

Board Meeting Minutes December 16, 2013

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 Michelle Werner at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The school board members present were Jared Barnes, Amanda King, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Michelle Werner, Spencer Yohe and student school board representatives Julia Jones. Also present were Superintendent Ben Barton via Skype, Nancy Runningen, Paul DeMorett, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Emily Bialkowski, and Brad Harguth. Absent were Jean Meyer and Lauren Perry.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Spencer Yohe, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to Mr. Harguth and the students from the Home Construction class for their time and effort in completing the roofing project of the elementary garage building.

Thank you to Dan Tweten for volunteering his time announcing and keeping the scoreboard during the home girls' soccer, volleyball, and girls' and boys' basketball games.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Amanda King to accept the school audit report as presented to the Board from Clifton Larson Allen, LLP. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Melissa Marschall, to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$441,540.19 including check numbers 56428 through 56541 along with transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Jones informed the board that the auditions for the One Act Play and the School Musical have begun. The Student Council is doing a fundraiser to collect items for the local foodshelf with a competition of seeing which class can get the most donations.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2014 BUDGET & LEVY

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Jared Barnes to adopt the final levy certification for 2014 in the amount of \$2,476,159.45. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

New Hires

Moved by Amanda King, seconded by Spencer Yohe to ratify the hiring of Greg Hoscheit as the 7th grade girls' basketball coach beginning the 2013-2014 school year at I/O at \$1,665.89. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Seniority Lists

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Melissa Marschall to adopt the teacher seniority list and the support staff seniority list as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Thereof

Member Kelley McGraw introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions and as a result of a reduction in enrollment make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

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, Amanda King, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. Absent: Jean Meyer. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

ACTION ITEMS

Student Surveys Policy #520

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adopt the Student Surveys Policy #520 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student Disability Nondiscrimination Policy #521

Moved by Amanda King, seconded by Jared Barnes to adopt the Student Disability Nondiscrimination Policy #521 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Policies Incorporated by Reference Policy #523

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jared Barnes to adopt the Policies Incorporated by Reference Policy #523 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Internet/Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use and Safety Policy #524

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Amanda King to adopt the Internet/Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use and Safety Policy #524 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Violence Prevention (Applicable to Students and Staff) Policy #525

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adopt the Violence Prevention (Applicable to Students and Staff) Policy #525 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Hazing Prohibition Policy #526

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Melissa Marschall to adopt the Hazing Prohibition Policy #526 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Set January Organizational Meeting

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Melissa Marschall to hold an organizational school board meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the middle/high school media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Second One-Day Bond Funds

The board reviewed and discussed the Second One-Day Bond Fund spreadsheet that was presented. Any items board members have questions on should be directed to the Superintendent. It was also encouraged to have teachers apply for grants through the ISD #299 Foundation so the One-Day Bond funds could be used in other areas. This item will be acted upon at the January regular school board meeting.

Caledonia Public School Technology Plan

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Amanda King to approve the Caledonia Public School Technology Plan as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that they met once again with the Houston School District and have started the cooperation process to share classes between schools. There is a possibility that we may share some classes between school districts starting second semester of the current school year. The pre-register process for students will begin after Christmas break.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board they are continuing to accept registrations for community education classes. She updated the board regarding the NWEA testing, which started today with the fourth grade classes.

Superintendent Barton thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the TES Conference this week.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

The board held the first reading of the following policies with the adoption to take place at the January regular school board meeting:

- Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches Policy #527
- Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination Policy #528
- Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students Policy #529
- Immunization Requirements Policy #530
- The Pledge of Allegiance Policy #531
- Wellness Policy #533

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director McGraw updated the board regarding the Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Director Werner informed the Board that the superintendent negotiations continue and that teacher mediation will be held on Wednesday. Director Yohe updated the Board regarding the Region 1A Athletic Committee Meeting he attended. Director Barnes updated the Board regarding the Technology Committee Meeting. The Activities Committee will meet on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Melissa Marschall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk