

Superintendent's Note

GO NIGHTHAWKS!

October, 2012

The school year is off to a great start! All levels of football and volleyball are busy each week as well as the Pee Wee girls' basketball team. About the time we are ready to release this newsletter, we will be preparing for our home football game in Scranton against Trenton on Friday, September 28. Game time is at 6:00 p.m. and we hope to see you there to support the Nighthawks!

FFA and FBLA are also off and running. Both organizations have already attended or will attend events in the near future. The students are working hard to prepare for competitions and develop the leadership skills required for success. Good luck to all our students.

Our teaching staff has been very busy this year with several new initiatives. Our inservice on September 24, was based on the new "Common Core" These are new national standards and benchmarks that we will be utilizing in the near future. Currently we are developing lessons based on the North Dakota state standards and benchmarks. The Common Core has been adopted by 48 states, and the purpose is to "level the playing field" among states in order to make meaningful comparisons between students.

Currently each state sets its own standards, so accurate comparisons from state-to-state about student achievement cannot accurately be measured. Like most things of this nature, it sounds simple enough but there is a lot of planning and effort by teachers that is taking place and will take place in order to make a successful shift.

Our staff has also spent a considerable amount of time learning about Google Docs. Mr. Charboneau was trained this summer and is passing his knowledge along. There are really some neat attributes and classroom applications within this web-based program. Most impressive is the way we can use technology to collaborate on projects and share information between students and teacher.

The staff has also received training on the I-Pad. We now have a portable I-Pad lab that can be used in any classroom K-12. There are 16 I-Pads in the lab and a laptop computer is included to make downloading applications on all the I-pads quick and easy. The lab has been moving around the classrooms. There are many educational applications with this technology and the kids really like it. Ask your child if the I-Pad lab has entered their classroom!

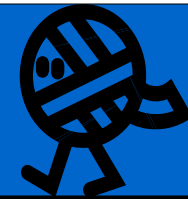
Remember to log on to Power School to check on the progress of your child. All parents should have passwords and easily access this system. If you cannot, please contact us and we will help you out.

Have a Great October!





October 2012 Scranton



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1Tatortot hotdish Lettuce/dressing Fresh fruit	2Polish sausage Baked Beans Fruit salad Bread	3Grilled cheese Tomato soup Pickles Pears	4Scalloped potato/ham Veggie sticks Pineapple tidbits Dessert	5Cheeseburger Fries Fresh fruit	6
7	8Meatballs/gravy Mashed potato Fresh fruit Bread	9Sub sandwich Corn on cob Mandarin oranges	10Baked Chicken Macaroni salad Veggie sticks Apricots	11Taco topped potato Green beans Applesauce Pb bread	12Egg bake Veggie sticks Fresh fruit Breakfast cookie	13
14	15knoephla soup Uncrustable Veggie stick Fresh fruit	16Wiener Wrap Lettuce/dressing Peaches	17Pizzaroni hotdish Corn Apricots Ice cream cup	18NO SCHOOL	19NO SCHOOL	20
21	22Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Fresh fruit Bread	23Lasagna Lettuce/dressing Applesauce	24Chef salad Pears Oatmeal bars String cheese	25Ham patty Pancake/ syrup Baked beans Orange juice	26Meaatball/sauce Breadstick Veggie sticks Fresh fruit	27
28	29Chicken wrap Corn Fresh fruit	30Sloppy Joe Tator tots Mixed fruit	31Macaroni/cheese Green beans Mandarin Oranges Dessert			





Counselor's Page

Welcome back to school for another year. It has been a busy first month. I have set up a schedule that allows me to visit the elementary classrooms one time each week. The junior and senior high schedule allows me to visit with each class at various times each month. I can be reached at the school by calling 275-8897 or email me at denise.oase@sendit.nodak.edu

Up Coming Tests ☺

October 27th – **ACT** for registered seniors
October 22th - November 9th **N D State Assessments** for Grades 3rd- 8th, and 11th
November 14th – **Plan** for sophomores

Red Ribbon Week

October 1st – 5th

Monday/ **Proud to be Drug Free**

Wear **red** colored clothing

Tuesday/ **Follow Your Dreams not Drugs**

Wear PJs and slippers

Wednesday/ **Put a Cap on Drugs**

Crazy hat or hair day

Thursday/ **Hugs not Drugs ... Because Hugs are Bearable**

Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal

Friday/ **Team up Against Drugs**

Wear Night Hawks clothing or your favorite pro team clothing

Attention **Seniors**

ACT Test **Registration Deadline**

October 27 September 21

December 8 November 2

February 9 January 11

Register online at www.actstudent.org

Items to take to the test are:

- Admission ticket (print out when register)
- ID photo
- Scranton School code# 351-600
- #2 pencils
- Calculator (not all are permitted/check the website)
- test fee (\$35 /no writing, \$50.50/written)
- a watch (pace yourself during timed tests)

*Visit college websites online (the counselor webpage has college links). Request information and download an application.

*Keep checking the scholarship list posted by the counselor's office.

Attention **Senior Parents**

There is a **senior parent meeting** October 24th at 7:00 to discuss scholarships and financial aid.

If you are interested in seeing the list of scholarship opportunities, go to the Scranton Public School homepage. Click on the counselor link and then the scholarship link. Together we can encourage your children to apply for some of these scholarships.

A Great Website for Students:

www.khanacademy.org

videos of teachers presenting lessons in different subject areas.

October 2012

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SAT

	1 Bowman JH/JV FB @ Scranton 3:30 JH VB @ Heart River 4:30 FFA District Leadership Dickinson	2 ABC VB @ Bowman 4:30 Elementary girls' BB vs. Hettinger in Scranton 4:30	3 Bus Driver Workshop 6:00 p.m.	4	5 FB @ Central McLean/Underwood 6:00 p.m.	6 Shiloh JH/JV FB @ Hettinger 10:00 a.m. VB @ Wilton 1:00
7	8 JH VB @ Lemmon 5:00 p.m.	9 Beach ABC VB @ Scranton 4:30 Board Mtg @ 8:30 p.m.	10	11 Richardton VB @ Hettinger 5:30 Elem girls BB @ Mott 4:30 p.m.	12 Shiloh FB @ Hettinger 6:00 Senior Night Flu Shots	13 JV VB @ Hazen Tourney 8:00 a.m. Elem girls bb @ Bowman 9:00 a.m.
14	15 JH Boys BB 1st practice	16	17 End of 1st 9 weeks	18 NO SCHOOL—TEACHERS' CONV.	19	20 1st round FB playoffs
21	22 AB VB @ Lemmon 5:30	23 UND Music Auditions	24 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30—9:30	25	26	27 2nd round FB playoffs
28	29 JH girls bb 1st practice DISTRICT VB TOURNAMENT	30	31			

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New School Meal Requirements

You may have heard that there will be new requirements for school meals. Most of the new rules will begin for school year 2012-2013. Knowing what changes were likely to take place, we have gradually been making changes so it wouldn't be such a shock to the students when the new requirements went into effect.

Biggest Changes:

- Students will now be **required** to have $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fruit or vegetables on their tray for it to count as a full meal. We plan to offer a variety of fruits and vegetables to give the students more to select from.
- The amount of food and calories offered at each meal will be based on three different age groups; grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Before, we only had two age groups which left some of the younger students with way too much food. You'll see that on the menus, many of our items are the same, but portion sizes and recipes will be designed to meet the specific age groups.
- We are now limited as to how much meat/meat alternate (cheese, yogurt, peanut butter) and grains we can offer. Previously, we only had a minimum to meet, but could offer more. Now we have to stay within the specified ranges for each age group. This means main entrees may not be as large as they have been. Remember, though, that there are more fruits and vegetables available than before.

Changes We Have Already Made:

- Half of all grains offered must be whole grain rich. Almost all of our grains offered already meet this requirement.
- We must offer vegetables from the following groups each week: dark green, orange/red, beans, starchy, and other vegetables. We've been working towards this goal by serving fresh veggies, switching all lettuce to romaine, and offering beans/legumes.
- Schools have until 2014-2015 to meet the first level of sodium limits. Food manufacturers have gradually been lowering the sodium in foods, we expect it will not be a problem to meet this requirement.

