RAPID CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 51-4
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Rapid City Area School Board of Education held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 26th, 2011, at Western Dakota Technical Institute, 800 Mickelson Drive, Rapid City, SD 57703. President Leah Lutheran called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. with the following board members in attendance: Bret Swanson, Dr. Suzan Nolan and Jeff Nelsen. Board members Sheryl Kirkeby, Doug Kinniburgh and Brad Otten were absent with notice. Ad-Hoc Members in attendance were Bruce Rampelberg; John Pence was absent with notice. Others in attendance included: Dr. Craig Bailey, Dr. Tim Mitchell, Student Representative Christopher Butt, WDT staff and other members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SWANSON moved and NELSON seconded to approve the establishment of the agenda as presented and recommended. MOTION CARRIED (3-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Recognition

Ms. Ann Perry, General Education Instructor, was recognized for 10 years of service with WDT.

Dr. Angela Raber, Adjunct Instructor, was recognized for receiving her Doctorate Degree from USD.

The following students were recognized for placing first in the State in their respective fields for Skills USA: Toni Kuntz, Collision Repair, Garfield Eldridge, Automotive Refinishing, Kirsten Kistler, Architectural Drafting, Taylor Weaver, Technical Drafting and Charles Wuestewald, Computer Maintenance.

REPORTS

Dr. Bailey reported on the Higher Learning Commission conference (HLC) that he recently attended in Chicago. The HLC has proposed a new model for continued accreditation, the “Open Pathway” that seeks to offer greater value to institutions through its reaffirmation process for continued accreditation and greater credibility to the public in its quality assurance.
Dr. Bailey also reported on the monthly meetings with the Community Health Center of the Black Hills; WDT and CHCBH now have an MOU that will be presented to the Rapid City School Board of Education in May.

Mr. Jeff Nelsen reported on the New Rushmore Building Update. Groundbreaking ceremony will take place at Western Dakota Tech on Friday, May 6th at 1 P.M. and Scull Construction will be the contractor.

Mrs. Leah Lutheran reported on the WDT Governance Committee Update. The Board will review all resignations and eliminations in advance before they are board approved.

Ex-Officio Member Reports
Mr. Bruce Rampelberg reported that he had an interesting first year experience as a Legislator in Pierre and that he will be more effective next year.

Student Representative Report
Mr. Christopher Butt gave a report on the recent SGA activities that were held over the last quarter. The 1st Annual “Mardi Gras Night” was a huge success held in February. Other activities include: Special Olympics fundraiser and the 2nd Annual Leadership Retreat in March; Ms. Amanda Olson will be the new 2011-12 SGA President.

Superintendent’s Comments
Dr. Mitchell commented on the importance of communication and collaboration. At the next Study Session, an overview of the Career and Technical Education and a CTE Academy are on the agenda.

OPEN FORUM

No speakers were present.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Business & General Education Departments: Ms. Kelly O’Brien, Department Chair, presented a video on all programs of the Business & General Education Departments.

OTHER REPORTS

Corporate Education Center Highlights – Ms. Patsy Schmidt reported on the Administrative Professional Day scheduled for April 27, there will be over 70 participants attending. The State’s Annual EMT Testing will be held here on May 5, 6, and 7. The Dental Assistant Program students will graduate on May 17 and the Truck Driving Program students will graduate on May 19th.
Student Services Highlights – Ms. Janell Oberlander reported on the Student Services recent retreat and she thanked Chris Butt, SGA President for all his accomplishments this school year.

Marketing and Admissions – Mr. Steve Buchholz reported on the upcoming open houses scheduled for this spring and summer. You can also follow WDT on social media such as Facebook or Twitter.

Health & Human Services Departments – Dr. Marge Beam reported on the Fire Science Program’s accreditation scheduled for April 27th and the SIM center, which will be used for medical students to practice their skills.

Tech Prep – Mr. Russell Poppen provided a handout in advance for board members.

WDT-Foundation – Ms. Darla Thompson reported on the Brick Fundraiser, new board member, Mr. Dick Duncan and the naming opportunities for the new Rushmore building.

Information Service Department – Mr. Travis Lundquist reported on the implementation of the new Students Information System, “Jenzabar” and the scheduled training dates for staff.
ADJOURNMENT

NOLAN moved and SWANSON seconded to adjourn the April 26th, 2011, special board of education meeting at 7:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED (3-0).

FUTURE AGENDA – The Board of Education will meet on July 7, 2011 to determine the 2011-12 Quarterly Board meeting dates for WDT.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTEST:

Mrs. Leah Lutheran, President
Rapid City Board of Education