

Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 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 arriving at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Ben Barton, Paul DeMorett, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Emily Bialkowski, Janelle Field Rohrer, Rita McCormick, Jean Klinski, and Jared Barnes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

WARRIOR PRIDE

The board recognized the following individuals: Congratulations to the volleyball team for their accomplishments at the state level; Congratulations to the football team for their accomplishments at the state level; Congratulations to the FFA Chapter Team for their accomplishments in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management Career Development Event; Congratulations to Eric Lacher for taking First Place in the State Bowling Tournament in Special Olympics; Thank you to Ernie Hodges and Eddie Hodges for their continued support and volunteering their time in the weight lifting room; Thank you to Matt Hendel for being a dedicated volunteer in the FFA Organization; and Congratulations to all of the high school band students who took part in the Winona State University Honor Band, the Three Rivers Honor Band and Choir, and the Winona State University Honor JAZZ Band.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Ms. Rita McCormick discussed with the board the Food Service Program and the new federal nutrition standards for school meals.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2012, regular school board meeting, the November 8, 2012, special school board meeting, and the November 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 \$545,063.02 including check numbers 54914 through 55036 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$350,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The board congratulated Jared Barnes for being elected as a new school board member to begin in January.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Resignations

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Scott Longhorn to accept the resignation of Tom Krinke as the head girls' soccer coach effective immediately with thanks for his services to the school

district. Those voting in favor: Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. Those opposed: John Klug. Motion carried.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to accept the resignation of Kasey Meiners as the co-junior high wrestling coach effective immediately with thanks for his services to the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Jean Meyer, to accept the resignation of Rachel (Grippen) Storlie as the junior high class advisor and the school musical advisor effective immediately with thanks for her services to the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

New Hires

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the contract for Bethany Meiners as the junior high class advisor at V/0 years experience at \$2,092.75. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Spencer Yohe to ratify the contract for Lindsay Mackie as the school musical advisor at IV/0 years experience at \$1,879.32. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Family and Medical Leave Policy #410

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by John Klug to adopt the Family and Medical Leave Policy #410 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy #522

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Jean Meyer to adopt the Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy #522 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that they had a very nice Veteran's Day Program. He is continuing to meet with the Student Council and Student Services to coordinate anti-bullying ideas. Dan Hyson from HVED is continuing to meet with the departments reviewing testing data. They are working on coordinating a school musical date.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that the Community Ed Advisory Council meeting has been rescheduled for November 27th. She is working on filling the SAC Supervisor position. She informed the board of the various ISD #299 grants that were awarded to the ECFE and Hand in Hand Preschool Programs. She updated the board regarding testing and Perkins Grants. She submitted an Arlan Falk Foundation Grant and is waiting to receive word if this was approved or not.

Superintendent Barton informed the board that they held a Q-Comp work session today. They are in the starting stages of a very long process and will meet again in December. The Student Achievement Leadership Team and the Climate and Control Leadership Team met and had some great discussions in these meetings. He had a Coffee and Conversation last Friday with good discussions held with the attendees.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

MSBA Annual Leadership Conference

The MSBA Annual Leadership Conference will be held January 16th through January 18th.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

The board held the first reading of the following policy with the adoption to take place at the December 17th regular school board meeting:

- Code of Ethics Policy #209

Filling School Board Member Vacancy

Director Longhorn has resigned from his role as a school board member effective December 31, 2012, and the board discussed the process of filling this two-year term vacancy. It was the consensus of the board that this position will be posted in the Caledonia Argus and on the school website with a deadline date for applicants to be December 10th. Interested applicants will need to submit a letter of interest to the District Office.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Longhorn updated the board regarding the Technology Committee meeting held on November 8th.

Director Yohe updated the board regarding the Athletic Committee meeting that was held.

Director Werner updated the board regard the HVED meeting she attended.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION DISCUSSION

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Spencer Yohe to close the meeting at 8:12 p.m. for negotiations discussion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to convene the regular school board meeting at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk