

## **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 Thursday, April 23, 2009, Western Dakota Technical Institute, 800 Mickelson Drive, Rapid City, SD 57703. President Kirkeby called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. with the following board members in attendance: Doug Kinniburgh, Arnie Laubach, Bret Swanson and Wes Storm. Board Members Leah Lutheran was absent with notice and Daphne Richards-Cook arrived later. Ad-Hoc Members Present: Margie Rosario, John Pence and Bruce Rampleberg were absent with notice. Others in attendance included: Dr. Craig Bailey, Dr. Rick Gray, Student Representative Cara Riker, WDT staff and other members of the community.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

STORM moved and KINNIBURGH seconded to approve the establishment of the agenda as presented and recommended. MOTION CARRIED (4-0).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

STORM moved and KINNIBURGH seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue at 6:22 P.M. MOTION CARRIED (5-0). President Kirkeby declared Executive Session over at 6:40 P.M.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

#### **Recognition - Retirees**

The following staff members were recognized for their years of service with WDT: Art Balcom, Electronics Instructor: 23 years, Harland Kistler, Accounting Instructor: 9 years and Dr. Rick Gray, Vice-President: 5 years.

### **REPORTS**

Report from President- Dr. Bailey gave an update on the Master Site Plan proposal. This proposal was also presented through the state bonding. This proposal would be a 5-10 year project, the first phase would include a new center of the campus located northwest of the Mickelson building, we hope to break ground in 2010 if this proposal is approved by the board of education. The Green Audit is a one time state monies of \$25,000 we received to make our buildings state of the art environmentally friendly and more energy efficient. Dr. Bailey reported on his recent meetings with SCI. SCI is very much interested in receiving training and education for their soon displaced workers, WDT can offer diploma, certificate or a degree. These workers want to attend school and receive a diploma, certificate or a degree. WDT has been working closely with the State Department of Labor on this area as well.

Ex-Officio Member Reports- Ms. Marige Rosario commented on the tuition increase and she appreciates receiving reports with the agenda.

#### Student Representative Report

Ms. Cara Riker provided a review of current student activities over the last quarter.

#### Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Wharton appreciates the community's Construction Trades working closely with the WDT construction programs.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

No speakers were present.

#### **OTHER REPORTS** (Reports given to Board Members in advance)

Corporate Education Center – Ms. Patsy Schmidt provided a review of Corporate Education Center activities and directions over the last quarter.

Finance and Operations – Ms. Ivy Allard provided a review of Finance and Operations highlights over the last quarter.

Marketing and Admissions – Mr. Stephen Buchholz provided a review of the current marketing and admissions activities over the last quarter.

WDT-Foundation – Ms. Mary Williams provided a review of current Foundation activities over the last quarter.

Tech Prep – Mr. Russell Poppen provided a review of current Tech Prep activities over the last quarter.

Institutional Advancement – Mr. Kim Morey gave an update on Institutional Advancement activities over the last quarter.

Strategic Planning – Dr. Rick Gray gave an update on the strategic plan over the last quarter.

Curriculum and Program Highlights – Ms. Jo-Ann Elseman provided a review of current Curriculum and Program highlights over the last quarter.

Student Services Highlights – Ms. Janell Oberlander provided a review of current Student Services Highlights over the last quarter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

STORM moved and SWANSON seconded to adjourn the April 23, 2009, special board of education meeting at 6:42 P.M. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

**FUTURE AGENDA** – Next year's meeting dates will be set at the Annual Meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Janak, Business Manager

Reva Bad Wound, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Mrs. Sheryl Kirkeby, President  
Rapid City Board of Education