

Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2018

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia, Minnesota, met in a regular school board meeting in the Eitzen Community Center, Eitzen, Minnesota. 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, and Spencer Yohe. Also present were Superintendent Craig Ihrke, Gina Meinertz, Mary Morem, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Lee Morem, Sue Howe, and Matt Blocker.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Wendy Woyczik to approve the agenda as amended to include a discussion about the purchase of a truck for the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to Travis Thul from the Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical for the donation of eight twin cylinder Honda engines for the small engines classes.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Ms. Sue Howe was present with her therapy dog, Willow, and presented the board information as it related to having a pet therapy dog in our school system and the benefits of having a pet therapy dog.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Emily McGonigle, seconded by Wendy Woyczik to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of July 16, 2018, regular board meeting minutes
- Approval the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$478,507.22 including check numbers 63434 through 63591.
- Ratify the one-year interim contract for Jackie Johnson as the head gymnastics coach during the 2018-2019 school year during the maternity leave of Jessica Wiese at V/10 years at \$4,093.12.
- Ratify the Community Education Director Contract with Nancy Runningen for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.
- Ratify the hiring of Karissa Meyer as a full-time facilities technician at I/6 years at \$13.08 per hour beginning August 20, 2018.
- Adopt the following School Policies as presented:
 - Equal Educational Opportunity Policy #102
 - Open Meetings and Closed Meetings Policy #205
 - Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Consideration Policy #206
 - Equal Employment Opportunity Policy #401
 - Harassment and Violence Policy #413

- Tobacco-Free Environment Policy #419
- Gifts to Employees and School Board Members Policy #421

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Meinertz updated the board regarding the natural playground. She is working on the Title grant, and lots of things are happening in the elementary building as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Morem informed the board that this is a very busy time of the year and staff will be returning next week for inservice week.

Mrs. Runningen updated the board regarding the Hand in Hand Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs. There are currently fifty-one students enrolled in the Hand in Hand Preschool classes. Preschool orientation and parent meetings will be held on August 23rd. The school district received \$15,000 Pathway II scholarship funds from Minnesota Department of Education for eligible students. She continues to accept registrations for the SAC and Surround Care programs for the fall. She is working on the fall programming for community ed classes. Family Movie Night will be held on August 24th. She updated the board regarding testing for the 2018-2019 school year. The ADSIS budget for the 2018-2019 school year was approved for \$565,945.96, and she is working on the Student Hour Spreadsheet and Annual Report which is due September 15th.

Superintendent Ihrke informed the board that he will continue with his weekly updates to them. He thanked Mrs. Meinertz and Mrs. Morem for all their hard work. He is working with some staff members on submitting a Safe Schools Grant.

Mrs. Meyer continues to work on general business office items. The summer food service audit went well. The auditors will be in our school district in October.

Mr. Morem updated the board on facilities. He discussed with the board the idea of the school district purchasing a truck that the facilities department will be able to utilize.

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Jimmy Westland to approve the school district purchasing a truck and trading in two school vans. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

A first reading of the following policies listed below were held with the adoption to be taken at the September 17, 2018, regular school board meeting:

- 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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Barnes updated the board regarding the MSBA Summer Seminar he attended. Director McGraw welcomed Karissa Meyer to the facilities department and updated the board regarding the facilities committee meeting. Director Yohe attended the MSBA Summer Seminar and the Phase I and Phase II trainings. Director Woyczik informed the board that negotiations continue with Rita McCormick.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Emily McGonigle to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Spencer Yohe, Clerk