

## **SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

### **Monday, November 17, 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, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runningen, and Principals Ronald Helmers and Connie Hesse. Others present were Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Linda Coffield, and Craig Moorhead. Absent was Director Jean Meyer.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Matt Hendel to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008, regular school board meeting and minutes of the November 5, 2008, special school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **LARSON ALLEN WEISHAIR & COMPANY, LLP**

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by John Klug to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$639,920.87 including check numbers 48228 through 48379 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$425,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

##### **Resignations**

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by John Klug to accept the resignation of Mr. Tom Krinke as the head boys' soccer coach at the end of the 2008-2009 school year with thanks for his seven years of service. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **Wrestling Coaching Contracts**

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to ratify the following wrestling coaching contracts for the 2008-2009 school year: Dan Goergen, junior high coach, 1/2 at \$1,665.89 and Spencer Yohe, junior high coach, 1/1, at \$1,665.89. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **New Hires**

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Charlie Wray to ratify the contract for Merle Hanson as the junior high girls' basketball coach beginning the 2008-2009 school year at 1/4 years at \$1,834.39. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **Medical Leave of Absence**

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the request from Mrs. Greta Mierau to extend her maternity leave request for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Boys' Basketball Booster Club Request – Admission to Varsity Games**

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Charlie Wray to table the request of the boys' basketball booster club for free admission for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players to varsity games until the June 15, 2009, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Helmers informed the board that the Region V FFA Convention went well for students with the soil team placing fifth as a state qualifier and the forestry team placing fourth as a state qualifier. There are approximately sixty students who participate in FFA. There were approximately 106 parents who attended the high school conferences on October 7<sup>th</sup> and approximately 70 parents attended the middle school conferences on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The fall sports season has been a successful one for students.

Mrs. Hesse informed the board that the alternative services grant is up and running with students receiving reading support. The student council collected 406 items for the Houston County Food Shelf during first quarter. The Veteran's Day Program was held last week Tuesday. Parent teacher conferences are underway again this week. The elementary book fair is currently in progress in the media center. It is American Education week. Updated the board with regard to district testing.

Mr. Moriarty informed the board that the Building and Grounds Committee met last week to review the county's plan to construct a county highway shop located near the middle/high school building and their request to utilize part of the 60 foot easement from Highway 76.

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to accept the Houston County Highway Department's request to utilize part of the 60 foot easement from Highway 76 to put a driveway in place and to grade the rest of the road. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Moriarty also informed the board that the school district's attorney has received a request from the Allen's attorney to place some hay bales across the slope by the waterway of the middle/high school building. They have been informed that the school district will follow through with this request if the Allen's will seed the waterway. He will keep the board informed as information becomes available. The support staff negotiations committee will meet on the evening of November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. A principal negotiations meeting is scheduled for next week.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that the fall brochures have been mailed. Updated the board regarding the ABE/GED classes. The SAC Program will be open on early out days, continuing to take registrations, and eight new students have enrolled this month. She has submitted a grant to the Arlin Falk Foundation for preschool scholarships. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Fair was held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Second Grade Parent Meeting**

A second grade parent meeting was held. The meeting addressed general questions as presented by the parents, and they will be meeting again with the second grade parents in later January or early February.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The board discussed the idea of having a strategic planning meeting. It was the consensus of the board to hold a special school board meeting on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Joyce Knutson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Jean Meyer, Clerk