

Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2017

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 Vice Chair Michelle Werner 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 arriving at 6:05 p.m., Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland, and Spencer Yohe and school board student representatives Isabel Allen and Roy Kerrigan. Also present were Ben Barton, Mary Morem, Nancy Runnigen, Karen Schiltz, Barb Meyer, Deb Cody, Jean Klinski, and Dan McGonigle, Amy Wild, Gail McCormick, and Lee Morem. Absent was Mrs. Meinertz.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Melissa Marschall to approve the agenda as amended to include a discussion regarding the elementary white garage. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to the following businesses for their donation to the Elementary PBIS/Warrior Way drawings for our students as this program continues to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS): Ellingson Motors, New Albin Savings Bank, Merchants Bank, Miken Sports, Danielson Insurance Agency, Winona Controls, Mayo Health System and Fastenal. Thank you to the Werner Electric from La Crescent for purchasing a one year subscription to the magazine Storyworks Jr. for each of Mrs. Kochie's students. This standard aligned magazine will be used to teach ELA in a fun and exciting way for her students. Thank you to Todd and Mary Roesler for their monetary donation to the repair of the boys and girls soccer shed. Thank you to Andy and Sheri Allen for their donation of shingles, siding, and other materials to the Caledonia MSHS construction program for the use in the repair of the boys and girls soccer shed. Thank you and Dan and Emily McGonigle for their donation of a poured concrete slab and other materials to the Caledonia MSHS construction class for the use in the repair of the boys and girls soccer shed.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Presentation on Operating Referendum

Superintendent gave a presentation on the upcoming operating referendum.

MSHS Parking Lot Fundraiser

Mrs. Gail McCormick informed the board regarding the Backpack Program that helps support a healthy learning environment for public and parochial students in grades K-12. This is the third year that this program has been in place and is funded strictly on monetary donations to purchase food items to those students in need. Mrs. Wild brought forth the idea from the Student Leadership Team to do a MSHS parking lot fundraiser where students would pay a monetary amount to have a certain parking spot in the MSHS parking lot with all the money raised in this fundraiser to be donated to the Backpack Program. Mrs. Morem informed the board that this is a student driven idea and felt this is a very good idea and a way to raise money for a good cause and listening to students' ideas that are brought forth. The board discussed this idea at length with many of their questions being answered.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jimmy Westland to approve the MSHS parking lot fundraiser on a one-year trial basis with no painting allowed and to examine this fundraiser after the current school year. Those voting in favor: Jared Barnes, Melissa Marschall, Emily McGonigle, Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland and Spencer Yohe. Those opposed: Kelley McGraw. Motion carried.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Allen explained to the board that a group of students are doing an independent study as part of the Veteran's History Project. Mr. Kerrigan discussed with the board the difficulty students are having when using an iPad doing larger reports without a keyboard. The board and student school board representatives discussed various ideas that should start with 11th grade students having possibly a laptop or a Google Chromebook versus iPads or getting keyboard cases for the iPads. Mr. Barton stated that this needs to be referred to the Technology Committee. The board congratulated Mr. Kerrigan for being accepted to Vermillion Community College.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Emily McGonigle seconded by Jimmy Westland to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of September 16, 2017, Regular School Board Minutes
- Approval of the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$723,227.26 including check numbers 62108 through 62267 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$700,000.00.
- Accept the termination of Sherry (Wheat) Ingvalson as part-time school nutrition assistant effective September 20, 2017, with thanks for one year of service to the school district.
- Approval of the twelve-week maternity leave request for Shannon Kochie beginning at the birth of her child around November 4, 2017, through January 26, 2018, given there are no complications.
- Accept the Family Medical Leave request beginning August 28, 2017, through December 15, 2017, and the retirement effective December 18, 2017, for Connie Dahlberg with thanks for her twenty-five years of service to our school district.
- Ratify the hiring of Cindy Becker as a full-time facility technician at I/6 years beginning October 16, 2017.
- Ratify the hiring of Jessica Olson as a part-time special ed para at III/2 beginning the October 9, 2017.
- Approve the increase of Meghann Jerviss' contract beginning November 1, 2017, from 0.60 FTE to 0.80 FTE.
- Ratify the hiring of Patricia (Patsy) Wiste as a part-time school nutrition assistant at I/2 beginning the October 12, 2017.
- Approve the Caledonia FFA students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 25th through October 28th as presented by Mr. Harguth.
- Approval of the Education Minnesota Caledonia Educational Support Professionals Local #7345 Master Agreement for the 2017-2020 schoolyears as presented.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Winter Sports Coaching Contracts

Moved by Melissa Marschall, seconded by Spencer Yohe to ratify the following winter sports coaching contracts for the 2017-2018 school year contingent upon participation numbers in each of the sorts:

Wrestling:

- Shay Mahoney, head coach, V/1 at \$3,543.19
- Tanner Benson, assistant coach, III/0 at \$2,421.49
- Junior High position open at this time
- Jeff Winjum, junior high coach, I/7 at \$2,103.03

Boys' Basketball:

- Brad King, head coach, V/7 at \$3,898.21
- Jeremy Leis, assistant coach, III/12 at \$2,775.34
- Junior High position open at this time
- Dan Reinhart, 8th grade coach, I/17 at \$2,103.03
- Scott Koepke, 7th grade coach, I/2 at \$1,749.18

Girls' Basketball:

- Scott Sorenson, head coach, V/20 at \$3,898.21
- Carl Fruechte, assistant coach, III/28 at \$2,775.34
- Brent Schroeder, 9th grade coach, I/0 at \$1,749.18
- Beth Morey, 8th grade coach, I/0 at \$1,749.18
- Sara Klug, 7th grade coach, I/0 at \$1,749.18

Gymnastics:

- Jessica Wiese, head coach, V/1 at \$3,543.18
- Helen Olson, assistant coach, III/1 at \$2,421.49

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Setting of Special School Board Meeting to Canvass the November 7, 2017, Election Results

Moved by Melissa Marschall, seconded by Spencer Yohe to hold a special school board meeting on November 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office to canvass the November 7, 2017, election results. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Meinertz was absent from the meeting. The report she submitted informed the board that the elementary held their first ever Together We Are Better teambuilding and educational event at Beaver Creek State Park on Friday, October 13th. Fire safety training was held last week where students visited the fire station to learn important things about fire safety. She was the leader in the newly re-designed Early Career Principal Training in Minneapolis this month. Warrior Way coaches have been added to our lunch and recess to give high school students the opportunity to teach our younger children how to better play and treat each other at recess and lunch. We are hoping to expand this program to all the buses this year. The semi-permanent road bumpers on Main Street have been placed to aid in slowing traffic. We also have started a Walking School Bus the first Wednesday of every month. Contact the elementary office if you are interested in walking with a group of students this year.

Mrs. Morem informed the board that the senior meetings are just about all completed. Conferences will be held this week. The FASA meeting with parents will be held on Tuesday night. A lot of the fall NWEA data is in, and they are reviewing this to assure that we are meeting all the students' needs. They are continuing to work with the student teachers as they are preparing and teaching full-time. PLC leaders are doing a great job resetting for the new school year and created a time line to achieve their goals. They were able to get a \$20,000

grant and are partnering with La Crescent, Rushford-Peterson, and Lewiston to create extended learning opportunities for career and college readiness. We honored the 1957 football team district champs during a home football game. Top 20 will be held on Wednesday, October 25th for students and parents.

Mrs. Runnigen updated the board regarding the Hand in Hand Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education programs. She continues to accept applications for the SAC and Surround Care Programs. SAC will be open during MEA break. The fall community ed classes and trips have been posted, and she will be adding additional classes in November. The Caledonia Balloon Rally liftoff will be held at the MSHS on October 21st and October 22nd. Community education staff will be participating in activities for children during the Wild Turkey Fest on October 21st. The Caledonia Interact Group is planning food drives throughout the community and at schools to benefit the Caledonia Food Shelf as part of their participation in iFeed 2017 which will be held on November 4th at Logan High School in La Crosse. Interact will have a team that will help pack 75,000 bags of goods to go to Nicaragua and possibly to Puerto Rico.

Superintendent Barton shared with the board the curriculum/facility/technology five-year plan that continues to be a working document and asked the board to continue to contact him with any questions or feedback they may have.

Mrs. Meyer continues to work with various items such as transportation, food service, changes with on-line requisitions, and the audit. She met with a SSC representative regarding their vendors and will be attending an election training at the courthouse on Tuesday.

Mr. Morem explained to the board the offerings that Sustainable Partners may have for our school district and will continue to research this company's offerings and contact their customer list for reviews. He updated the board regarding the facilities and informed the board to stop in anytime to see all the projects they are working on or to contact him with any questions they have anytime.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Updated Q Comp Site Goals for Caledonia Area Public Schools

Mr. Barton shared with the board the updated Q Comp Site Goals for our school district in all three areas.

School Policies

The school board reviewed the following policies:

- School District Administration Policy 301
- Superintendent Policy 302
- Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation Policy 304
- Policy Implementations Policy 305
- Administrator Code of Ethics Policy 306
- Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees Policy #403
- Employee Background Checks Policy #404
- Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Substances Policy #407

- Credit for Learning Policy 620
- Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites Policy 903

Elementary White Garage & Elementary Old Weight Room Storage Building

The board discussed at length the options that are available as it relates to the elementary white garage building and the elementary old weight room storage building.

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Spencer Yohe to approve the school district to research with local attorneys to see how much it would cost to sell the property where the elementary white garage is located and to report this information back to the board and to repurpose the elementary old weight room storage building with this expense not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Yohe informed the board that all board members are invited to attend the HVED monthly board meeting in Rushford on October 23rd. He also updated the board regarding the MSHSL meeting. Director Westland informed the board that teacher negotiations continue. Director Werner updated the board regarding the activities committee meeting. Director Barnes updated the board regarding the curriculum committee meeting. Director McGraw updated the board regarding the facilities committee meeting and the transportation committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Melissa Marschall, seconded by Emily McGonigle to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Spencer Yohe, Clerk