

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2011

The Board of Education of Independent School District #299, Caledonia, Minnesota, met in a special session in the Caledonia Middle/High School Media Center to continue with the discussion of the strategic planning. The meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Werner at 6:00 p.m. Members present were John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe arriving at 6:12 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Bruce Thomas, Paul DeMorett, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, and Craig Moorhead. Absent was Connie Hesse.

Each of the board members discussed their thoughts and ideas about the following topics: shared services with the school and/or city, technology, grant writing, a comprehensive high school, class sizes, referendum, and college preparedness. It was the consensus of the board to gather data for a survey to be completed by staff and community members. The District Improvement Team will gather information for this survey, which will be presented to the board at the March 21st regular school board meeting.

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to close the special session at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Werner at 7:05 p.m. Members present were John Klug, Scott Longhorn, Melissa Marschall, Kelley McGraw, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe. Also present were Superintendent Bruce Thomas, Nancy Runningen, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, and Craig Moorhead. Absent were Principals Paul DeMorett and Connie Hesse.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved Scott Longhorn, seconded by Melissa Marschall to approve the agenda as amended to remove the 2011-2012 school calendar from the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Scott Longhorn to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$505,557.12, including check numbers 52094 through 52236 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Maternity Leave Request

Moved by Kelley McGraw, seconded by Melissa Marschall to accept the maternity leave request from Lynette Privet beginning May 4, 2011, and continuing through June 2, 2011, given then are no complications. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Retirement

Moved by Scott Longhorn, seconded by Jean Meyer to accept the retirement of Ms. Peggy Eggert effective June 15, 2011, with thanks for her thirty-five years of service and dedication to the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Military Leave

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to accept the approximate one year military leave of absence beginning May 11, 2011, for Lindsay Mackie. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

2011-2012 School Calendar

This item was removed from the agenda and will be presented at the March 21, 2011, regular school board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences, Mr. DeMorett had to leave but informed the board that he is beginning the scheduling process for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mrs. Hesse was absent.

Superintendent Thomas informed the board that this week is Paraprofessional Recognition Week and appreciated the staff for their contributions to our students. He informed the board that the Technology Committee, the Building and Grounds Committee, and the Curriculum Committee will be meeting this month. A contingency plan will need to be addressed at the March school board meeting for the upcoming kindergarten class. The process will begin in March for the unrequested leave of absence of staff. He will continue to meet with representatives of the city to see if there are areas we can cooperate to help defray costs. He is working on providing dialog between the three school districts working together on the transportation contract.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that registrations are being accepted for the winter-spring community ed classes and is working on the summer brochure. She is preparing to survey preschool parents to see if there is an interest in "surround care" for families before and after preschool classes. Hand in Hand Preschool Open House and Registration is scheduled for March 29th. She has met with Semcac Headstart to discuss ways in which we can work together with the preschool programs. She has submitted a grant with Workforce Development, Inc. to the Blandin Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

The board requested to have Scott Martin do a Chopper Club presentation at the March 21st school board meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Longhorn shared with the board information he gathered on the sports and co-curricular costs for the 2010-2011 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Spencer Yohe, seconded by Scott Longhorn to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk