

Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2015

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 Kelley McGraw at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The school board members present were Jared Barnes, Amanda King, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, Jimmy Westland, Spencer Yohe and student school board representative Brenna Werner. Also present were Superintendent Ben Barton, Gina Meinertz, Nancy Runnigen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Dan McGonigle, Janelle Field Rohrer, Deb Cody, Jean Klinski, Ross Martin, Lisa Thill, James Larson, Tory-Kale Schulz, Josh Gran, and Michaela Kasten. Absent was Paul DeMorett.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

WARRIOR PRIDE

Thank you to Sno-Pac Foods, Inc. for their generous donation of dirt to start our raised-bed vegetable gardens at the elementary school. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for supplying the bus for our staff and students to attend Special Olympics. Thank you to Mike and Kim Rommes for purchasing t-shirts for all the Special Olympic participants. Thank you to the City of Caledonia Police Department for doing night building security checks at our school district. Thank you to the Houston County Sheriff's Office for doing night building security checks at our school district. Thank you to Thorson Graphics LLC, for their generous donation to offset the costs toward the purchase of water tumblers for our staff to promote wellness.

BOARD SHOWCASE

Mr. Ross Martin and Michaela Kasten shared with the board the great experiences they had during the music trip to Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Thill shared with the board the Standards Immersion classes she has been teaching to the elementary students during the school year and showed some of the art projects they have completed.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student School Board Representative Werner informed the board that the students are finishing up with the advisory projects for the school year. Kyle Sorenson and Carson Coffield will be speaking during the high school graduation ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Amanda King, seconded by Jared Barnes to approve the following consent agenda:

- Approval of April 20, 2015, Regular School Board Minutes
- Approval of the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$384,934.18 including check numbers 58459 through 58587 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$800,000.
- Resignations:
 - Accept the resignation of Bethany Zellmer as the school social worker effective May 8, 2015, with thanks for her three years of service to the school district.
 - Accept the resignation of Lisa (Molitor) Thill as the part-time elementary art teacher at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, with thanks for her past year of service to the school district.

- Accept the resignation of Joan Crawford as a special ed para, with thanks for her twenty-one years of service to the school district.
- New Hires and Contract Changes:
 - Ratify the contract for Scott Sorenson as the Activities Director at VI/0 years at \$6,271.52 beginning 2015-2016 school year.
 - Increase the contract for Mr. Zachariah Hauser as a 0.5148 FTE to 0.6864 FTE as the middle school health and physical education teacher at BA/6 at \$29,070.41 beginning the 2015-2016 school year (\$42,352 at 0.6864 FTE based on the 2013-2015 Teacher Master Agreement).
 - Ratify the contract for Jay Marschall as the Director of Building, Grounds and Transportation at \$55,000.00 beginning June 1, 2015.
 - Ratify the contract for David Gjere as a janitor at I/7 years at \$11.13 per hour beginning May 14, 2015.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. DeMorett was absent. In his information that was shared with the board he stated that the final registration for the 2015-2016 school year is underway. He continues to work on the final stages of this year's teacher evaluation process. The Middle School Warrior Way team continues to implement the first phase of the PBIS during fourth quarter. The ACT test for juniors was held on April 28th. Graduation will be held on May 29th at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Meinertz continues to work on the summative evaluations with her staff. She is meeting with teams to discuss scheduling and to improve the collaboration that happens within and between grade levels at the elementary. She is creating an Understanding by Design presentation that she will be sharing with the staff on May 19th. She is creating a resource request form and process for teachers to use in requesting curriculum materials. Interviews will be held this week for the Elementary Counselor/Social Worker and art teacher positions. MCA test results for the elementary are being reviewed. She attended the ELA Standards Immersion training and MESPA leadership and planning event for the 2016 Institute. The elementary building is very busy with end of the year events.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that the community ed summer catalog will be online this week. Family Movie Night will be held on May 29th. She updated the board regarding the School Readiness/ECFE and SAC/Surround Care programs. The SAC program will be providing the option to families for their child to purchase a sack lunch while attending the SAC program during the summer months. She also updated the board regarding testing and stated that MCA testing was completed today. She is working with Sheri Allen to set up a summer schedule for Junior First Lego League/First Lego League. The Robotics season will begin earlier this year as the competitions are earlier in the year.

Superintendent Barton reminded the board of the staff grill out this Friday. He will be meeting with staff on Tuesday as an end of the year wrap of the current school year and things that will be forthcoming in the next school year. Negotiations has begun for staff. The school district is working on a transportation contract with Schmitz Bus Service. He updated the board regarding the Crisis Team Committee meeting and the middle/high school principal hiring process.

Mrs. Meyer updated the board on the Legislature happenings, budget and finance for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, Affordable Care Act implementations, and attended the WebEx training on the new Omni Circular with Mrs. Meinertz.

Mr. Jerviss updated the board with regard to the 1:1 device program. AcenTek is offering 1 GB concurrent internet speeds for the school district at the same price as our current agreement. He conducted interviews for the IT summer help position. He purchased the Sphero 2.0 App Ball and additional iPads through a donation from the District #299 Foundation. The Tech Task Tem met and updated the Technology Plan for the state. He is working on a list of summer projects; and also creating a list of district software being used and the possibility of having all the software being web-based.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of School District Logo/Mascot

Mr. Schulz discussed with the board his thoughts and ideas regarding a Warrior Mascot for the school district. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board that this item be placed on the June board meeting as an action item.

Robotics Program

The board and administration discussed the idea of adding the Robotics Program as an extra-curricular program at our school district. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board that this item be placed on the June board meeting as an action item.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

School Policies

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

- Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers Policy #427
- Caledonia Public School Technology Plan 2016-2018

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director McGraw thanked the Community Drug Task Force Committee and Community Education for bringing to the school district several speakers recently to discuss and bring awareness to our community as it relates to drugs/alcohol and texting while driving. He also thanked everyone that sent letters to the legislature recently. Director Meyer informed the board that there will be a two-day technology workshop in August for staff to attend. Director King informed the board that she continues to meet with Barb on the payments process and updated the board regarding HVED. Director Yohe informed the board that the Activities Committee will be meeting on Tuesday morning.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk