

## **Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2012**

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 7:00 p.m. The school board members present were John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. Also present were Superintendent Marcia Love, Principals Paul DeMorett and Jane Morken, Nancy Runnigen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Clay Schuldt, Jared Barnes, Matt Blocker, Aaron Marschall, Janelle Field Rohrer, Paul and Tina Fruechte, Joel Hesse, Shar Schroeder, Melissa Augedahl, Roger Knutson, Lindsey Meyer, Nick McGraw, Jena Ginther, Shannon Klug, Kayla Meiners, Jennifer Burrichter, Kari Klug, Heather Myhre, Lorrie Frauenkron, and Jan Klug.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Scott Longhorn to approve the agenda as amended to include going into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss teacher negotiations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Melissa Marschall to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012, regular school board meeting, the April 2, 2012, special school board meeting, and the April 9, 2012, special school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$520,282.98, including check numbers 53997 through 54125 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Concerned students addressed the board with regard to their frustrations about next year's registration process, their class offerings and scheduling conflicts.

### **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

#### **Resignations**

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Jean Meyer to accept the resignation from Theresa Lauden as special education teacher effective September 24, 2012, with thanks for her 32 years of service and dedication to the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Scott Longhorn to accept the resignation from Scott Sorenson as head girls' basketball coach effective immediately with thanks for his years of service and dedication in this position. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Superintendent Employment Contract**

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the employment contract for Benjamin Barton as the Superintendent as noted in the agreement for the 2012-2014 school years. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Licensed Teacher Substitute

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to approve the employment of Ms. Laura Eglinton as a licensed teacher substitute in the fourth grade classroom during the maternity leave of Ms. Newgaard to begin around April 26, 2012, and to continue through May 25, 2012, or until the return of Mrs. Newgaard at \$90.00 per day. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution for Placing Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Scott Longhorn introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING ZACHARIAH HAUSER ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Zachariah Hauser on unrequested leave of absence on March 19, 2012, on the grounds of discontinuance of positions, financial limitations and lack of pupils; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Zachariah Hauser by personal service on Tuesday, March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that he was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided he make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Zachariah Hauser to the school board's proposed action; and

WHEREAS, no written request of any kind was received by the school board or superintendent of schools from Zachariah Hauser for a hearing as of April 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said failure to make written request for a hearing within fourteen days after receipt of notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave constitutes acquiescence by Zachariah Hauser to his placement on unrequested leave.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 that Zachariah Hauser be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 on the grounds of discontinuance of position, financial limitations, and lack of pupils effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 122A.40, Subd. 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative, without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in his file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

**NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON  
UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

April 16, 2012

Mr. Zachariah Hauser  
12619 Katrina Drive  
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Mr. Hauser:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 16, 2012, a resolution was adopted by majority roll call vote of the full membership of the School Board placing you on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, without pay or fringe benefits.

Your placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

A copy of the resolution duly adopted by the School Board is attached hereto for your information.

If a position becomes available in a field in which you are licensed, at any time up to five years after your leave is effective, you may have a right to reinstatement to that position if you have sufficient seniority in the district and if you filed a written request for reinstatement prior to April 1 of each year while you are on leave. If you do not file such a request each year, your right to reinstatement will be automatically terminated.

Please keep the school district's personnel office advised in writing of your address at all times until your right have expired, so that the district may notify you of any available positions for which you may qualify.

Yours very truly,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299  
Jean Meyer  
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member John Klug and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared dully passed and adopted.

*Resolution for Placing Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence*

Member Scott Longhorn introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING TINA FRUECHTE ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Tina Fruechte on unrequested leave of absence on March 19, 2012, on the grounds of discontinuance of positions, financial limitations and lack of pupils; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Tina Fruechte by personal service on Tuesday, March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that she was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided she make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Tina Fruechte to the school board's proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the teacher withdrew a request for a hearing and acquiesced to being placed on unrequested leave of absence as outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement dated April 10, 2012; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 that Tina Fruechte be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 on the grounds of discontinuance of position, financial limitations, and lack of pupils effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 122A.40, Subd. 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative, without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in her file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

### **NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

April 16, 2012

Ms. Tina Fruechte  
10374 County 14  
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Ms. Fruechte:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 16, 2012, a resolution was adopted by majority roll call vote of the full membership of the School Board placing you on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, without pay or fringe benefits.

Your placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

A copy of the resolution duly adopted by the School Board is attached hereto for your information.

If a position becomes available in a field in which you are licensed, at any time up to five years after your leave is effective, you may have a right to reinstatement to that position if you have sufficient seniority in the district and if you filed a written request for reinstatement prior to April 1 of each year

while you are on leave. If you do not file such a request each year, your right to reinstatement will be automatically terminated.

Please keep the school district's personnel office advised in writing of your address at all times until your right have expired, so that the district may notify you of any available positions for which you may qualify.

Yours very truly,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299  
Jean Meyer  
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member John Klug and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared dully passed and adopted.

*Resolution for Placing Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence*

Member Scott Longhorn introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING LINDSEY MEYER ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Lindsey Meyer on unrequested leave of absence on March 19, 2012, on the grounds of discontinuance of positions, financial limitations and lack of pupils; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Lindsey Meyer by personal service on Tuesday, March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that she was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided she make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Lindsey Meyer to the school board's proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the teacher withdrew a request for a hearing and acquiesced to being placed on unrequested leave of absence as outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement dated April 10, 2012; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 that Lindsey Meyer be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 on the grounds of discontinuance of position, financial limitations, and lack of pupils effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 122A.40, Subd. 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative, without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in her file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

**NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON  
UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

April 16, 2012

Ms. Lindsey Meyer  
216 North Sunnyside Drive  
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Ms. Meyer:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 16, 2012, a resolution was adopted by majority roll call vote of the full membership of the School Board placing you on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, without pay or fringe benefits.

Your placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

A copy of the resolution duly adopted by the School Board is attached hereto for your information.

If a position becomes available in a field in which you are licensed, at any time up to five years after your leave is effective, you may have a right to reinstatement to that position if you have sufficient seniority in the district and if you filed a written request for reinstatement prior to April 1 of each year while you are on leave. If you do not file such a request each year, your right to reinstatement will be automatically terminated.

Please keep the school district's personnel office advised in writing of your address at all times until your right have expired, so that the district may notify you of any available positions for which you may qualify.

Yours very truly,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299  
Jean Meyer  
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Kelley McGraw and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared dully passed and adopted.

Resolution for Placing Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Scott Longhorn introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING BECKY NEWGAARD ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Becky Newgaard on unrequested leave of absence on March 19, 2012, on the grounds of discontinuance of positions, financial limitations and lack of pupils; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Becky Newgaard by personal service on Tuesday, March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that she was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided she make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Becky Newgaard to the school board's proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the teacher withdrew a request for a hearing and acquiesced to being placed on unrequested leave of absence as outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement dated April 10, 2012; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 that Becky Newgaard be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 on the grounds of discontinuance of position, financial limitations, and lack of pupils effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 122A.40, Subd. 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative, without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in her file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

**NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON  
UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

April 16, 2012

Ms. Becky Newgaard  
17375 County 27  
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Dear Ms. Newgaard:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 16, 2012, a resolution was adopted by majority roll call vote of the full membership of the School Board placing you on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of

Independent School District No. 299 effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, without pay or fringe benefits.

Your placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

A copy of the resolution duly adopted by the School Board is attached hereto for your information.

If a position becomes available in a field in which you are licensed, at any time up to five years after your leave is effective, you may have a right to reinstatement to that position if you have sufficient seniority in the district and if you filed a written request for reinstatement prior to April 1 of each year while you are on leave. If you do not file such a request each year, your right to reinstatement will be automatically terminated.

Please keep the school district's personnel office advised in writing of your address at all times until your right have expired, so that the district may notify you of any available positions for which you may qualify.

Yours very truly,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299  
Jean Meyer  
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member John Klug and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared dully passed and adopted.

*Resolution for Placing Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence*

Member Scott Longhorn introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING JULIA ERCHOFF-COSTET ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Julia Erchoff-Costet on unrequested leave of absence on March 19, 2012, on the grounds of discontinuance of positions, financial limitations and lack of pupils; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Julia Erchoff-Costet by personal service on Tuesday, March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that she was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided she make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Julia Erchoff-Costet to the school board's proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the teacher withdrew a request for a hearing and acquiesced to being placed on unrequested leave of absence as outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement dated April 10, 2012; and



BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 that Julia Erchoff-Costet be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 on the grounds of discontinuance of position, financial limitations, and lack of pupils effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 122A.40, Subd. 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative, without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in her file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

**NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON  
UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

April 16, 2012

Ms. Julia Erchoff-Costet  
316 Maple Drive  
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Dear Ms. Erchoff-Costet:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 16, 2012, a resolution was adopted by majority roll call vote of the full membership of the School Board placing you on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, without pay or fringe benefits.

Your placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

A copy of the resolution duly adopted by the School Board is attached hereto for your information.

If a position becomes available in a field in which you are licensed, at any time up to five years after your leave is effective, you may have a right to reinstatement to that position if you have sufficient seniority in the district and if you filed a written request for reinstatement prior to April 1 of each year while you are on leave. If you do not file such a request each year, your right to reinstatement will be automatically terminated.

Please keep the school district's personnel office advised in writing of your address at all times until your right have expired, so that the district may notify you of any available positions for which you may qualify.

