

Board Meeting Minutes January 25, 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 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The school board members present were Jared Barnes, Amanda King, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. Also present were Superintendent Ben Barton, Paul DeMorett, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Emily Bialkowski, Janelle Field Rohrer, Ross Martin, and Judy Flaten.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Amanda King to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012, regular school board meeting and the January 3, 2013, organizational school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

MUSIC TRIP TO CHICAGO

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Spencer Yohe to approve the music trip to Chicago on April 4, 2013, through April 7, 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WARRIOR PRIDE

The board recognized the following organizations and individuals: Brian Flick for his devotion and dedication in assisting with the Warrior football team for the past twenty-nine years; and Tory-Kale Schulz and the National Honor Society for their fundraising efforts to raise money for students to have milk at milk break at the elementary school.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Mr. Paul DeMorett and Mrs. Judy Flaten explained to the board the middle/high school scheduling process that has begun for the 2013-2014 school year.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Amanda King to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$1,801,464.76 including check numbers 55152 through 55297 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Spring Sport Coaching Contracts for the 2012-2013 School Year

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jared Barnes to ratify the following spring sport coaching contracts for the 2012-2013 school year:

➤ Baseball:

- Dave Konz, head coach, IV/2 at \$2,947.60
- Tom Schultz, assistant coach, II/5 at \$2,047.83
- Zach Hauser, junior high coach, I/4 at \$1,834.39

- **Boys' & Girls' Golf:**
 - Jeremy Leis, head boys' golf coach, IV/7 at \$3,284.60
 - Jacquelyn Hauser, head girls' golf coach, IV/1 at \$2,947.60
 - Mitch Mullins, assistant boys' & girls' golf coach, II/21 years at \$2,216.32
- **Boys' & Girls' Track:**
 - Carl Fruechte, head boys' track coach, IV/13 at \$3,284.60
 - Reese Wait, head girls' track coach, IV/8 at \$3,284.60
 - Eddie Hodges, boys' and girls' assistant track coach, II/0 at \$1,879.32

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Maternity Leave Request

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Melissa Marschall to approve the six-week maternity leave request from Erin Becker beginning at the birth of her child around March 10, 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Student Discipline Policy #506

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Kelley McGraw to adopt the Student Discipline Policy #506 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Middle/High School Handbook Language Change

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Jean Meyer to update the Middle/High School Handbook language change with regard to cell phones as presented by Mr. DeMorett. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that the antibullying presentations continue each week in the middle/high school building. He continues to work on staff evaluations. There will be twenty juniors next week attending an Ethics Workshop in La Crosse sponsored by Rotary.

Mrs. Runningen informed the board that the Winter/Spring Community Ed Catalog is out and is taking registrations for classes. The Community Ed Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, February 26th. The SAC program continues to have new students registering, and Meghan VonArx has started her new position as the SAC Supervisor. They are working on updating safety procedures in the SAC program. ECFE registration was held with classes beginning next week. She updated the board with regard to testing. Students in 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th grades will be participating in the Minnesota Student Survey the week of March 4th through March 8th.

Superintendent Barton informed the board that he would like to have the student/parent handbooks presented to them in May or June for their adoption. He explained to the board the preliminary 2013-2014 budget process and that he has an action plan with strategies and timelines in place that he will be bringing to the board for their support. He wants to be as transparent as possible with this process and wants to have as much feedback as possible from others. The school district will have less revenue next year than this year. He will be working with administration and the finance committee for their input and values that will guide the decisions that need to be made in this budget process. Director McGraw asked that they consider building the music department back up.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

The board held the first reading of the following policies with the adoption to take place at the February 21, 2013, regular school board meeting:

- Legal Status of the School District Policy #101
- Name of the School District Policy #101.1
- Equal Education Opportunity Policy 102
- Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons Policy #103
- School District Mission Statement Policy #104

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

The board congratulated Director Spencer Yohe for being recognized for his services at the MSBA Conference. The board shared information from various sessions they attended at the MSBA conference. Board members updated one another on various committee meetings that have been held.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Amanda King to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk