

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 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 Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Craig Moorhead, Lindsey Meyer, Brad Harguth, Janelle Field Rohrer, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, and Kim Hillberg from Larson Allen, LLP.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the agenda as amended to include the approval of the superintendent contract. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Jean Meyer to accept the school audit report as presented to the board from Kim Hillberg of Larson Allen, LLP. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010, regular school board meeting and minutes of the November 10, 2010, special school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$671,482.06, including check numbers 51655 through 51792 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$700,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brad Harguth informed the board that the Denver trip with his students has been canceled. The Region 8 soil conservation event went very well. He informed the board that he will need to have board representation on the Ag Advisory Committee. The board will act on this at the January organizational meeting.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

New Hires

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Matt Hendel to ratify the contract for Jeff Winjum as co-junior high wrestling coach beginning the 2010-2011 school year at \$832.95 (\$1,665.89/2) at III/0 years. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Michelle Werner to ratify the contract for Kasey Meiners as co-junior high wrestling coach beginning the 2010-2011 year at \$832.95 (\$1,665.89/2) at III/1 year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Charlie Wray to ratify the contract for Lynette Privet as middle/high school cook beginning November 1, 2010, at III/0 at \$9.79 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Early Retirement Request

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Jean Meyer to accept the early retirement request from Jon Lilliquist effective December 31, 2010, with thanks for his years of service. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Memorandum of Understanding with CEA

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by John Klug to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Caledonia Education Association (CEA) regarding the retirement of Mr. Jon Lilliquist. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Maternity Leave Request

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to accept the eight-week maternity leave request from Carrie Thompson beginning at the birth of her child around February 9, 2011, and continuing through approximately April 9, 2011, given there are no complications. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

School Nurse Services

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Spencer Yohe to ratify the hiring of Connie Simon as a part-time school nurse beginning November 1, 2010, at \$24.00 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Principal Contract

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

Superintendent Contract

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the part-time superintendent contract with Bruce Thomas for the 2011-2012 school year with no increase in his salary. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Policy #719 – Use of School-Owned Vehicles

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adopt Policy #719 – Use of School-Owned Vehicles as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Weighted Class Rank System

It was the consensus of the Board that there will not be any changes to the class rank system that is currently in place at our school district.

Joint Power Agreement Between Caledonia School District #299 and Southeast Service Cooperative

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to accept the Joint Power Agreement Between Caledonia Public School District No. 299 and Southeast Service Cooperative. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. DeMorett informed the board that the parent/teacher conferences held on October 19th was a success. All schools will be dismissed early on Thursday, November 18th, due to elementary conferences and on Friday, November 19th, due to the football game at the Metrodome. He is working with Dick Dovenberg to do some technology staff development on the Thursday afternoon with his staff. The Mad About Money production for grades six through nine was a great presentation for students and thanked the Bank of the West for sponsoring this.

Mrs. Hesse updated the board regarding the Staff Development Committee meeting that was held. They are working with Heather Myhre from Houston County Public Health to complete a Worksite Wellness Survey/Assessment. Student Council's special event for second quarter is a Magical Collection for Alexis Klug. The Veteran's Day Program and Breakfast went very well. She updated the board regarding the Title I Grant and testing.

Superintendent Thomas welcomed the newly elected school board members.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that fall class registration is underway. She will be tabulating the community education surveys and will be presenting a written report when complete. She attended the ABE Grant Writing Workshop on October 20th. The SAC Program continues to accept registrations. The Annual Family Fair was held on Saturday with forty plus families attending. She will share with the board at the December 20th board meeting the Houston County Initiative DVD.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

The MSBA Annual Leadership Conference information was shared with the board.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Klug informed the board that the Meet and Confer Committee met with staff on October 28th.

Director Meyer informed the board that the Technology Committee met on November 9th.

It was the consensus of the board that a January special school board meeting will need to be scheduled to review the budget reductions.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Jean Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk