementary cafeteria worker
Sue Gallagher	Approved retirement contract effective June 30, 2019
Lisa Flynn	Employed as HS English teacher
Jamie Myers	Employed as 6 th grade teacher
Justin Siemens	Employed as JH/HS special education aide
Kathy Davis	Employed as district food service supervisor
Non-certified employees	Approve 2% hourly wage increase for 2018-2019.
Jeff Milburn/Jason Grey	Approved 2% salary increase for 2018-2019
Fall, winter and school staff spring coaches	Approved coaching list for fall, winter, and staff spring coaches

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.