

Dakota CUSD #201

Board Meeting Summary

December 2018

12.18.18 Board meeting summary

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

Administrative Reports

Violence Prevention/Emergency Planning

Advisory Group

Mr. Prusator reviewed the work of the advisory group which consists of parents, teachers, administrators, law enforcement and emergency responders. The group is using the framework of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force's recommendations to improve security and safety measures in schools. Mr. Prusator shared the status report of those recommendations. A final plan and implementation of the initiatives is expected to be completed by May.

2018 PARCC and SAT Achievement Scores

Dakota Elementary principal Jeff Milburn and JH/HS Principal Jason Grey provided a summary report of the 2018 state test scores, which was administered last spring.

Adopted 2018 property tax levy.

A levy hearing was conducted prior to the meeting for the providing community members an opportunity to make comments. There were none. The board adopted a tax levy that will likely generate an increase of approximately \$180,000 over last year. The good news is that because of a nearly 4% increase in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), the total tax rate will likely decrease by about 5 cents from \$5.88 to \$5.83.

Reviewed first draft of the 2019-2020 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

The Board reviewed an initial draft of the 2019-2020 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan. The draft includes a proposal of initiatives in the areas of instruction, staffing, facilities and programming designed to improve the conditions for our students and staff to improve. The plan is used as a guide to direct the district's resources. The plan will be updated and revised over the course of the next several months.

This is also the time where staff, parents and community members can suggest items to the plan. Several of the initiatives came from the community focus group session, which was held in November. It is anticipated that the final plan will be approved in May.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

Personnel	Action
Christine Arroyo	Accepted resignation as daycare aid
Stacie Geiken	Employed as daycare aid
Don Borman	Employed as JH/HS custodian

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.