

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

September 2018

9.18.18 Board meeting summary

The Dakota School Board conducted its regular September meeting on the 18th. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Conducted Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Hearing

At last month's meeting the FY 19 budget was placed on display and a hearing was scheduled for 9/18/18. The budget hearing was conducted Tuesday.

Conducted Drivers' Education Waiver Hearing

In order to provide drivers' education instruction through a contracted service (Drive Right), school districts are required to have a waiver approved every five years and conduct a public hearing as part of the waiver application process.

Administrative Reports

6th Day Enrollment Report

Mr. Prusator reviewed the district's enrollment as of the sixth day of attendance. The overall district enrollment declined slightly from last year, which has been trend over the past several years. The total district enrollment is 804, down from last year's 813. The high school enrollment, however, is higher than it's been in recent years at 271. You can click on the following link to see the district's 6th day enrollment history.

[Dakota 6th Day Enrollment History](#)

Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

Mr. Prusator also gave a brief status report of the current year's Keep Dakota Proud! Plan, which represents the initiatives to improve the district. Many parts of the plan have been executed or are in progress. Others have not yet been started. You can click on the following link to see the September status of the KDPP. Please contact Mr. Prusator with any questions.

[Keep Dakota Proud Plan! September Status Report](#)

Principal Reports

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

- During the September 14 school improvement day, staff reviewed the 2018 state assessment scores to identify areas for greater student achievement.
- On October 11th, juniors will be attending a college fair at Highland College.

- 226 JH/HS students are participating in fall extracurricular activities.
- Homecoming is the first week of October.

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

- 2018-2019 math and reading goals
- Status of new ELA curriculum implementation
- PBIS events
- Tremendous support of the PTO

Adopted FY 19 Budget.

The board placed the FY 19 budget on display at the previous month's meeting and adopted it Tuesday. Mr. Mathers briefly reviewed some highlights and adjustments over the course of the past month during the budget hearing. Overall, the FY 19 budget has a surplus of over \$100,000. The FY 19 budget includes many of the initiatives identified in the Keep Dakota Proud! Plan.

Adopted updated board policies.

The board adopted the recommended policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) policy service. The updates are primarily due to changes in legislation, school code, or recent court decisions,

Approved bid for new district van

At last month's meeting the board approved publicizing bids for a new district van. At Tuesday's meeting the board approved the low bid for a 2018 Chevy Traverse from Barkau Automotive for \$26,824.

Reviewed agenda for annual school board retreat

The board reviewed the agenda for its annual retreat scheduled 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.

Reviewed format for community focus group session scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th

In their commitment to engage the community, the board has 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. At Tuesday's

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meeting the board reviewed the format and questions for small group discussion. This will be the board's fourth community focus group session. All community members are invited to attend and participate.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

Personnel	Action
Justin Siemens	Accepted resignation as JH/HS special education aide
Amanda Elmer	Accepted resignation as JH track coach
Scot O'Connor	Employed as agriculture teacher and FFA advisor
Corrin Philpot	Employed as early childhood aide
Renee Houghton	Employed as JH/HS special education aide
Barb Snyder	Employed as elementary cook
Charity Rhode	Employed as early childhood teacher
Stacie Geiken	Employed as daycare aide
Shelly Brinkmeyer	Employed as JH/HS cook 3 hours per day
Approved Volunteer Coaches	Football: Colby Dace, Dan Sheets, Shane Riggle, Brad Edler Volleyball: Tyler Benning Golf: Kurt Mills Boys' Basketball: Taylor Burns Wrestling: Seth Milks, Shad Sutherland Softball: Shad Sutherland, Annie Pfeiffer

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.