How You Can Help

- Encourage your children to try new things at home and school.
- If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.
Mona Teske



Scoliosis Screening

For many years public health nurses have been providing scoliosis screening in schools. Some recent studies have cast some controversy on the effectiveness of routine scoliosis screening.

Because of the relatively low incidence of severe scoliosis, the low levels of referrals from past year's screenings and the recommendation from the US Preventative Services Task Force, public health nurses from Southwestern District Health Unit will no longer be providing scoliosis screening in the school setting.

Scoliosis is an abnormal curving of the spine. Adolescents between the ages of 10 and 14 are the most common age group to be identified with a possible scoliosis curvature. Only about 10% of children will require corrective bracing and the rest (90%) will not require treatment and will have no long lasting effects or symptoms from the curve.

Although scoliosis is not an extremely common condition seen in children, approximately 2-3% of school age children are reported to have a curvature greater than 10 degrees. Treatment usually with a brace is done if the curve is greater than 25%.

Less than 10% of scoliosis patients have surgery to correct severe curvatures.

Children with scoliosis rarely have pain or a disability related to the spinal curvature.

It is very important that all children between the ages of 10 and 14 have a yearly scoliosis screening to detect for the early signs of a scoliosis curve. If you notice your child having any of the following symptoms: back pain, tired feeling in the spine after sitting or standing for long periods of time, uneven waist, hips or shoulders, or "off balance" or trouble walking, have them evaluated by their health care provider. If you have questions about scoliosis, ask your health care provider or feel free to contact your local public health nurse.

**SCRANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5-8-2012**

The regular meeting of the board was called to order by President Mellmer at 8:08 p.m. in the superintendent's office. Members present were Anderson, Dillon, Mellmer, Reitz and Burns. Pierce was absent. Others present were Cristi Olson, Kari Lei Valloff, Superintendent Pretzer and Business Manager Caron.

The agenda was read and additions were made.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Dillon to approve the bills. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the monthly financial reports and filed them for the auditors.

The April, 2012, payroll expenses were \$103,431.38. The checks issued were numbers 27545-27551. The check stubs issued were numbers 5189-5235. There was a motion by Burns, a second by Reitz to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Thank you cards from Don and Roxy Evans and from Avis Caron were read by the board.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to approve the following certified contracts: Marcia Janikowski - \$45,400; Mark Perkins - \$49,587.72; William Charboneau - \$35,651.25; Polly Markegard - \$40,650; Kelly Pierce - \$60,148.00 12-13, and \$60,148.00 13-14; Gretchen Flatz - \$33,364; Denise Oase - \$36,410; Lynn Brown - \$44,320; Cristi Olson - \$39,556; John Pretzer - \$85,263 12-13, \$87,306 13-14, \$91,216 14-15; and Carmen Erickson - \$33,650. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The 3-5 Year School District Plan was reviewed by the board, and an open public meeting to discuss the plan will be June 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Pretzer informed the board of the 20/20 grant the RESP will be provided by the Hess Corporation.

There was a motion by Burns, a second by Anderson, to approve the Pledge of Securities. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The annual school board election is June 5, with a special meeting to be held at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion was held on the technology plan revision, Measure 2 and the 2012-13 bus routes.

Superintendent Pretzer updated the board on the teaching and para positions.

There was a motion by Burns, a second by Reitz to allow either the business manager or the superintendent to make telephone and in person banking transfers with Dakota Western Bank. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Superintendent Pretzer informed the board that he is a delegate to the NDASA Representative Assembly.

Superintendent Pretzer presented a financial update to the board.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to purchase a new bus.

Superintendent Pretzer reported on elementary and secondary education.

President Mellmer reported that negotiations went very smoothly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Michael Mellmer, President

Angie Caron, Business Manager

**SCRANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
6-5-12**

The special meeting of the board was called to order by President Mellmer at 8:05 p.m. in the superintendent's office. Members present were Pierce, Anderson, Dillon, Mellmer, Reitz and Burns. No one was absent. Others present were Superintendent Pretzer and Business Manager Caron.

The agenda was read and no additions were made.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Burns, a second by Pierce to approve the bills. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Thank you cards from Larry and Lee Ann Tibor, Kathy Schaff, and Best of Class were read by the board.

The board canvassed the 2012 election with 24 votes cast. There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Dillon to certify the June 5, 2012, election with Michael Mellmer and Damon Reitz elected to three year terms. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Burns, to approve the following certified contracts: Michelle Engraf - \$44,092; Patricia Palczewski - \$43,150; Charlene Honeyman - \$38,692; Jeremy Dietzman - \$35,212; Misty Steeke - \$43,893.33; Lawrence Tibor - \$40,760; and Kari Lei Valloff - \$37,452. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to allow the open enrollment for Paige Morgan to the Hettinger School District even though the application did not fall within the open enrollment deadline. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on summer help and summer projects.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to accept the resignation of Carmen Erickson as bus driver. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Dillon to approve the resignation of Shirley Good Shield as para-educator. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Pierce to authorize Superintendent Pretzer to exceed the budget number if necessary. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Michael Mellmer, Superintendent

Angie Caron, Business Manager

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Remember to access the school calendar on the school website:

scrantonpublicschool.com

Click on calendar. The calendar is updated as changes are made.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The fall parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, from 3:30 – 9:30 p.m. Elementary parents will be notified of their conference times, and high school teachers will be in the gym for parents to visit. High school parents can stop in the office prior to conferences and pick up report cards.

**SCRANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
6-19-12**

The regular meeting of the board was called to order by Vice President Pierce at 7:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office. Members present were Pierce, Dillon, Reitz, Anderson, and Burns. Mellmer was absent. Others present were Superintendent Pretzer and Business Manager Caron.

Presentation and public discussion on the Scranton School District 3-5 Year Plan was held. There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Dillon to approve the 3-5 Year plan. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The agenda was read and no additions were made.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Dillon to approve the bills. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The May, 2012, payroll expenses were \$128,622.93. The checks written were numbers 27552-27560. The check stubs issued were numbers 5236-5303. There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Dillon to approve the payroll. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the monthly financial reports, and Superintendent Pretzer gave a year-end financial review. The financial reports were filed for the auditors.

Discussion was held on the voting results of the initiated measures.

Superintendent Pretzer presented the board with the sports' co-op financial reconciliation.

Discussion was held on the bus driver and para openings, and on summer work and projects being completed.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to approve the teaching contract of Karen Chiapella at \$42,350.00. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Shawn Pierce, Vice-President

Angie Caron, Business Manager

**SCRANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
7-17-12**

The regular meeting of the board was called to order by President Mellmer at 5:35 p.m. in the superintendent's office. Members present were Mellmer, Anderson, Dillon, Pierce, Reitz and Burns. No one was absent. Others present were Superintendent Pretzer and Business Manager Caron.

The agenda was read and no additions were made.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Dillon to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to approve the bills. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the monthly financial reports and filed them for the auditors.

The June, 2012, payroll expenses were \$109,215.50. The checks issued were numbers 27560-27564 and 27571-27572. The check stubs issued were numbers 5292-5330. There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Burns to approve the payroll. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to approve the 2011-12 Annual School District Financial Report. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Michael Mellmer, President

Angie Caron, Business Manager

**SCRANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL MEETING
7-17-12**

The annual meeting of the board was called to order by President Mellmer at 6:27 p.m. in the superintendent's office. Members present were Mellmer, Anderson, Dillon, Pierce, Reitz and Burns. No one was absent. Others present were Superintendent Pretzer and Business Manager Caron.

Superintendent Pretzer read correspondence from the RESP and the Bowman County EDC. The RESP is having a meeting on August 14, in Dickinson regarding the Succeed 2020 Grant; and the Bowman County EDC is having a training on August 7, at 6:00 p.m., relating to board governance.

Seating of new board members, Michael Mellmer and Damon Reitz, was held.

President Mellmer called for nominations for president. There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Burns to nominate Mellmer for president. Mellmer asked for anymore nominations. Nominations ceased. There was a motion by Burns, a second by Reitz to elect Mellmer as president. All were in favor. The motion carried.

