

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2009

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 Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runningen, and Principals Connie Hesse and Ronald Helmers. Others present were Craig Moorhead, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Barb Meyer, Tamiko Hubka, Chuck Schulte, Stacey Meyer, Shane Buros, Roger Knutson, Karen Hagerott, Greta Goetting, Dustin Moburg, Jen Snook, Bruce Bulman, Thomas Bulman, Brian Heim, Sandy Privet, Joan Heim-Welch, Rich Wagner, Peggy Ehlers, Gina Wagner, Jamie Ehlers, Emily Klug, Heather Kuecker, Megan Schmitz, Maria Drenckhahn, Ruth Esch, Maria Esch, Laura Welscher, Paul and Tina Fruechte, Mark Schieber, Deb Harguth, Brent Drenckhahn, Pat McManimon-Moe, Gerry Klug, Michelle Schieber, Bridget Macomber, Lydia Peterson, Kelly Peterson, Manon Hoscheit, Joanne Wagner, Lucas Harguth, Cady Hoscheit, Chris Meyer, Sibyl Floyd, Carrie Thompson, Elliott and Kim Kranz, Reverend Deb Meyer, Ancy Hellickson, and Sandy Hanson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Spencer Yohe to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Spencer Yohe to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$486,676.51 including check numbers 48868 through 48985 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$740,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

During the public comment, Mr. Schulte asked to address the board with regard to cost reductions. He asked the board to consider the possibility of having the current elementary principal be the middle/high school principal, the current superintendent also undertake the elementary principal duties, and to see if it is possible to have the other duties the administrators perform to be reassigned to someone not at their pay level.

Next, a number of students and members of the community presented their concerns, feelings, and reasoning as to the proposed reduction of a staff member in the music department. Various questions were asked of the board and superintendent and information was exchanged with the discussion lasting approximately forty minutes. The board agreed to review the proposed reduction in music before a final decision is made in April.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Retirements

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Charlie Wray to accept the resignation of Paul Stevens (34 years of service) effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year with thanks for his services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Spencer Yohe to accept the resignation of Ronald Helmers (5 years of service) as the middle/high school principal effective June 30, 2009, with thanks for his services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Staffing

Member Charlie Wray introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 adopted a resolution on January 26, 2009, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions; and,

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the School Board;

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

That the following programs and positions or portions thereof, be discontinued:

1. 0.5 Title
2. 0.5 Spanish
3. 1.0 FTE Middle School
4. 1.0 FTE High School
5. 1.0 FTE Middle/High School Elective
6. 0.8 FTE Music Department

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

Resolution For Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Charlie Wray introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE
KIMBERLY KRANZ ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

1. That it is proposed that Kimberly Kranz, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.

2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.

3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF
ABSENCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE, IF REQUESTED

March 16, 2009

Ms. Kimberly Kranz
619 North Kingston Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Ms. Kranz:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, March 16, 2009, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299
Jean Meyer
Clerk of the School Board

4. That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII, and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member John Klug. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray. The following voted against: Jean Meyer and Spencer Yohe. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution For Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Charlie Wray introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE

TINA FRUECHTE ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 0.5 FTE

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

1. That it is proposed that Tina Fruechte, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.

2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.

3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF
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DATE, IF REQUESTED

March 16, 2009

Ms. Tina Fruechte
10374 County 14
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Ms. Fruechte:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, March 16, 2009, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

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

Resolution For Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Charlie Wray introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE
JENNIFER SNOOK ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 0.5 FTE
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299, as follows:

1. That it is proposed that Jennifer Snook, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.

2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.

3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

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March 16, 2009

Ms. Jennifer Snook
2902 Farnam Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Ms. Snook:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, March 16, 2009, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

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

Resolution For Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Michelle Werner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE
SALLY MENSINK ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 0.25 FTE
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299, as follows:

1. That it is proposed that Sally Mensink, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence for 0.25 FTE without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.

2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.

3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.25 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT
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DATE, IF REQUESTED

March 16, 2009

Ms Sally Mensink
PO Box 32
Houston, MN 55943

Dear Ms. Mensink:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, March 16, 2009, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.25 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

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4. That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII, and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

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

Resolution For Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Matt Hendel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE

ANGELA TENKLEY ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 0.5 FTE

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

1. That it is proposed that Angela TenKley, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.

2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.

3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

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March 16, 2009

Ms. Angela TenKley
521 Avon Street
La Crosse, WI 54603

Dear Ms. TenKley:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, March 16, 2009, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.5 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

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

Resolution For Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member John Klug introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE

CARRIE OTT ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 0.25 FTE

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

1. That it is proposed that Carrie Ott, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence for 0.25 FTE without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.

2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.

3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.25 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

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March 16, 2009

Ms. Carrie Ott
124 East Grant Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Ms. Ott:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, March 16, 2009, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence for 0.25 FTE without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year on June 30, 2009, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Placement of 5th Grade and Special Education Classrooms

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by John Klug to relocate the fifth grade and elementary special education classrooms from the south wing of the elementary building to classrooms in the main hall of the elementary building. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Field Experience Contractual Agreement Between Luther College and ISD #299

Member Spencer Yohe introduced the following agreement and moved its adoption:

This contract is made and entered into by and between the Luther College Department of Education, Decorah, Iowa, and Caledonia Public Schools, District No. 299

Provisions:

1. Luther College and Caledonia Public Schools, District No. 299 agree to participate, if placements are available, in the district in a field experience program, which includes, but is not limited to: Student Teaching, Student Observations, and other field experiences during the 2009-2010 academic year. This agreement may include assignments in elementary (grades PreK – 6), secondary (grades 7 – 12), and special fields (Art, Music, Physical Education, and Health for grades K – 12).
2. Luther College will provide supervision by one or more of the following: faculty member(s), or trained and credentialed specialists in education, for students participating in Field Experiences who are placed in the school district identified under item 1, above.
3. Luther College agrees to compensate the school district in the amount of \$100 for one-half a semester or \$200 for a full semester for each student placed as a student teacher. Payment is to be made at the end of each semester after the Department of Education receives the written Student Teacher Evaluation from the Cooperating Teacher. Allocation of compensation to each cooperating teacher is to be directly made to the cooperating teacher, unless otherwise specified by the district. Payment for a student teacher who has withdrawn prior to the middle of the term shall be one-half of the normal reimbursement with payment to be made at the end of the period. Other field experiences identified in this agreement will be compensated with regard to time involvement and course objective, and will be stated at the time of the request.
4. Student teachers and other field experience enrollees of Luther College Department of Education are to comply with all the contracted school district's rules, regulations, and policies. Termination or change in assignment will be the option of Caledonia Public Schools, District No. 299, as well as the option of Luther College, should circumstances warrant such an action.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Helmers informed the board there were approximately 850-900 people that attended the musical this weekend. It was a great musical and the students did a wonderful job. There is a high school band/choir concert on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. The Life Smart Competition took seventh and ninth place and nine students qualified for state competition. The FFA Program received a grant from the ISD #299 Foundation to have a Raptor Program do a demonstration for the elementary and middle/high school students, which was well received by everyone in attendance. The FFA State Convention is going to be held on April 26th through the 28th. Five FFA teams have qualified for state competition. He congratulated Cullen Becker for taking sixth place in state wrestling. The girls' basketball team is off to state on Wednesday.

Mrs. Hesse informed the board that the Elementary Open House and Science Fair was held on March 3rd. I Love to Read is underway for the month of March. She has reapplied and submitted the Alternative Delivery Services Grant for the 2009-2010 school year. Friday, March 20th is Kindergarten Roundup. She updated the board with regard to testing.

Mr. Moriarty congratulated the girls' basketball team for their success. The musical was well done and well attended. A discussion was held with regard to a Dean of Student's position and the limitations this position has in a school setting. The board requested the superintendent to send them information on the cost comparisons for a Dean of Students position, testing coordinator, and curriculum development coordinator. They also requested to receive salaries of the surrounding area principals. He shared with the board information for the process of posting, interviewing, and hiring of the new middle/high school principal position. Directors Naomi Fruechte, Michelle Werner, and Spencer Yohe will serve on the hiring committee for the principal position.

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Charlie Wary to begin the process as presented by Superintendent Moriarty for the hiring of a new middle/high school principal. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Moriarty informed the board that they have reached a tentative settlement for the support staff group. He met with the Building and Grounds Committee, and they approved the capital budget which will be brought to the board for their approval at the May board meeting. He updated the board on the information he has received from MASA.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that they are taking registrations for winter/spring classes. The Community Ed Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, March 19th. She is researching the idea of having hot lunches for the SAC Program students during the summer months. Hand in Hand Preschool registrations for new students is beginning on March 17th and Open House is scheduled for April 28th. ECFE received a grant from the ISD #299 Foundation for the Hans Mayer Concert that will be held on April 18th. There were approximately 73 children that were screened during preschool screening last week.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Chair Fruechte informed the board that she is putting together a superintendent's evaluation that she will share with the administrative committee and once it is approved with them she will share it with the whole board.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Spencer Yohe to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk