

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

March 2018

Below are some board actions/highlights from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on March 20, 2018.

Continued to place updated board policies on display

Last month, the school board placed updates to board policy on public display. The updates are provided through PRESS, which is a service provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The updates typically reflect changes to state code and/or decisions in recent court cases. In addition to PRESS recommendations, updates to policies regarding random drug testing, alternative course credits and educational support personnel were also put on display. Those policies are updated to be consistent with existing practice. The updated policies are available in the district office.

Approved the 2018-2019 calendar

The board approved the 2018-2019 school calendar. A representative group of staff reviewed and provided feedback on two calendar options. The approved calendar includes the following highlights:

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| Thurs/Fri, August 16 and 17 | Opening teachers' institutes |
| Monday, August 20 | First day of student attendance |
| November 21-25 | Thanksgiving break |
| December 22-January 6 | Christmas break |
| March 23-March 31 | Spring break |
| May 23 | Last day student attendance with no snow days |

At the last meeting, a proposal for integrating a one hour weekly early released into next year's calendar was presented with the calendar. After administrative review, that consideration is being removed for next year. The utilization of ½ day school improvement and teacher institute days are included in next year's calendar.

Approved 2018-2019 Ombudsman agreement

The school board approved the 2018-2019 contract with Ombudsman, which is an alternative program for students who are not being successful in the regular education program. It's a computer-based program where students can move at their own pace. Ombudsman issues its own diploma. The regional program is housed in Winnebago. The agreement secures three seats for Dakota students for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approved preventative maintenance contract

The board approved a five year preventative maintenance agreement with Geostar to maintain facility systems and equipment in the district's two buildings. A major emphasis of the preventative maintenance program is to address the new equipment that was installed during the past summer for the facility project, in addition to existing equipment. The first year of the contract is \$7,200.

Keep Dakota Proud! Plan update

Mr. Prusator provided an update to the KDPP plan with an updated priority list, which included costs for the various initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year. The plan will be recommended for approval at the April meeting.

Approved renewal agreements for Highland College Now and IHSA

The board approved annual agreements with Highland College for the College Now program where a high school senior is enrolled as a full time student at Highland and with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Personnel Actions

| Person | Action |
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| Annie Curran | Accepted resignation as JH/HS PE/health teacher |
| Susan Steiner | Accepted resignation as JH English teacher |
| Sandy Crawford | Accepted resignation as Pre-K classroom aide |
| Sarah Russell | Accepted resignation as instructional aide |
| Abigail Schroeder | Accepted maternity leave request |
| Theresa White | Terminated position as instructional aide at junior high school |
| Tenured staff | Employed for 2018-2019 |
| Elizabeth Frautschy (elementary) Cathy Korwin (HS Spanish) | Employed as fifth year tenured status teachers for 2018-2019 school year |
| Stacy Miller (elementary PE) Sarah Pecararo (JH math) Peggy Dieken (guidance counselor) Joe Free (HS English) | Employ as fourth year probationary teachers for 2018-2019 school year. |
| Sam Knaack (JH/HS PE) | Employed as third year probationary teacher |
| Christine Henke (art) Lisa Kuper (elementary special education) Cindy Ziegler (elementary) Shannon Fisher (elementary) Dawn Hastings (elementary) | Employed as second year probationary teachers |
| Dan Koester | Employed as JH/HS second shift custodian |

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| Becky Zueger | Employed as elementary cook at 6.25 hours per day |
| Amanda Elmer | Employed as junior high track coach |

Next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th.