

Board Meeting Minutes September 24, 2018

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia, Minnesota, met in a regular school board meeting in the Middle/High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kelley McGraw at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The school board members present were Jared Barnes, Melissa Marschall, Emily McGonigle, Kelley McGraw, Jimmy Westland, Wendy Woyczik, Spencer Yohe, and student school board representatives Isabel Allen and Noah King. Also present were Superintendent Craig Ihrke, Mary Morem, Nancy Runningen, Janelle Field Rohrer, Karen Schiltz, Barb Meyer, Thomas Trehus, Joe Ruskey, Deb Cody, Curt Johnson, Mamie Pronschinske, and Sue Howe. Absent was Gina Meinertz.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Wendy Woyczik to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to the Caledonia Lions for the donation of school supplies to our school district. Thank you to the Caledonia United Methodist Church for the donation of school supplies to our school district. Thank you to the Andrew and Nicole Flugge for the donation of children's books and children cookie cutters to our school district.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Dependable Solutions

Mr. Joe Ruskey from Dependable Solutions shared with the board an update regarding projects from this past summer and updates happening in the school district regarding technology.

Thomas Trehus

Mr. Thomas Trehus discussed with the board his views regarding education.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

The school board welcomed Noah King as a student school board representative. Ms. Allen informed the board that the chrome laptops have been well received by the students, and she has received positive feedback from students on these laptops.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Curt Johnson addressed the board with regard to the transportation of his children to our school district that currently reside in the Houston School District. The board informed Mr. Johnson that a meeting will be scheduled with him in the District Office to discuss this matter further with him.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Emily McGonigle, seconded by Jared Barnes to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of August 20, 2018, Regular School Board Minutes

- Approval of the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$528,983.95 including check numbers 63592 through 63711 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$900,000.00.

- Accept the resignation/retirement of Nancy Runningen as the community education director effective June 30, 2019, with thanks for her 19 years of service and dedication to our school district.
- Ratify the Food Service Director with Rita McCormick for the 2018-2021 school years as presented.
- New Hires
 - Ratify the contract for Madison Zehnder as the assistant girls' soccer coach for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$2,542.56 at III/0 years.
 - Ratify the contract for Heidi Grams as a part-time school nutrition assistant beginning the 2018-2019 school year at I/2 years at \$12.20 per hour.
 - Ratify the contract for Vicky Ideker as a part-time school nutrition assistant beginning the 2018-2019 school year at I/2 years at \$12.20 per hour.
 - Ratify the contract for Carrie Kern as a part-time school nutrition assistant beginning the 2018-2019 school year at I/2 years at \$12.20 per hour.
 - Ratify the contract for Mike Konkel as the Robotics coach for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$2,307.26 at V/0 years.
 - Ratify the contract for Travis Frank as the junior high football coach for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$1,836.64 at I/0 years.
 - Ratify the contract for Brad King as the assistant football coach for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$2,728.83 at III/3 years.
- Accept the Agreement to Purchase Education Services between Independent School District No. 299 and Hiawatha Valley Education District for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.
- Approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement.
- Approve the trip request from Mr. Brad Harguth for the Caledonia FFA students to attend the National FFA Convention from October 24th through October 27th as presented by Mr. Harguth.
- Certify the maximum proposed Levy Limitation Certification for taxes payable in 2019.
- Adopt the following School Policies as presented:
 - Student Dress and Appearance Policy #504
 - Student Discipline Policy #506
 - Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy #509
 - Violence Prevention Policy #525
 - Immunization Requirements Policy #530
 - Organization of School Calendar and School Day Policy #602
 - Home Schooling Policy #611
 - Transportation of Public School Students Policy #707

- Transportation of Non-public School Students Policy #708
- Student Transportation Safety Policy #709
- Public Data Requests Policy #722

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Pet Therapy Dog in Caledonia Area School District

Moved by Emily McGonigle, seconded by Wendy Woyczik to approve trying a pet therapy dog in our school district for the 2018-2019 school year, and to review and possible renewal of having a pet therapy dog in our school district for the 2019-2020 school year during the May 2019 regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Reduction in Hours from Matison Scanlan

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jimmy Westland to approve the request of Matison Scanlan for a leave of absence on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning September of 2018 through December 13, 2018, to attend a college class. Those voting in favor: Jared Barnes, Melissa Marschall, Emily McGonigle, Jimmy Westland, Wendy Woyczik, and Spencer Yohe. Those opposed: Kelley McGraw. Motion carried.

Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation

Member Spencer Yohe introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District #299 School Board recognizes the value of students participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school district in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Independent School District #299 School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Emily McGonigle and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jared Barnes, Melissa Marschall, Emily McGonigle, Kelley McGraw, Jimmy Westland, Wendy Woyczik, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Meinertz updated the board regarding the curriculum committee. The committee has been discussing the process for applying for Bush funding to support the movement to personalized learning. The elementary students were welcomed at the beginning of the school year with positivity and a focus on their strengths this school year, and with the theme "Your wings already exist. All you need to do is learn to fly."

Mrs. Morem informed the board that they had a great back to school workshop week. Jim Rickabough had an awesome presentation on personalized learning and what we can do more of. Enrollment numbers are up in all levels. PLC groups are formed. All staff have ben working hard to build relationships and assure our

schools feel like their home. She has started senior meetings with parents and students. A FAFSA meeting will be held on October 16th. Athletic teams are off to a great start. She thanked all the community members and students who participated in the parade and also Judge Carmaine Sturion for judging. Homecoming was a great success thanks to all the staff and students who made it possible and to Mrs. Link who takes charge of the festivities for the week. Congratulations to Jeanna Banse and Ryan Wagner who were 2018 Homecoming King and Queen.

Mrs. Runningen updated the board regarding the Hand in Hand Preschool and ECFE classes. They continue to accept registrations for the SAC and Surround Care programs. She is working on the fall programming for community education classes. The First Lego League currently has thirty students enrolled, which is a large increase in this program participation. She updated the board regarding testing and the ADSIS program.

Superintendent Ihrke informed that board that he is working on finalizing the sale of the garage. He complimented Mrs. Morem and Mrs. Link for their hard work in making Homecoming week a great success.

Mrs. Meyer updated the board regarding the levy report, and she continues to work on free/reduced applications and the school audit.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

The School Board reviewed the following School Policies:

- Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student Policy #211
- Employment Background Checks Policy #404
- Public and Private Personnel Data Policy #406
- Student Maltreatment Reporting Form Policy #414
- Drug-free Workplace/Drug-free School Policy #418
- Employee-Student Relationships Policy #423
- License Status Policy #424
- Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers Policy #427

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Yohe updated the board regarding the activities committee meeting and the HVED meeting. Director Woyczik updated the board regarding the activities committee meeting. Director Westland informed the board that he is very proud of our school district and happy to see enrollment numbers increasing. Director McGonigle updated the board regarding the curriculum committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jimmy Westland, seconded by Jared Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Spencer Yohe, Clerk