

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAITH SCHOOL DISTRICT 46-2
MEADE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Board of Education of the Faith School District 46-2 met in special session on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Chairman Vance called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm (MDT).

Superintendent Daughters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Groves (via telephone), Halligan, Vance and Welter.

Members absent: Vig.

Others present: Superintendent Kelly Daughters, Elementary Principal Don Kraemer, Maurine School Teacher Sherry Seymour, Ty Dieters, Tyson Hewitt, Travis Mickelson and Tim Mickelson.

Motion by Halligan, 2nd by Welter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Vance welcomed the visitors and asked Superintendent Daughters to speak.

Mr. Daughters explained that the reason the special meeting was convened was the fact that it is less than three weeks before the start of the new school year, and the Faith School District is still short one certified teacher. He explained that this is due to the serious teacher shortage in South Dakota. He told the Board and visitors that he had called many agencies and individuals, taking a very assertive approach to finding possible teacher candidates. And his search was unsuccessful. Mr. Daughters explained that he, the elementary principal and elementary teaching staff conducted a brainstorming session to consider possible solutions to the problem of not finding a teacher to fill the teaching position that is still open.

Superintendent Daughters presented the following plan, which he and the Faith School elementary staff and administration developed:

- Valerie Samuelson will move from teaching first grade in Faith to teaching the lower elementary grades at Maurine School.
- Grades five and six, at Faith Elementary will be combined and will be taught by Marcia Dutton, who has been teaching sixth grade at Faith. A full-time aide will be hired to assist Mrs. Dutton with the the two grades being taught in the same classroom and to fulfill other duties vacated by being one staff member short.
- Karri Hanson will move from teaching fourth grade at Faith Elementary to teaching first grade at Faith Elementary.
- Carol Ann (Annie) Hlavka, who was to teach fifth grade, will teach fourth grade at Faith Elementary.

Superintendent Daughters pointed out that all the teachers who made these changes in teaching assignments had input in the planning and are all in agreement with the changes that were made. He also stated that the administration would continue to search for a full-time, certified teacher; possibly being able to find a December graduate who is qualified for the position. There was some discussion about how the 5th and 6th grade curricula would be presented to students in the combined classroom at Faith Elementary.

Motion by Groves, 2nd by Halligan, to approve the plan for restructuring teaching assignments for lower elementary grades at Maurine School and for 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Faith Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year—as is stated above. Motion Carried.

Motion by Halligan, 2nd by Groves to advertise for a full-time aide to assist in 5th/6th grade classroom and fulfill duties vacated by being one staff member short. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the amount of time the part-time teacher's aide, who has been recently hired, will be at the Maurine School. After some discussion it was determined that the staff and administration would determine whether the Maurine School will need a Teachers Aide for more than two days per week.

Chairman Vance adjourned the meeting at 2:38pm.

Scott Vance, President
Board of Education

Amie Schauer,
Business Manager