

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

November 2017

Below is a summary of board meeting held on November 21st.

Administrative Reports

Jeff Miluburn and Jason Grey shared activities from each of their building from the past month.

Co-superintendent Bob Prusator shared an update from a meeting with Highland Community College representatives regarding dual credit courses currently being taught on the Dakota High School campus and planning college courses for the 2018-2019 school year. There are twenty-three Dakota High School students taking English and Psychology from Highland this semester at Dakota High School.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the [inclement weather/school cancellation process](#).

Approved tentative 2017 tax levy and scheduled Truth in Taxation hearing for December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Co-superintendents Craig Mathers and Bob Prusator reviewed information regarding the 2017 property tax levy process. This will be the first tax levy following the successful April 2017 referendum. As was shared during the referendum process, the total tax rate is anticipated to remain the same as the 2016 rate of \$5.89. Because final Equalized Assessed Values (EAV) will not be finalized until the spring of 2018, the district must request more funds than it anticipates in the event the EAV increases. It should be noted that any increase in the EAV (which is unlikely) will lower the total tax rate. Additionally, because of the referendum, the district will also be requesting a greater amount of property tax revenue in the operating funds while requesting a lesser amount from the debt service fund. Overall, the tax rate will be approximately the same as last year.

Consequently, the Board has scheduled a Truth in Taxation hearing for Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary Library.

Approved 2017-2018 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

After reviewing the plan for the past couple of months, the Dakota School Board approved the [2017-2018 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan](#) (District Improvement Plan). The plan includes initiatives to improve the district in the areas of student achievement, communication, finance,

safety and facilities. The district will also begin developing the 2018-2019 plan when we return from Christmas break and will anticipate approving it in the spring.

Approved technology support specialist position

The school board approved a recommendation for a full-time technology support position. The district has been utilizing a contracted service for technology support for building and classroom needs for the current school year. After evaluating district, building and classroom technology needs during the first semester, it became clear that additional support was necessary than what was provided through contracted services. Consequently, the district will post and work to identify a technology support specialist candidate. If a candidate is identified, it is anticipated that the person would begin sometime early in the second semester. The district would also terminate the contracted services contract once a successful candidate is identified. There will not be a significant increase in cost in switching to the new position from contracted services.

Personnel Actions. The board took the following personnel actions:

Person	Board Action
Jeff Milburn	Approved three year principal contact
Tari Jones	Accepted retirement effective December 21, 2017
Cindy Hawkins	Employed as individual student aide at JH
Linda Gallagher	Employed as JH/HS cook
Kim Toelke	Approved as volunteer assistant high school girls basketball coach

The school board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, December 21 at the Dakota Elementary School library. The Truth in Taxation Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.