

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

January 2018

Below are some board actions/highlights from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on January 16, 2018.

Board approved FY 17 Financial Audit

Mr. Mathers reviewed the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 17) audit which reflected the district's finances from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. WIPFLI LLP conducted the audit using accepted government auditing standards. Overall, the district's FY 17 cash flow and end of year fund balances were consistent with what was projected in the budget. The exception was the impact the facility project had on the cash flow of FY 17. About \$450,000 of facility expenses came out of FY 17 (working cash fund) while none of the revenue through the bond sale was received until after July 1, 2017 (FY 18). Consequently, FY 17 cash flow looks worse than it actually was and FY 18 will likely look better than it normally would. The district was also negatively impacted by transportation reimbursement from the state of Illinois in that not all payments were received prior to June 30, 2017. Consequently, the transportation fund did not turn out as well as expected. Below is a brief summary of the major operating funds as of June 30, 2017.

Fund	Revenue	Expense	+/(-)
Education	\$8,767,329	\$8,797,653	\$(30,324)
Building	\$496,415	\$383,636	\$112,779
Transportation	\$333,500	\$488,052	\$(154,552)
Working Cash	\$14,937	\$494,590	\$(479,653)

When all of the district's 9 funds are taken into account and expenses from the facility project are removed, the district basically broke even with just slightly greater revenue than expenditures for FY 17.

Board approved 6th grade participation in junior high football

Last month, Mr. Prusator provided a status report on junior high football. Last season 6th graders were permitted to participate on the school team due to the lack of an opportunity for them to participate through the community based program. When the board decided to permit sixth graders to play last season, it was for one year with the understanding that the district would evaluate the situation and determine options for a long-term decision. Mr. Prusator reported in December that enrollment and participation numbers are not sufficient to support a 7th grade and 8th grade team with only 7th and 8th grade students. Discussions with coaches, athletic director, high school coaches and representatives from the Dakota Youth Football to evaluate options were held during the late fall. Based on all of the information and circumstances, it was decided the best recommendation was to permit sixth graders to participate on the junior high football team.

Board approved 2018-2019 DHS course guide

Last month, JH/HS principal Jason Grey reviewed additions and changes to the DHS course guide for the 2018-2019 school year. One of the significant changes is the inclusion of Advanced Placement (AP) biology and AP US history. These two courses are sponsored by the College Board and are college level courses, where students can earn college credit. Each course will use an approved college curriculum. Students will take an AP exam in the spring at the end of the course which will determine whether or not college credit is earned. The other significant additions to the course guide are business department offerings which will include: Business and Technology concepts and Accounting I.

Reviewed Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

Mr. Prusator provided a brief review of the draft Keep Dakota Proud! Plan, which includes possible initiatives for consideration beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The items included are deemed important to improve the school district for students in a variety of ways. The initiatives in the plan will ultimately be prioritized and implemented within the parameters of the budget and reasonable timelines.

Reminder of special board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.

President Colette Binger reminded the board that a special board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a board self-evaluation with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)

Personnel Actions

Person	Board Action
Jeff Kinney	Employ as head softball coach
Sam Knaack	Employ as head baseball coach
Carrie Tresemer	Employ as head girls' track coach
Shad Sutherland	Approve as volunteer assistant softball coach
Anthony Smith	Employ as volunteer assistant baseball coach
Sally Lee	Transfer to district bookkeeper
Sade McCauley	Transfer to elementary library aide