

## **SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

### **Monday, October 18, 2010**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #299, Caledonia, Minnesota, met in a regular school board meeting in the Caledonia Area Elementary Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Naomi Fruechte at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, Charlie Wray, and Spencer Yohe. Also present were Superintendent Bruce Thomas, Paul DeMorett, Connie Hesse, Nancy Runnigen, Barb Meyer, Craig Moorhead, Lindsey Meyer, Brad Harguth, Janelle Field Rohrer, Scott Longhorn, Joleen Doyle, Steve Selness, Jay and Melissa Marschall, Kerry Schaller, and Deb Cody.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$417,297.38, including check numbers 51494 through 51654 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$575,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Steve Selness addressed the board regarding weighted class rank.

#### **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

##### **Resignations**

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to rescind the action taken at the September 20, 2010, regular school board meeting for the hiring of Angela Frank as part-time school nurse services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by John Klug to accept the resignation of Rebecca Mashak as the Head Cook/Cook Manager with her tentative last day of employment on October 15, 2010, with thanks for her years of experience to the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Michelle Werner to accept the resignation of Bill Kearney as junior high boys' basketball coach effective immediately with thanks for his services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Charlie Wray to accept the resignation of Mike Stemper as junior high wrestling coach effective immediately with thanks for his services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by John Klug to accept the resignation of John Pitts as junior high wrestling coach effective immediately with thanks for his services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **Winter Sports Coaching Contracts**

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to ratify the following coaching contracts for the 2010-2011 winter sports season: Wrestling: Daniel Goergen, head coach, V/2 at \$3,374.47, Houston School District hires and pays for the assistant coach, Roger Holland, junior high coach, I/O at \$1,665.89, Jeff Winjum, junior high coach, I/O at 1,665.89; Boys' Basketball: Josh Diersen, head coach, V/7 at \$3,712.58, Jeremy Leis, assistant coach, III/5 at \$2,474.68, Bob Burmester, 9<sup>th</sup> grade coach, I/3 at \$1,834.39, Brad King, 8<sup>th</sup> grade coach, I/O at \$1,665.89,

Jim Westland, 7<sup>th</sup> grade coach, I/0 at \$1,665.89; Girls' Basketball: Scott Sorenson, head coach, V/14 at \$3,712.58, Carl Fruechte, assistant coach, III/21 at \$2,643.18, Kevin Klug, 9<sup>th</sup> grade coach, I/9 at \$2,002.89, Dan Reinhart, 8<sup>th</sup> grade coach, I/11 at \$2,002.89, Mark Krause 7<sup>th</sup> grade coach, I/1 at \$1,665.89; Gymnastics: Jackie Johnson, head coach, V/4 at \$3,542.96, Janet Westland, assistant coach (job share), III/1 at \$1,153.09 (\$2,306.18/2), Danielle Adamson, assistant coach (job share), III/1 at \$1,153.09 (\$2,306.18/2). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### Community Education Director Contract

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the administrative contract for the Community Education Director for the 2009-2011 school years with no salary increase for the 2009-2010 school year and a 1% increase in her salary for the 2010-2011 school year. Those voting in favor: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, Charlie Wray, and Spencer Yohe. Those opposed: John Klug. Motion carried.

#### Head Cook/Cook Manager

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Spencer Yohe to ratify the hiring of Rita McCormick as the District Head Cook for four hours per day at a \$12.63 per hour at VII/7 and the Cook Manager for four hours per day at a salary of \$12,852.00 beginning October 8, 2010, through January 8, 2011, of her probationary period. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### Caledonia/Spring Grove School District Purchase of Service Agreement for Social Studies Teaching for the 2010-2011 School Year

Member Jean Meyer introduced the following agreement and moved its adoption:

##### Caledonia/Spring Grove School District Purchase of Service Agreement for Social Studies Teaching for the 2010-2011 School Year

Caledonia Public School District #299 and Spring Grove School District #297 hereby enters into a purchase agreement for social studies teaching service because Caledonia School District serves as the providing district for Spring Grove students in the social studies program. The district's social studies teacher, Lindsay Mackie, will be under contract and employed by Caledonia Public School District #299.

This agreement is based on the Caledonia Public School's Teacher Master Agreement and 15% of her teaching contract of service being purchased. It is estimated that the total cost for Spring Grove School District will be \$3,790.64 for teaching services based on the 2010-2011 contract for Lindsay Mackie's wages (\$3,329.71), benefits (\$460.93), mileage based on 184 contracted days at 10 miles per day at \$0.50 per mile or per the IRS guidelines, and teacher substitute pay when needed in Ms. Mackie's absence at \$50.92 per day of subbing.

Caledonia Public Schools #299 will bill the Spring Grove School District #297 in one billing at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing agreement was duly seconded by Member John Klug. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, Charlie Wray and Spencer Yohe. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said agreement was declared dully passed and adopted.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### Worker's Compensation Quotation

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Michelle Werner to rescind the action taken at the September 20, 2010, regular school board meeting for the school district's worker's compensation company to be Continental Western in the amount of \$69,139.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to approve the worker's compensation quote from SFM The Work Comp Experts in the amount of \$63,977.00 effective November 1, 2010. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### Weighted Class Rank System

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the School Board that the weighted class rank system be tabled until the November 15, 2010, regular school board meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that the SchoolReach system is working well to get messages out to parents. They will be working on the next phase of the programming entering in student's bus numbers, activities, etc. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. He attended the distance learning information session in Mabel-Canton and informed the board that this is an area which the school district needs to continue to be aware of and the possibilities it could bring our students. We have begun working with Dick Dovenberg in the area of educational technology. The middle school band and choir concert will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The end of first quarter is November 5<sup>th</sup>. The high school choir concert will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. On November 15<sup>th</sup> Mad About Money production by the National Theatre for Children will be held for the 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade students that Bank of the West is providing for the school.

Mrs. Hesse informed the board that there are thirty-four students currently participating in 5<sup>th</sup> grade band. Lunch and recess with mom/special friend was held on October 8<sup>th</sup> with approximately 161 visitors. The Pizza Pete Fundraiser profited \$9,269.18. Global Awareness Day was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. She attended the Title I Conference. There are approximately 21-27 students attending the Homework Help Session on a daily basis. She updated the board with regard to testing and informed them that every 9<sup>th</sup> grader passed the GRAD Written Composition test this spring.

Superintendent Thomas informed the board that he felt the bomb threat evacuation went well for the most part. We have since had a staff meeting and met with Paul Schmitz to review evacuation procedures and will continue to review this process to improve it. A technology committee meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Meet & Confer Meeting with the union members on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Runningen stated that the Fall Community Education brochure has been mailed out. She will be attending the ABE Grant Writing Workshop on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The SAC Program continues to take registrations and there are currently thirty students enrolled. The Hand in Hand Preschool Program received a grant from Arts for All to reduce the cost of tickets to a production at Viterbo College they will be attending. The International/Global Awareness Day was a huge success. She attended Perkins Grant Meetings at MN College, SE Technical to review 2010-2011 grants. Caledonia will receive \$4,100 in Perkins funds in 2010-2011.

### **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### Health Insurance Claims Margin Return – Update

Both unions have grieved the health insurance claims margin return and the Board denied the unions' grievances so now the school district will wait for the arbitrator to deal with this issue.

#### Superintendent Search Committee Update

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Matt Hendel to have the administrative negotiations committee meet with Superintendent Bruce Thomas to discuss the possibility of him returning with the district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### Use of School-Owned Vehicles – Policy #719

The Board held the first reading of the Use of School-Owned Vehicles – Policy #719 with the adoption/action to be taken on this policy at the November 15<sup>th</sup> regular school board meeting.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Klug gave a report about the MSBA 2010 Fall Area meeting he attended in Rochester on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Jean Meyer, Clerk