

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 2008

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, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, and Michelle Werner. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty and Principal Connie Hesse. Others present were Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Linda Coffield, Jean Middendorf, Laura Diersen, Cary Grabhorn, Peggy Reiser, and Tom Murphy arriving at 7:30 p.m. Absent were Nancy Runningen, Director Charlie Wray, and Principal Ronald Helmers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Michelle Werner to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2008, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Matt Hendel to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$552,275.50 including check numbers 47990 through 48227 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$730,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members from the Boys' Basketball Booster Club were present and discussed with the board the option of not having the seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball players pay to watch a home boys' basketball varsity game. It was the consensus of the board that they would look into this and take action on this topic at the November 17th regular school board meeting.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Baseball Coach

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by John Klug to reinstate Tom Schultz as the assistant baseball coach at 11/2 years at \$1,879.32 for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resignation

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to accept the resignation of Kevin Klug as junior high baseball coach effective immediately with thanks for his years of service to the school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Winter Sports Coaching Contracts

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by John Klug to ratify the winter sports coaching contracts for boys' basketball, girls' basketball and gymnastics. Those voting in favor: none. Those opposed: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, and Michelle Werner. Absent: Charlie Wray. Motion failed.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to vote on the winter sports coaching contracts for boys' basketball, girls' basketball and gymnastics on an individual basis per coach and per sport. Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Jean Meyer to table this action until after the closed session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

New Hires

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Michelle Werner to ratify a contract for Laura Eglinton as the 0.50 EBD elementary teacher beginning September 29, 2008, for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year at BA/0, at \$14,816.07. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Michelle Werner to ratify a contract for Maria Stemper as the part-time, job-share elementary office secretary beginning October 6, 2008, for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year at VI/14 at \$13.52 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Setting of Special School Board Meeting to Canvass November 4th Election Results

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Joyce Knutson to hold a special school board meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in the superintendent's office to canvass the November 4th election results. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Purchase of Service Agreement for Speech and Language for the 2008-2009 School Year between Caledonia Public School District and Hiawatha Valley Education District

Member Joyce Knutson introduced the following agreement and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Member Jean Klinski:

Caledonia Public School District #299 and Hiawatha Valley Education District #6013 (HVED) hereby enters into a purchase agreement for Speech and Language services. Because HVED serves as the providing district for Caledonia students in the Early Childhood Special Education Program, age birth to three years old, they will purchase the speech and language services needed for any district student in that program from the Caledonia School District. The district's educational speech and language pathologist, Ellen Soper, will be under contract and employed by Caledonia Public School District #299.

This agreement is based on the Caledonia Public School District's master agreement and the school calendar for 185 days, and an estimation of approximately 11 hours of service each month, for a total of up to 100 hours of service purchased. It is estimated that the total cost for HVED will be for \$4,036.10 based on the 2008-2009 contract for Ellen Soper's wages (\$3,693.00), benefits (\$109.10) prorated per hours worked in the HVED ECSE Program as part of her annual contract and mileage based on 400 miles @ \$234.00.

Caledonia Public School District #299 will bill the Hiawatha Valley Education District in two billings for the actual hours worked and paid to Ellen Soper.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Snow Removal Proposals for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 School Years

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by John Klug to accept the lowest snow removal proposal from Kimball Excavating, Inc. as follows:

2008-2009 School Year:

- Per yard cost for sand \$14.00/yard
- Per yard cost for salt \$16.00/yard
- Per yard cost for sand/salt mix \$15.00/yard
- Hourly rate for endloader \$70.00/hour
- Hourly rate for pick-up \$45.00/hour
- Hourly rate for skid loader \$60.00/hour
- Amount per minimum per call out with ISD # 299 \$100.00

2009-2010 School Year:

- Per yard cost for sand \$16.00/yard
- Per yard cost for salt \$18.00/yard
- Per yard cost for sand/salt mix \$18.00/yard
- Hourly rate for endloader \$72.00/hour
- Hourly rate for pick-up \$47.00/hour
- Hourly rate for skid loader \$62.00/hour
- Amount per minimum per call out with ISD # 299 \$120.00

Those voting in favor: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Joyce Knutson, and Jean Meyer. Those opposed: Michelle Werner. Absent: Charlie Wray. Motion carried.

Purchase of Service Agreement for Work Experience Program for the 2008-2009 School Year between Caledonia Public School District and La Crescent-Hokah School District

Member Jean Meyer introduced the following agreement and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Member Michelle Werner:

Caledonia School District #299 and La Crescent-Hokah School District #300 hereby enters into a purchase agreement for the Transition Disabled (Work Experience) Program services. La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools provides a special education licensed teacher (Barb Woolley, Work Experience Coordinator) and paraprofessional (Teresa Oeltjen-Feller) to serve students in the transition disabled program. Caledonia will purchase the transition disabled services from the La Crescent-Hokah School District. Barb Woolley and Teresa Oeltjen-Feller will be under contract and employed by La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools #300.

Total expenditures will be distributed at year end based on the number of participating students from each district. Based on the 2007-2008 participation of 48%, it is estimated that Caledonia will be billed for \$62,000. This includes wages, benefits, purchased services and instructional supplies.

La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools #300 will bill the Caledonia School District for the actual expenditures for the Transition Disabled Program.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Helmers was absent

Mrs. Hesse updated the board regarding the ISD #299 Curriculum Committee meeting held on September 23, 2008. The Pizza Pete Fundraiser held this fall had a profit of \$8,300.00. The Respect, Work and Belong Lyceums have begun once a month. There were 136 special friends and moms that attended the Lunch and Recess for Moms. The Math Family Night will be held on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. She updated the board on the testing progress.

Superintendent Moriarty informed the board that the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination form will be submitted to the Department of Education. He updated the board with regard to the AYP progress and stated that the school district's AYP Plan will need to be submitted to the Department of Education by November 4th. The football and volleyball teams begin playoffs this week. A second grade follow-up parent meeting will be scheduled towards the end of the month. He informed the board that the state is requiring anyone who transports students for school events will need to follow requirements of a Type 3 drivers license including: a school bus physical, a background check and training. He also stated that it has become mandatory for all schools to have an elevator inspection each year at a cost of \$100 per elevator, which will cost our school district \$200 per year. He will set up a time for the board to see a demonstration on the Smart Boards in the fifth grade classrooms.

Mrs. Runningen was absent.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Middle/High School Recognition Sign on the Varsity Football/Soccer/Track Complex

The board was informed that no movement has happened this past month for the middle/high school recognition sign to be located on the varsity football/soccer/track complex. Information will be shared with the board as it is brought forth to the school district.

Proposal to Dedicate the football field and name it Bud Marnach Memorial Field

The Building and Grounds Committee informed the board that the request for dedicating the football field and naming it the Bud Marnach Memorial Field has been denied. There have been other requests to name athletic fields after an individual and those requests have been denied; and so many people have done a lot for the school district with some people being more visible than others.

CLOSE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to close the regular school board meeting to discuss personnel issues at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to reconvene the regular school board meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Matt Hendel to act on the winter sports coaching contracts for boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and gymnastics as a group. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Michelle Werner to approve the winter sports coaching contracts for boys' basketball, girls' basketball and gymnastics as presented by the administration. Those voting in favor: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Joyce Knutson, and Michelle Werner. Those opposed: Jean Meyer. Absent: Charlie Wray. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by John Klug to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk