

Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016

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 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The school board members present were Jared Barnes, Kelley McGraw, Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland, Spencer Yohe, and student school board representative Nathan Hagerott. Also present were Superintendent Ben Barton, Gina Meinertz, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Nancy Runnigen, Eric Jerviss, Dan McGonigle, Deb Cody, Jean Klinski, and Kathryn Lamb. Absent were Directors Amanda King and Jean Meyer, Mary Morem, and Nicholas Logging.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to Fastenal Company for your generous monetary donation to be used towards our Robotics Program! Thank you to AcenTek for providing support for the Owl Presentations in Grades K-5!

BOARD SHOWCASE

Mr. Jerviss gave a presentation to the board regarding the future of 1:1 computing in our school district for the next three to six years.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student school board representative, Nathan Hagerott, informed the board that Snow Days was held last week, and thanked Mrs. Link for all of her hard work during these events.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Jimmy Westland to approve the following consent agenda:

- Approval of the January 19, 2016, Regular School Board Minutes
- Approval of the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$906,554.00 including check numbers 59601 through 59721 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$350,000.00
- Approval of the Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy #509
- Approval of the Facility/Equipment Alteration Guidelines Policy #810
- Accept the resignation of Mary Besse as a special ed para effective March 2, 2016, with thanks for her twenty years of service to our school district
- Terminate the employment of Jessica Young as a part-time special ed para effective February 16, 2016

- Ratify the contract for Brad Augedahl as the head baseball coach beginning the 2015-2016 school year at IV/0 at \$2,947.60
- Ratify the contract for Michelle Anderson as the head softball coach beginning the 2015-2016 school year at IV/0 at \$2,947.60
- Ratify the contract for Michael Wittmann as a full-time janitor at I/0 at \$10.39 per hour
- Ratify the Non-bargaining Administrative Agreement for the Elementary/Middle/High School Administrative Assistants for the 2015-2018 school years as presented

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Support Staff Substitute Hourly Wage

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Spencer Yohe to increase the support staff substitute hourly wage from \$9.50 per hour to \$10.00 per hour beginning the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Fourth One Day Bond Budget

Moved by Jimmy Westland, seconded by Jared Barnes to approve the fourth One Day bond budget as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution Regarding Capital Loan

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

Whereas Caledonia Public Schools, ISD 299, needed state assistance in the form of a Capital Loan in 2001 due to low property wealth;

Whereas agricultural land prices rose rapidly after 2001, now comprise 45% of the Caledonia's Net Tax Capacity, and farmers now shoulder far more of the tax burden than initially forecast;

Whereas in 2011, school districts with capital loans issued prior to January 1, 1997 were allowed to repay the state their loans with their unpaid interest credited against their outstanding balance and these districts had not paid the state much if any interest or principal payments;

Whereas Caledonia Public School taxpayers have paid the State of Minnesota over \$6.4 million in interest and nearly \$1 million in principal payments since 2002 on the Capital Loan;

Whereas Caledonia Public Schools wishes to be allowed to repay the state for its capital loan with consideration for the nearly \$7.4 million it has already paid the state;

The Caledonia School Board hereby resolves to direct the Superintendent to work with legislators, legislative staff, MREA, and other parties to seek a change in state law which would permit the District to repay its state maximum effort capital loan for the full outstanding original principal less any amounts paid by the school district to the state over the course of the loan.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Jared Barnes and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jared Barnes, Kelley McGraw, Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Absent were Directors Amanda King and Jean Meyer. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Addition to High School Graduation Requirement

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jared Barnes to approve the addition to the high school graduation requirement of having personal finance being a required course Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Meinertz updated the board with regard to curriculum. The Reward School Celebration was a successful event. Student Achievement is working on updating the District Writing Folders to reflect the standards and Understanding By Design work. Climate and Culture will be starting to create schedules for next year. The PBIS team has renamed themselves to the Warrior Way team. They are focusing on involving all stakeholders with their process and are bringing a golden bus award to be earned each month by the different buses. PLC groups are sharing agendas and minutes in Google folders. Teachers are having valuable discussions around priority standards to prepare to transition to standards-based report cards. Teachers will be deciding standards to be addressed this year and will move to common assessments reflecting this knowledge over time. PACE held Family Fun Night on Friday, which was a fun and successful evening for parents and students. Classrooms are busy starting showcase projects to highlight creativity, research, and collaboration between students.

Mrs. Morem was absent from the meeting. Her report to the board stated that there were two middle school students that participated in the Regional Spelling Bee. Sixth graders went snow shoeing for physical education. The middle school held a dodge ball tournament during snow week, and they are working on having a middle school dance soon. The Student Leadership Team is looking at ways to partner with the Red Cross. The Red Cross blood drive is going to be held on February 24th. Speakers have been coming on Mondays to share their careers. Athletic teams will be entering into section play. The Scheduling Leadership Team is working on the schedule. She is looking into programs of work study. The band concert will be held on February 16th. The ACT practice days have been set.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that *Beauty and the Beast* will be shown on Friday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. The February/March Community Ed classes and events list was mailed. She is working on offerings for April and May. She is beginning to work on Pathways II Scholarship grant application for 2016-2017. Early Childhood Screening is scheduled for March 4th and 5th. They received the 4 Star Parent Aware rating for Hand in Hand Preschool. Hand in Hand registration for 2016-2017 will take place in early March. The SAC Program continues to accept registrations and is planning for summer programming. She updated the board with regard to testing, and the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS), which is a triennial survey of young people regarding a variety of risk and protective factors. The survey asks young people questions about their activities, opinions, behaviors and experiences. The 2016 MSS will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, 9 and 11. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Letters will be sent home to all parents. Parents who do not wish to have their child participate will need to notify the school. Information on the MSS will be posted on the district website.

Mrs. Meyer informed the board that our school district qualifies to have a summer meal program based on census information. She is working with Rita and other administrators on how this program

works and what it will take to implement it. The application is due May 1st. This will help our students that are in need of breakfast and lunch over the summer months when school is not in session. She informed the board that our school has been nominated to apply for the Monsanto grant application. There is a grant for \$10,000 and one for \$25,000 for math, science, technology or engineering. We cannot apply for both and each has different requirements. The more people that purchase Monsanto products and nominate our school, the better it will look for our application. She updated the board regarding the Health & Safety meeting that was held on February 9th. She attended the Region V Winter Conference, the Crisis meeting, the Diamond Asset meeting, and the HVED meeting. She is working on transportation issues with students placed out of our district. She has been in communication with Bill Kiesow (MDE), Joel Sutter (Ehlers) and Fred Nolan (MREA) on the legislative proposal on the capital loan. She is working with Ben on the revised 2015-2016 budget as well as the 2016-2017 projections.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Yohe shared with the board an article “No More Snow Days?” where some school districts have made changes because of the one-to-one technology in their schools, the majority of the students have access to technology so they do not see a reason to give students a day off because they cannot make it to school. He also shared with the board an article from the MSHSL regarding the Legislative request for a performance audit of the MSHSL.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jimmy Westland to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk