

Board Meeting Minutes February 26, 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 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The school board members present were Jared Barnes, Melissa Marschall, Emily McGonigle, Kelley McGraw, Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland, Spencer Yohe, and student school board representatives Isabel Allen and Roy Kerrigan. Also present were Ben Barton, Gina Meinertz, Mary Morem, and Nancy Runningen. Others present were Brad Augedahl, Todd Meiners, Jason Wiebke, Collette Bruening, Pam Schieber, and Dan McGonigle.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Emily McGonigle to approve the agenda as amended to have the Memorandum of Understanding removed from the consent agenda and move into closed session to discuss this item. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

Superintendent Barton informed everyone that February 19th through February 23rd is School Board Recognition Week and took this opportunity to thank each of the board members for spending countless hours away from their families and jobs and for their hard work they continue to demonstrate for our school district so that our students can prepare for a bright future!

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to Mcloone Metal Graphics, Inc. for the donation of an end mill for the Robotics Program. Thank you to Brownsville Lions Club for their generous monetary donation to the Houston County Veteran's History Project. Thank you to the Spring Grove Commercial Club, Inc. for their generous monetary donation to the Houston County Veteran's History Project.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Baseball Committee – Pressbox/Storage Building/Bleachers at the Baseball Field

Mr. Brad Augedahl shared with the board a drawing of the pressbox/storage building/bleacher project that they would like to have built at the MSHS baseball field. Mr. Todd Meiners discussed with the board their proposal plan for this project. The estimated cost would be \$55,000 to \$60,000 including labor. The committee would like to start this project this spring. After a discussion amongst the board members and the community members in attendance, the board felt that the Finance Committee will need to review this project further and to see if there is money in the budget for it to be completed.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jimmy Westland to direct the Finance Committee to review the budget for the pressbox/storage building/bleacher proposal as presented and if the committee deems that the school district has \$12,000.00 in the budget to put it towards this project, then the baseball committee can move forward with acquiring donations/fundraising for the remaining cost of this project. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

School Vision for the Future – Mrs. Meinertz and Mrs. Morem

Mrs. Meinertz and Mrs. Morem shared with the board their school vision for the future and gained input from staff, students and community. They would like to see a more personalized learning system district wide, more co-teaching, and PLC grade level meetings. In the elementary, the next step is to look at relationships with students (their strengths and relationships), take students where they are at and grow from there, getting everyone engaged and moving forward for best results, teachers become facilitators/coaches.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Allen informed the board that she would not like to have school during the Houston County Fair. Mr. Kerrigan also informed the board that he would not like the school calendar to change. He informed the board that there are four wrestlers advancing to the state tournament.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Emily McGonigle, seconded by Melissa Marschall to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of January 16, 2018, regular school board minutes, and the January 23, 2018, special school board minutes
- Approval of the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$713,792.32 including check numbers 62693 through 62847 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00.
- Approve the six-week maternity leave request from Emily Engan to begin approximately April 2, 2018, through approximately May 14, 2018.
- Approve the maternity leave request from Sara Buros to begin approximately April 30, 2018, through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the retirement/resignation of Jane Meisch effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year with thanks for her past thirty-three years of service and dedication to our school district.
- Accept the retirement/resignation of Gregory Meiners effective February 15, 2018, with thanks for his past twenty-two years of service and dedication to our school district.
- Ratify the hiring of Leslee Oakes as a part-time ECFE teacher beginning March of 2018, at BA/1.
- Approve the request from Marsha Sawle to terminate her three to five year leave of absence and to return to her full-time teaching position beginning the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract from HVED to Purchase Special Ed Services from ISD #299

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Emily McGonigle to approve the contract as presented from Hiawatha Valley Education District who agrees to purchase special ed teaching services from Independent School District No. 299 for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Elementary Behavior Interventionist Position

Moved by Jimmy Westland, seconded by Emily McGonigle to approve posting a position for a Mental Health Practitioner who will be an at will employee for our school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Morem informed the board that they have finished planning for the senior day on March 9th, and the seniors are practicing interviewing. Career day was held on February 9th for the 7th and 8th graders. The Spelling Bee finalists competed at the Section Spelling Bee. Snow week was held last week and thanked Mrs.

Link for making this event possible. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 22nd. Staff development was held last week Friday and the staff had fun learning more about personalized learning.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that she is finishing the mailing for the March/April/May community ed classes. She is participating in online trainings for online registration/payment system through RSchools. She will be attending the 2018 COMPASS Now-Houston County Community Stakeholder meeting on February 27th. Registration will begin in March for Hand in Hand Preschool – School Readiness/Early Childhood Family Education. She has submitted the Voluntary Pre-K applications to MDE for 2018-2019. They continue to accept registrations for the SAC program, and have interviewed for a student aide to add to the SAC staff. She updated the board regarding testing and ADSIS. She is completing the Minnesota Reading Corp Application for 2018-2019 school year, The Summer Reads VISTA application for the summer of 2018 was approved. She continues to work with Mrs. Meinertz on a grant to the Rotary Works Foundation for trees and Natural Playground. Early childhood screening will be held on March 1st and March 2nd.

Superintendent Barton informed the board that our special education teachers are over their caseloads at the elementary school. He stated that he would recommend not replacing a recent retired para and hire a special education teacher at the elementary building.

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Jimmy Westland to approve the hiring and posting of a special education teacher. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Sale of White Garage

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jared Barnes to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the white garage and to invite the top five bidders for a bid-off to be facilitated by the law office with the school district having the right to refuse any bids. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2018-2019 School Calendar

Moved by Jimmy Westland, seconded by Emily McGonigle to adopt the traditional calendar for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

The school board reviewed the following policies with no changes made to these policies:

- Instructional Services – Special Education Policy #608
- Religion Policy #609
- Field Trips Policy #610
- Home Schooling Policy #611
- Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title I Programs Policy #612.1
- Graduation Requirements Policy #613
- School District Testing Policy #614
- Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP's, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students Policy #615
- School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards Policy #617
- Assessment of Student Achievement Policy #618
- Staff Development of Standards Policy #619
- Credit for Learning Policy #620
- Mandatory Summer School Instruction Policy #623
- Online Learning Options Policy #624

CLOSED SESSION TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Emily McGonigle to close the meeting at 7:56 p.m. to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with Barbara Meyer. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The board opened the closed session during roll call as a question was asked if we could hold a closed session which was not on the agenda and determined we would table the discussion to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Spencer Yohe, Clerk