

Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2014

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 6:03 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, Principals Paul DeMorett and Gina Meinertz, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Ryan Schmidt, Carley Hoscheit, Sue Link and Ross Martin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the agenda as amended to move up the action item for the Band and Choir Trip Request to be the first action item and to include a Board Showcase on the We Day. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Melissa Marschall to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014, regular school board meeting and minutes of the November 7, 2014, special school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to American Legion Post 191 for their generous donation to the Middle/High School Media Center in the amount of \$150.00. Thank you to Land O'Lakes Foundation for their generous donation of \$500 to the Caledonia Public School District. Thank you to the Lion's Club for donating 140 hours to selling tickets at our Fall Sports Events. Congratulations to the all the fall sports for a successful season.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Ms. Hoscheit shared with the board information on the We Day presentation that she attended and thanked the school district for being able to be part of such an amazing event. Mr. Schmidt discussed with the board information regarding the College and Career Readiness Program and discussed the opportunities and events that he has been working on with students this school year to assist them in preparing for their future years of high school and beyond.

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 \$1,007,102.51 including check numbers 57746 through 57868 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that there is an interest from students to serve as a school board representative. More information will be forthcoming.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

New Hires

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Amanda King to ratify the part-time, long-term teacher substitute contract for Ann Chittick-Fox as a technology integrationist beginning approximately on

October 31, 2014, through January 22, 2015, at an hourly rate of pay of \$24.11 (BA/0 at \$35,489/184 days/8 hours). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the contract for Theresa Ellenz as the junior high girls' basketball coach beginning the 2014-2015 school year at I/0 years at \$1,665.89. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Melissa Marschall to ratify the contract for Mitchell Banse as the junior high girls' basketball coach beginning the 2014-2015 school year at I/0 years at \$1,665.89. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Kelley McGraw to ratify the part-time special ed para contract for Taylor Kurk at III/P at \$10.72 per hour beginning November 10, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Staff Contract Changes

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jared Barnes, to ratify the special ed para contract for Jamie Ideker from a part-time position to a full-time position beginning November 6, 2014, at III/2 at \$11.34 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Band and Choir Trip Request

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the Band and Choir Trip to Nashville, Tennessee, for Grades 9-12 from March 25, 2015, through March 30, 2015, as presented by Mr. Martin. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Public and Private Personnel Data Policy #406

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Melissa Marschall to adopt the Public and Private Personnel Data Policy #406 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student Attendance Policy #503

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Jean Meyer to adopt the Student Attendance Policy #503 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy #509

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Jared Barnes to adopt the Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy #509 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records Policy #515

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adopt the Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records Policy #515 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student Medication Policy #516

Moved by Jared Barnes, seconded by Melissa Marschall to adopt the Student Medication Policy #516 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student Disability Nondiscrimination Policy #521

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

Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Team to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds Policy #532

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Kelley McGraw to adopt the Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Team to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds Policy #532 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that he attended the PBIS Training held in Mankato and staff is continuing to work on this process. The middle school staff continue their focus with working on the reading goal and the high school staff continue their focus working on the critical thinking goal. The staff are also working on a new iPad ACT application for juniors to be able to utilize as they prepare for the ACT test in the spring.

Mrs. Meinertz attended a Legal Issue Seminar. She met with a 21st Century Class designer. She attended the PBIS training. The Warrior Voice will start in January. She attended an ELA Standards meeting. She commended the 5th graders and the elementary students and staff for presenting a great Veteran's Day Program. Lunch and Recess with Parents/Special Friends was a huge success. Elementary Parent/Teacher conferences were held last week and this week.

Mrs. Runnigen updated the board regarding testing. The Neighbors in Action Group continues to meet. The Interact Group will meet on Wednesday. The ECFE Family Fair will be held this Saturday. The Community Ed Advisory Council Committee meeting was held. Movie Night will be held this Friday.

Superintendent Barton informed the board that the school district now has a Facebook page located on the school district's website. The promotional brochure is near completion. The Staff Development Committee met on Monday afterschool. He informed the board that more information will be forthcoming regarding the curriculum design for the school district and what the next steps to this process may be to get staff trained in this area.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Superintendent Barton updated the board regarding the World's Best Work Force and the information that is located on the website.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

The following items were reviewed by the board with the adoption to take place at the December 15th regular school board meeting:

- School Board Meeting Agenda Policy 203.5
- Open Meetings and Closed Meetings Policy #205
- Chemical Use and Abuse Policy #417
- Staff Development Policy #425
- Student Dress and Appearance Policy #504
- Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees Policy #505
- Field Trips Policy #610
- School District System Accountability Policy #616
- Student Activity Accounting Policy #713

The Use of School District Facilities and Equipment Policy #902 was tabled.

2015-2016 School Calendar

Superintendent Barton shared with the board a working copy of the 2015-2016 school calendar and asked for their input on this calendar.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Yohe informed the board that the Negotiations Seminar will be held on February 15th. The Activities Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday morning. Director Werner informed the board that the Activities Committee is reviewing the idea of combining the mandatory parent/student meeting that is held prior to each sporting event to be combined into one meeting that would be held in the fall for all co-curricular/curricular activities. Director King informed the board she attended the World's Best Work Force meeting and updated the board regarding the Community Ed Advisory Committee meeting. Director Meyer updated the board regarding the Building, Grounds, Transportation Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jared Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk