SHANNON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010
BATESLAND, SD

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 19, 2010 at Batesland, South Dakota. President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Members present:  Andrea Eagle Bull, President
                  Todd O’Bryan
                  Tom Conroy
                  Bryn Brewer
                  Chuck Conroy

Others present:   Dr. Richard L. Zephier, Ph.D, MBA, Superintendent
                  Coy Sasse, Business Manager
                  Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director
                  Terry Albers, Human Resources Director
                  Vickie Grant, Dir of Special Ed/Assessment Coordinator
                  Melvin Sierra, Virtual High School Principal
                  Larry Larson, Wolf Creek Pre-K-4 Principal
                  Steve Selchert, Wolf Creek 5-8 Principal
                  Bob Hall, Rockyford Pre-K-4 Principal
                  Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford 5-8 Principal
                  Connie Kaltenbach, Batesland Principal
                  Darrell Eagle Bull, Student Intervention
                  Barbara Ice, Red Shirt Principal
                  Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director
                  Candi Foltz-Hall, Pre-School Coordinator
                  Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary
                  Beverly Bertram, SCEA President
                  Dana Christensen, Technology Director
                  Dennis Brewer, Transportation & Custodial Coordinator
                  Charles Abourezk, School District Attorney
                  Rod Rick, Dakota Fence Company
                  Brandon Ferguson

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.
Approval of Agenda
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by Brewer to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment A)

Reports
Board members reviewed reports from administrators and building principals and held discussion on several issues; in particular, the district’s concern over teen suicide and the school district’s Lakota Studies Program.

Brandon Ferguson
Brandon Ferguson gave a presentation in regard to the tragedy of teen suicide and possible prevention.

August Regular School Board Meeting
The August regular board meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at Wolf Creek School, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Wolf Creek Playground Equipment
Mr. Rod Rick, representing Dakota Fence Company, presented the board with information and price quotes for playground equipment. Motion by Brewer, seconded by T. Conroy to approve purchase of the playground equipment, as recommended by administration and the playground committee. Motion carried.

Recess
President Eagle Bull declared a short recess at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Personnel
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to approve personnel recommendations, as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment B)

EEOC Claim
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to table the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission claim. Motion carried.

Student Handbook
Motion by Brewer, seconded by O’Bryan to approve revisions to and adopt the 2010-11 Shannon County School District Student Handbook, as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment C)

Meal and Mileage Rates
Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Brewer to establish meal and mileage reimbursement rates, in accordance with federal rate, as follows: mileage reimbursement at the rate of .55 per mile; meal rates at $51.00 per day ($10 breakfast; $15 lunch; $26 dinner). Motion carried.
Rockyford Housing
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to authorize administration to proceed with purchase of up to four governor’s houses, as per recommendation and estimated cost figure. Motion carried.

Financials
Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Brewer to approve financials, as presented by the Business Manager, and disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

Establish Mill Levies
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to table this matter until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Senior Management Team
Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by Brewer to establish the school district’s Senior Leadership Team and to authorize them to proceed with strategic planning. Motion carried.

Board Direction
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by Brewer to approve the request by Superintendent Zephier to establish a one-month timeline for Dr. Zephier to submit an organizational chart of the school district structure to the school board for their review and subsequent adoption. Further, to authorize the Superintendent to initiate a strategic planning process. Motion carried.

Architect Interviews
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by Brewer to hold a special board meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2010 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. Purpose of the meeting will be to conduct interviews of architectural firms. Motion carried.

Feasibility Study
Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by Brewer to authorize Superintendent Richard Zephier to proceed with a feasibility study for establishing a public high school in Shannon County. Motion carried.

Executive Session
Motion by O’Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to go into executive session at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment
Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O’Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.
Signed ______________________________________
Coy Sasse
Business Manager

Approved by the school board on August 23, 2010.

Signed ______________________________________
Andrea Eagle Bull, President