

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

May 2019

5.21.19 Board Meeting Summary

The Dakota School Board held its regular May board meeting on the 21st. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Recognized Sue Gallagher (retiring board secretary)

Long time Dakota Board Secretary Sue Gallagher was recognized for her exceptional service to the district. Sue served as the Board Secretary from December of 2000. She has also served at the superintendent secretary during that same time period. Comments were made both by administrators and board members for her commitment to the district, positive impact and meaningful support. Sue is retiring at the end of June, but this was her final board meeting.

Recognized Diane Lawson for earning Illinois Principal (IPA) Northwest Region Leadership Award

Jeff Milburn, elementary principal, presented elementary secretary Diane Lawson a certificate for earning the Northwest Region Leadership Award. Diane has been serving the district in the position for 33 years and has made a significant contribution to the school environment at Dakota Elementary.

Principal Reports

Dakota Elementary principal Jeff Milburn reported on the following items:

- Kindergarten Body Safety Program
- Elementary spring concerts
- Sixth graders Cassie Boyer and Aidan Meier were recognized at the Illinois Principal Association (IPA) Leadership Brunch
- PTO sponsored a luncheon for Teacher Appreciation Week
- End of year MAPS assessment results and growth

Dakota JH/HS principal Jason Grey reported on the following:

- The 8th graders scored well above national and state averages on the Preliminary Student Achievement Test (PSAT) in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Sophomore Calie Minkie competed in the 400 meter dash at the IHSA state track meet in Charleston, IL.
- Five Dakota High School boys qualified for the IHSA state meet this week in Charleston. The five are: Cade Kloster, Josh Clark, Nolan Lentz, Kaleb Morris and Jordan Ayres.
- Softball ended their season with a record of 22-6 and tied for the regular season conference championship.
- Baseball won the IHSA regional tournament held at Dakota by defeating Freeport Aquin 3-2. They will compete in the sectional tournament at Le-Win on Thursday.
- Held a parent meeting for the 2019-2020 athletic season. The meeting reviewed the summer program and requirements for the 2019-2020 season. Parents were also able to meet with coaches to review expectations and prepare paperwork.

Adopted updated board policies

The board approved the most current issue of policy recommendations from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Many of the adoptions reflect changes in school code or the impact of recent court cases. There were a couple of new policies which addressed retirement severance payment for educational support staff and behavioral threat assessment.

Approved bid for sealing parking lots and repairing elementary playground blacktop.

The board approved a bid from Premier Sealcoating not to exceed \$131,431 to seal, paint and repair the district parking lots and to replace the elementary playground blacktop.

Approved final 2018-2019 school calendar

As a requirement of all Illinois schools, final calendar must be submitted to the Illinois State

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Board of Education (ISBE). The final calendar reflects five emergency days (snow days) and four Act of God (AOG) days beyond the five emergency days.

Reviewed and finalized board committee assignments and scheduled committee meetings for Monday, June 10th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The board reviewed the responsibilities of the Planning and Development Committee and the Monitoring and External Communications Committee and finalized the committee assignments. Planning and Development: Colette Binger, Tom Liszka, Eric Stiegler and Jesse Milks. Monitoring and External Communications: Karen Kleckner, Carie Panoske, and HeiDee Meier. The first committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 10.

Reviewed registration fees and lunch prices for 2019-2020.

Mr. Prusator and Mr. Mathers shared that their recommendation is to not increase registration or lunch fees for the 2019-2020 school year. They plan to make final recommendation at the June meeting.

Reviewed tentative 2019-2020 calendar

Mr. Mathers briefly reviewed the tentative calendar for next school year. Below are the highlights:

- Opening Teacher Institutes: August 15, 16
- First day student attendance: August 19
- Thanksgiving break: November 27-29
- Christmas break: December 21- January 5
- Spring break: March 21- 29
- Easter break: April 10-13
- Final student attendance day (no snow days): May 22
- Final student attendance day (with 5 snow days): June 1

Reviewed raising daily substitute teacher substitute teacher rate beginning in 2019-2020

Mr. Prusator shared area substitute teacher daily rates and shared that Dakota has fallen behind area rates. Based on the current survey information, Mr. Prusator suggested the board should consider increasing the rate from \$75 per day to \$85.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

Eric Rankin	Accepted resignation as JH football coach, resignation as yearbook advisor and approve as assistant girls basketball coach
Beth Rankin	Approved retirement contract effective end of 2021-2022 school year
Maime Curry	Approved retirement contract effective end of 2022-2023 school year
Casie Eyster	Employed as elementary lead secretary at \$12.00 per hour
Cathy Korwin, Charity Rhode	Approved as junior high summer school teacher
Employ Aleda Lee, Alexis Rote, Paiton Jones, Logan Siemens, Chase Descheemaker, and Abby Cline, Riley Jones, Jacob Kleckner	Employed as student workers for summer painting/mowing
Laura Henze, Michelle Brashaw, Deb Brinkmeier	Approved as summer custodial help and painting

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.

Committee meetings will be held on Monday, June 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m.