

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, December 22, 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 4:00 p.m. Members present were Naomi Fruechte, John Klug, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, Charlie Wray, and Spencer Yohe. Also present were Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Craig Moorhead, Lindsey Meyer, Janelle Field Rohrer, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, and Kelley McGraw. Absent was Director Matt Hendel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Spencer Yohe to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010, regular school board meeting with the change noted under the Principal Contract due to Director Michelle Werner not present during the motion of this item. 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 \$1,432,812.34 including check numbers 51793 through 51939 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$760,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2011 BUDGET AND LEVY

There were no visitors present to discuss any questions or concerns to the Board in regard to the truth in taxation hearing for the 2011 budget and levy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carrie Thompson and Ross Martin will address the board regarding the band/choir trip to Florida at the January 3, 2011, organizational school board meeting.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Addendum to Principal Master Agreement

This item was tabled until the January 24, 2011, regular school board meeting.

New Hires

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by John Klug to ratify the contract for Julia Benson as a part-time ESL Teacher (0.672) beginning December 20, 2010, at BA/0 at \$13,759.99. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Seniority Lists

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adopt the teacher seniority list and the support staff seniority list as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Thereof

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions and as a result of a reduction in enrollment make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Set January School Board Meeting

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to hold a regular school board meeting on Monday, January 24, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and review budget reductions and to begin the regular school board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Set January Organizational Meeting

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Jean Meyer to hold an organizational school board meeting on Monday, January 3, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the middle/high school media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Adopt Final Levy Certification

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Michelle Werner to adopt the final levy certification for 2011 in the amount of \$2,585,506.27. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Recognition of the Caledonia High Chopper Club

This item was tabled until the January 24, 2011, regular school board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by John Klug to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

School Board Clerk