President Mellmer called for nominations for vice-president. There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to nominate Pierce for vice-president. Mellmer asked for anymore nominations. Nominations ceased. There was a motion by Anderson, a second by Dillon, to elect Pierce as vice-president. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Anderson to approve the following dates for 2012-13 school board meetings: August 20, 8:00 p.m.; September 11, 8:30 p.m.; October 9, 8:30 p.m.; November 14, 7:00 p.m., December 6, 8:00 p.m.; January 8, 8:30 p.m.; February 5, 8:30 p.m.; March 13, 7:00 p.m.; April 9, 8:00 p.m., May 15, 8:00 p.m., June 4, special meeting, 8:00 p.m.; June 18, 8:00 p.m., and annual meeting July 16, at 5:30 p.m. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Burns, a second by Reitz to appoint the following board advisors: bus routes, Pierce and Mellmer; finance, Dillon; personnel, Anderson; curriculum, Burns; special education, Pierce; and building & grounds, Reitz. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Dillon to designate Dakota Western Bank and Wells Fargo Bank as the school depositories. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Burns a second by Anderson to designate the Bowman County Pioneer as the official school newspaper. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Anderson to appoint Burns as the hearing officer for free and reduced meals. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Burns, a second by Anderson to authorize Business Manager Caron to invest funds. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to approve the lunch and activity fee schedule. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Burns to set board member pay at \$75 per meeting for regular and special meetings. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Anderson to designate Superintendent Pretzer as board representative for Title Programs to include Title I, Title II-A and other federal and state programs. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Reitz to appoint Anderson as board representative for the RESP. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the accounts receivable list.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to hold a public hearing on August 20, prior to the regular meeting, to discuss a possible increase in tax revenue. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposed 2012-13 budget figures.

Superintendent Pretzer informed the board that the para educator position is filled, but he is still seeking a bus driver.

Discussion was held on the proposed co-op coaches' salary schedule.

The board reviewed the Dilse housing agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Michael Mellmer, President

Angie Caron, Business Manager

**SCRANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
8-13-12**

The regular meeting of the board was called to order by President Mellmer at 8:03 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. Members present were Mellmer, Pierce, Reitz, Burns, Anderson and Dillon. No one was absent. Others present were Superintendent Pretzer, Principal Pierce, Bob Freymiller, Steve Reimer, Jack Brown and Mark Perkins.

The agenda was read and additions were made.

The board held a public meeting concerning the property tax levy. Superintendent Pretzer presented a power point presentation, and open discussion was held. Following the public hearing; Bob Freymiller, Steve Reimer, Jack Brown and Mark Perkins left the meeting.

There was a motion by Pierce, a second by Anderson to approve the open enrollment application for Trey Renfrow. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Burns, a second by Dillon to approve the open enrollment application for Sasha Parks. All were in favor. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Burns to approve the open enrollment application for Cory Parks. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on bus routes. The bus inventory was handed out to the board.

The August 21, staff inservice schedule was reviewed by the board.

Discussion was held on the repair of the irrigation system.

Superintendent Pretzer updated the board on the progress of summer projects.

Discussion was held on the use of the Pay Flex debit card.

There was a motion by Reitz, a second by Pierce to approve the annual certificate of compliance. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the co-op coaching salary schedule. The board decided to have the co-op committee meet to come to an agreement.

Mr. Pierce presented the NDHSAA requirements for the grades 9-12 coaching staff members starting in 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Michael Mellmer, President

Kelly Pierce, Elementary Principal

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Isabella Lawson	10-2
Mrs. Palczewski	10-3
Ryan Anderson	10-6
Brooke Swann	10-7
Mrs. Brown	10-9
Cody Susa	10-10
Mr. Ness	10-12
Brooke Ketterling	10-18
Brinley Norton	10-24
Hayden Erickson	10-25
Seth Ehlers	10-26
Mr. Perkins	10-26
Abbi Steeke	10-28
Casitee Miller	10-28
Kaitlyn Reimer	10-29