Yours very truly,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299

Jean Meyer

Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Kelley McGraw and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared dully passed and adopted.

Resolution for Placing Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Scott Longhorn introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING CHERYL WHITE ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Cheryl White on unrequested leave of absence on March 19, 2012, on the grounds of discontinuance of positions, financial limitations and lack of pupils; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Cheryl White by personal service on Tuesday, March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that she was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided she make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Cheryl White to the school board's proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the teacher withdrew a request for a hearing and acquiesced to being placed on unrequested leave of absence as outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement dated April 10, 2012; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 that Cheryl White be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 on the grounds of discontinuance of position, financial limitations, and lack of pupils effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 122A.40, Subd. 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative, without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in her file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

**NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON  
UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

April 16, 2012

Ms. Cheryl White  
724 East Grant Street  
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Ms. White:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 16, 2012, a resolution was adopted by majority roll call vote of the full membership of the School Board placing you on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299 effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year on June 30, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, without pay or fringe benefits.

Your placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

A copy of the resolution duly adopted by the School Board is attached hereto for your information.

If a position becomes available in a field in which you are licensed, at any time up to five years after your leave is effective, you may have a right to reinstatement to that position if you have sufficient seniority in the district and if you filed a written request for reinstatement prior to April 1 of each year while you are on leave. If you do not file such a request each year, your right to reinstatement will be automatically terminated.

Please keep the school district's personnel office advised in writing of your address at all times until your right have expired, so that the district may notify you of any available positions for which you may qualify.

Yours very truly,  
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299  
Jean Meyer  
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member John Klug and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared dully passed and adopted.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Minnesota State FFA Convention Trip**

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Spencer Yohe to approve the students to attend the Minnesota State FFA Convention trip on Sunday, April 22, 2012, through Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **May Regular School Board Meeting**

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to hold the May regular school board meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the middle/high school media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that he continues to work on the registration process for the 2012-2013 school year. The board discussed with Mr. DeMorett their concerns and the students' concerns that were brought forth to them earlier during the board meeting. It was the consensus of the board that improvements need to be made with the scheduling process, and they would like to see a better plan in place for parents and students so that everyone involved is kept more informed. He is working with staff and gathering their input on updating a district-wide attendance policy. He thanked the board for allowing the school district to belong to the SchoolReach System as it has worked out well notifying parents of the state testing and spring sport schedule changes.

Mrs. Morken updated the board about the possibility of a Multiaged Kingergarten-First Grade Classroom program. She stated that there are possibly 55 kindergarten students and 53 first grade students for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. The kindergarten numbers will be monitored closely and Kindergarten Roundup will be held this Friday. Parents voiced their concerns and asked questions of Mrs. Morken on how the Multiaged Kingergarten-First Grade Classroom program works in a school district. They were informed that once more definitive enrollment numbers are determined for kindergarten classes next fall, no decisions will be made but that discussions will continue to take place in the future board meetings. Mrs. Morken informed the board that the bullying meeting last week was very good with participation from staff and community members. The elementary building will be receiving the iPad carts and SmartBoards in May out of the One Day Bond money.

Superintendent Love stated that the Three River's Conference will vote on realignment of football with the HVL. She will be attending the Three Rivers Conference Governing Board meeting tomorrow and will not support the resolution to realign the football program beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. She shared with the board information about the Minnesota Rural Education Association, and stated that the Executive Director, Fred Nolan, will be in the district on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. to meet with any interested board members about this organization as she feels this program could benefit our school district.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that she is working on the final Title Grant submission. She updated the board with regard to testing. The preschool program is taking registrations for the 2012-2013 school year. The SAC program will be open all day on Friday for the current kindergarten students due to Kindergarten Roundup being held and them not having class. She is working on the summer community education catalog and the Early Literacy Plan that is due in June.

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Graduation Ceremony**

The graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and Director Spencer Yohe will assist in distributing diplomas that evening. Any other board members interested need to contact the District Office.

### **Health & Safety – Policy #720**

The first reading of the Health & Safety – Policy #720 was completed.

### **Student Attendance – Policy #503**

The board was given the current attendance policy along with the language that is placed in the Elementary and Middle/High School Handbooks. This policy will continue to be discussed with staff, administration and board members in order for an updated district-wide policy to be established.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Yohe updated the board regarding the Joint Legislative Session he attended.

Director Klug informed the board that the support staff negotiation's meeting was held last week. An agreement has been reached and the staff will be taking this information back to their union members for a vote.

Director Werner informed the board that the ISD #299 District Foundation Night was held this weekend and raised over \$21,000 for scholarships and mini grants. She thanked everyone for their efforts and support of a successful event.

## **CLOSED SESSION FOR TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS**

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Jean Meyer to close the meeting at 8:18 p.m. for teacher negotiations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to convene the regular school board meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded Melissa Marschall to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Jean Meyer, Clerk