

Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2015

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia, Minnesota, met in a regular school board meeting in the Elementary 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, Amanda King, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland, Spencer Yohe, and student school board representatives Nathan Hagerott and Nicholas Logging. Also present were Superintendent Ben Barton, Mary Morem, Gina Meinertz, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Ashley Floyd, Bia Colleran, Scott Sorenson, Jay Marschall, and Josh Gran.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to the Caledonia Lion's Club for their time during the Fall season taking tickets at 28 of our school events totaling 140 volunteer hours! Thank you to AcenTek for your generous monetary donation to be used towards our Robotics Program! Thank you to Mathy Construction for your generous monetary donation to be used towards our Robotics Program! Congratulations to Brad Harguth for receiving the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation Ag Teacher of the Year Award!

BOARD SHOWCASE

Students Bia Colleran and Ashley Floyd informed the board that they are part of the Interact Group. They shared with the board their participation in the iFeed activity that was held at Logan Middle School where 54,718 dried meals were packed and 30,141 food items were collected. All those items filled 32 GAYLORD'S of food, and the Interact group collected 545 food items that will go the Caledonia Food Shelf.

Jay Marschall presented to the board his presentation of Creating Positive Environments where he shared with the board how some of these things have been accomplished in the school district, ways to improve the environment, initiatives to bring the environment up to par and to the next level, and barriers to accomplishing a positive environment for all learners.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

The student school board representatives informed the board that second quarter has begun. Participation numbers are high in the extra-curricular activities. The school musical this year will be "Grease". They also thanked the school board for their support during the football season. The board congratulated the football team for their successful season.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Michelle Werner to approve the following consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2015, regular school board meeting, minutes of the October 30, 2015, special school board meeting, and minutes of the November 9, 2015, special school board meeting.
- Approval of the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$1,272,445.00 including check numbers 59162 through 59305 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00.
- Accept the resignation of Keri Eglinton as the Surround Care Supervisor effective December 3, 2014, with thanks for her services in this position.

- Ratify the contract change for Ann Krosch as a part-time middle/high school nutrition assistant from three hours per day to five hours per day effective October 21, 2015.
- Ratify the contract for Emily Engan as a part-time 0.17 FTE Title I teacher beginning October 21, 2015, at BA/0 at \$6,033.13 (\$35,489 @ 0.17 FTE).
- Ratify the part-time, long-term teacher substitute contract for John Fretham beginning November 2, 2015, to continue into early January of 2016 upon the return of Mrs. Emerson a daily rate of \$96.44 (\$35,489/184 days @ 0.50 FTE).
- Hold a School Board Retreat on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Meinertz updated the board with regard to PBIS and stated that a survey has been emailed to the teachers and students to be able to analyze the results of the implementation. There is a Warrior Way parking space for the staff members that will be passed to new people weekly. Staff members will write a quick note of appreciation and why they chose the staff member to have this privilege for the week that will hang by our Warrior Way case. She updated the board with regard to curriculum and has reviewed the Annual Report which will be posted on the school website after the next curriculum meeting. Finishing touches are being made for the Warrior Way mural in the elementary building, and an open house for the mural will be held on November 23rd. Surveys have been emailed to teachers and parents in regard to the World's Best Workforce Bold Next Steps, and the results of this survey will be shared at the January board meeting. The student achievement team is researching the new trend to starting the elementary school year with one or two assessment days. The Climate and Culture team is planning to bring in an author, Roland Smith, on December 1st. The PBIS team attended a training in November that focused on Tier 2 of RTI behavior implementation. The Voices team is working to implement the RTI process with fidelity. She stated that the Mentor/Mentee social was an enjoyable event, and there is a great group of new teachers and mentors that are positive and involved with this group.

Mrs. Morem informed the board that the middle school students are participating in the Lion's Peace Poster Contest. The PBIS team attended a training in Mankato. The Middle School Student Council is looking into when to have a junior high dance in the coming months. The fall sports have wrapped up and beginning winter sports soon. The interim Middle/High School Counselor interviews will be held this week. High school students have competed in honor band for Three Rivers and Winona State University. Congratulated Mr. Harguth for receiving the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation Ag Teacher of the Year award. The staff have been working very hard on UBD for their courses. She thanked the law enforcement for all their help in the ALiCE trainings and the informational parent meeting that was held. She informed the board that she has had some students contact her with regard to implementing jazz band once again at our school district.

Mrs. Runnigen updated the board with regard to community ed events and classes. She is working on the Hand in Hand Preschool's Parent Aware renewal application. ECFE classes are being held on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. She informed the board that the school district did not receive a Pathways II Scholarship grant for the 2015-2016 school year. Early childhood screening was held on November 5th and 6th with thirty-four children attending. She is accepting applications for the part-time Surround Care Assistant position opening. The Caledonia Interact Group participated in iFeed and collected 545 food items that will go to the Caledonia Food Shelf.

Superintendent Barton discussed with the board the School Board Retreat that will be held in December. He discussed with the board the idea of the board operating as a professional learning environment and is researching this more with the superintendent of the Onalaska School District.

Director Spencer Yohe was acknowledged and congratulated for receiving the MSBA School Board Member of the Year Award!

Mrs. Meyer attended the HVED Finance meeting, the Building and Grounds committee meeting, the Region V Fall conference, an ACA meeting, and a Crisis Team meeting. She continues to work on the year end verification reports for the Minnesota Department of Education. She has completed the fourth One Day Bond Sale.

Mr. Jerviss informed the board that they are using Schoology Gradebook exclusively for grades 6-12. He is researching options for a sustainable plan for the 1:1 device program. The elementary computers labs are still necessary for testing, group projects, and miscellaneous tasks and is hoping to update this lab with some of the One Day Bond monies. He continues to work with Mrs. Christiansen on various items. He is working with Mr. Marschall on plans for power outages to make sure that all the systems are covered. He updated the board with regard to Erate funding.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Spring Grove Coop Update

Superintendent Barton updated the board with regard to the Spring Grove Coop agreement. He informed the board that he was hoping to have an agreement at this time with Spring Grove, but they are not prepared to make any commitments at this time with our school district. We will continue to meet with them and will keep the board apprised.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of Policy with Regard to Teams Participating in State Tournament Events

The board discussed the idea of a written policy as it relates to teams participating in state tournament events. It was the consensus of the board that a policy needs to be created. Superintendent Barton will create some sample policies and present these options to the board for their feedback.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director King informed the board that support staff negotiations met last week and will continue to meet. Director Barnes updated the board regarding the curriculum committee meeting. Director McGraw thanked personnel for making sure things were back up and running in the school district when the city lost its power.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSION

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Jean Meyer to close the meeting at 7:41 p.m. for negotiations discussion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jimmy Westland to convene the regular school board meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Amanda King to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk