

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

May 2018

Below are some board actions/highlights from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on May 22, 2018.

Approved changes to custodial staffing and positions.

With the resignation of the Director of Buildings and Grounds at the April meeting, the board approved changes to custodial staffing and positions. Donnie McCollum was transferred to the position of .5 FTE elementary day custodian/.5 FTE district facility coordinator. Jason Buss was transferred to the position of .5 FTE elementary day custodian/.5 FTE grounds and facility custodian. The board also employed Tara Niedermeier to 2nd shift elementary custodian to replace Jason Buss' position. The district anticipates saving over \$50,000 with the restructuring.

Approved dual credit reimbursement procedure

The school board approved the procedures to reimburse students for taking dual credit college courses beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The district will reimburse students for ½ the cost of tuition and fees following successful completion of a college course with a grade of "C" or better. The program is designed to encourage students to take dual credit courses while in high school, which is an important indicator of success in college. Last school year Dakota High School students earned 449 college credits with 385 of them being earned on the Dakota High School campus.

Approved changes to JH/HS administrative structure by approving assistant principal job description and posting for the position.

In order to provide a more effective leadership structure at the JH/HS, the school board approved a job description for the position of assistant principal. The position will be posted internally and will not add to the staffing in the JH/HS office. Other existing positions will be modified and restructured to make the change without adding staff.

Approved fees for 2018-2019

The board approved student fees for the 2018-2019 school year for lunch prices, student registration and activity fees for next year. The board reviewed a regional survey as a part of the process in approving the fees. Lunch prices will increase by \$.25 per meal for elementary, junior high, high school and adult lunches. Registration fees will remain the same as last year with

the exception of high school which will increase by \$5.00. The board also eliminated the travel fees for extracurricular activities and reduced the activity fee by \$5.00 per sport for high school and junior high.

Approved the amended 2018-2019 calendar

Due to using one snow day, the board amended the 2018-2019 official school calendar to reflect extending the school year by one day from the original calendar.

Approved permanent transfer of \$100,000 from working cash fund to debt service fund

Due to the scheduling of bond payments for the facility project, it was necessary to transfer \$100,000 to the debt service fund in order to make the June payment. From this point on, proceeds from the referendum will be transferred to the debt service fund to make the bond payments.

Approved managed services agreement with Computer Dynamics

The board approved a managed services agreement for \$8,071.20 to provide software support, security, and remote access and work order capability for the district's technology program.

Reviewed 2018-2019 student-parent handbooks

Mr. Milburn and Mr. Grey briefly reviewed updates to the student-parent handbook. There were no significant changes from the current school year. The changes were primarily recommendations from the Illinois Principal Association model handbook. It is expected that the board will approve the handbook at the June 19th meeting.

Reviewed academic recognition and weighted grades recommendation

Mr. Grey reviewed the committee's recommendation which is to weight college dual credit courses and advanced placement courses. The committee's recommendation also includes eliminating class rank and using a Latin system for honors (3.5+) and high honors (3.8+). The weighting would begin with the class of 2020. It is anticipated that the recommendation for approval will be made to the school board at the June 19th meeting.

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Reviewed English Language Arts (ELA) textbook recommendation

Mr. Milburn reviewed the process and recommendation for the ELA textbook recommendation. A group of teacher leaders went through the process of evaluating several programs. The recommendation is for ARC CORE (American Reading Company). It is a high rated ELA curriculum which will provide a tremendous resource for our staff and students. The recommendation for the textbook adoption will be made at the June 19th meeting.

Personnel Actions

Person	Action
Donnie McCollum	Transferred to .5 FTE district facility coordinator/.5 FTE elementary day custodian
Jason Buss	Transferred to .5 FTE elementary day custodian/.5 FTE grounds and facility worker
Tara Niedermeier	Employed as 2 nd shift elementary custodian
Pat Busjahn	Accepted resignation as high school cook

Next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th.