

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, October 25, 2010, at the Hub Area Technical School.

President Sharp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Brad Olson, Mrs. Linda Burdette, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mr. Duane Alm, and Mr. Bob Nikolas.

Call to Order

Central High School Principal Jason Uttermark introduced Kerry Konda, CHS Debate Coach, who reported Central Debate had a successful 2010 Season. Last year Central had 336 degrees, a ranking that places Central as the 59th largest debate program according to number of degrees. Degrees are determined by number of students involved and success of those students. Northern SD District ranked 11th in the nation in new degrees with 67.44 degrees. Central led the district for total degrees last year for the first time in school history. 2010 Colter Heirigs had career total points of 2020 placing him in the top 50 point earners in the nation last year which places him second in school history. The team placed 3rd at the state tournament. Congratulations to the Debate program!

CHS Debate Recognition

The All-State Orchestra members from Aberdeen Central High School performed for the school board. These students will be joined by the best orchestral musicians from across South Dakota. The Aberdeen students include: Senior Taylor Johnson, Juniors Kelsey Mundt, Dalton Schutte, Everett Ulvog, and Freshmen Elizabeth Wensmann.

All State Senior Honors Choir

Mr. James Weaver, CHS Orchestra Director, also informed the Board that Mark Wood, Electric Violinist Composer and International Recording Artist, will be conducting a workshop at Central High School. The workshop will include several regional schools for an all day event on Saturday, February 12.

Mark Wood Workshop

Mike Miller gave the Hub Area Technical School update. The Board reviewed a tentative policy regarding tuition for non-member schools. Mr. Pudwill asked instructors to look inside their programs to see what different semester courses could be offered. An example of this, which won't change costs, is splitting up electronics to also include classes on cabling, operations systems, computer hardware and electronic wireless technology. The semester courses, all state-certified, will begin next year.

Hub Area Technical School Update

Bob Nikolas reported on the listening session held earlier in the day at C.C. Lee Elementary. Areas of discussion included behavior problems, growing class sizes, parental involvements, Smart Board and technology training.

C.C. Lee Elementary Listening Session

11-073

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Alm to approve the consent agenda including the following:

Approval of
Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills
- b. Approval of Personnel
 - 1. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Approvals: approve the following certified teaching position assignment for the 2010-2011 school year, subject to all requirements of South Dakota law and School District Policy.
 - a. Kyle Downey – add High School Assistant Debate
 - 2. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Resignations: approve the following resignation effective immediately.
 - a. Gerald DeVall – delete High School Assistant Debate
 - b. Christy Hulscher – 1.0 FTE Health/PE teacher at Holgate Middle School. Ms. Hulscher is currently on a Leave of Absence.
- c. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations
 - 1. PUBLIC SCHOOL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: (approval of)
 - a. #65 for one (1) child
 - b. #66 for five (5) children
 - c. #67 for one (1) child
 - d. #68 for one (1) child
- d. Approval of District Grant Applications
 - 1. Investigating Nuclear Decay in the Classroom – Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation Mini-Grant
- e. Approval of Donations
 - 1. SD Country Music Hall of Fame - \$500.00
 - 2. Wal-Mart - \$1,000 in Gift Certificates to Lincoln Elementary Teachers

All voted “Aye”.

11-074

It was moved by Burdette and seconded by Wirth to approve the agenda with the addition of the May Overby Report to the Board. All voted “Aye”.

Approval of
Agenda

Mr. Mike Neubert, May Overby Principal, introduced Mr. David Nikolas, May Overby Elementary Counselor. Mr. Nikolas indicated Student Safety was top priority with programs to address safety, including teaching first-graders not to bully and how to handle a situation where they are bullied; teaching an anger control unit to second-graders; teaching conflict resolution to third-graders; and teaching conflict management to fourth- and fifth-graders. Fourth-graders are also taught not to tease and how to handle being teased; and fifth-graders discuss harassment, bullying and sexual harassment.

May Overby
Report to the
Board

Mr. Jason Uttermark, CHS Principal, and Mr. Gene Brownell, CHS Athletic Director, informed the board of the changes being made in the High School schedule due to the State A Volleyball Tournament that has been moved from Northern State University’s Barnett Center to CHS. Aberdeen Central High School will have two half-days of school in November while the state A volleyball tournament takes place there. On November 18 and 19, classes will begin at 7:45 a.m. and end at noon. Central High School teachers will be required to remain the whole day, but will leave at 3 p.m. because of the early start.

State A Volleyball
Tournament

11-075

The first reading of the School Improvements plans was held. It was moved by Olson and seconded by Miller to approve the first reading of the School Improvement Plans. The plans are required by the state accreditation process and the federal No Child Left Behind program. The plans will be available for review on each school's website. All voted "Aye".

Approval of School Improvement Plans First Reading

11-076

The first reading of the revision of policy DGD was held. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Wirth to approve the first reading of the revision of policy DGD. All voted "Aye".

Approval of First Reading of the Revision of Policy DGD

11-077

The first reading of policies DGD-R and DGD-E was held. It was moved by Alm and seconded by Olson to approve the first reading of policies DGD-R (including that the maximum amount per purchase is \$300 and the monthly maximum is \$1,000) and DGD-E. All voted "Aye".

Approval of First Reading of Policies DGD-R and DGD-E

Mr. Bob Pitz, Operations Director, updated the Board on the Simmons Elementary remodeling/addition project. Despite a board inquiry into making the current gym, which is 4 feet below ground level, into two floors, he still recommends raising the floor and keeping it one level, for reasons including cost.

Simmons Elementary Project Update

11-078

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Nikolas to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. All voted "Aye."

Adjournment

Brian Sharp

President

Tom Janish

Finance Director