

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2007

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, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Principals Brian Doty, Ronald Helmers and Connie Hesse, and Nancy Runningen. Others present were Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field Rohrer, Roger Knutson, and Darwin Viker from Larson Allen, LLP.

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 Charlie Wray, seconded by Joyce Knutson to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

LARSON ALLEN, LLP

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to accept the 2006-2007 audit report as presented by Darwin Viker from Larson Allen, LLP. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Michelle Werner to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$1,229,926.86, including check numbers 46275 through 46465 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00 Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Approval of Seniority Lists

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

ACTION ITEMS

Set January Organizational Meeting

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to set the organizational school board meeting for Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Adopt Final Levy Certification

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to adopt the final levy certification for 2008 in the amount of \$2,354,099.19. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty informed the board that middle school parent teachers were held. Tuesday will be the completion of the Pizza Pete Fundraiser for the middle school students with a 75% participation. The money generated from this fundraiser will be used for the middle school rollerskating trip on Friday, the purchasing of assignment notebooks, and class treasurers for the use of future school events. He informed the board that there is a new spirit online store on the school website for people to order Caledonia Warrior clothing and items. He will be meeting on Wednesday with the middle school student groups on setting goals for testing. There will be training on how to use the HVED Data Warehouse for testing data.

Mr. Helmers informed the board that the winter activities are in progress. He is working on curriculum classes for the 2008-2009 school year. Parent teacher conferences had approximately a 25% participation, which is common with other schools in the area. A reason for the low turnout may be the parents having the capability of checking online grading and attendance.

Mrs. Hesse presented to the board an updated After School Program budget. She updated the board regarding the ISD #299 Curriculum Committee meeting held on December 11, 2007. She had forty-three people attending the Math Family Night. Ninety-six percent of her parents attended the elementary conferences. The Elementary Book Fair had a \$400.00 profit. The elementary winter concerts were well attended and raised approximately \$550.00 between both concerts. The elementary student council collected \$142.66 from students and put this money towards purchasing gifts for the Houston County Care and Share Program.

Superintendent Moriarty explained to the board that the district office would like to change the way the athletic official's checks are processed. It was the consensus of the board that they will approve the list of official's checks that the district office receives from Mr. VanDenBoom and that these checks will not be processed until closer to the sporting event due to so many changes that occur with the refs. Superintendent Moriarty is working with the principals on scheduling and staffing for the 2008-2009 school year. A revised budget for the 2007-2008 school year will be presented to the board for their approval at the February regular school board meeting. An initial budget will be presented to the board for the 2008-2009 school year at the regular school board meeting in April. He stated that many of the surrounding school district superintendents met with Congressman Tim Walz and were informed that a formal reauthorization for the No Child Left Behind Act is not the agenda for this year and will not be until the winter of 2009.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that they are working on the Winter/Spring Catalogue. She updated the board about the SAC Program and stated that this program will be open during the holiday break and on snow delays or cancellations. There are ten students enrolled for second semester honors online at SE Tech. She attended a meeting with SE Tech to discuss concurrent classes, articulation agreements, and ITV classes for the fall of 2008. The fall ECFE class session is ending the week of December 10th, and they are working on their newsletter. The Hand in Hand Preschool Scholarship fund recently received a generous donation of \$500 from the Bank of the West.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

The athletic committee met for the first time on Tuesday, December 11th. They have set up two more meetings, one with the athletic director and Mr. Helmers and another meeting with the coaches. They will report back to the board their updates.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Chair Fruechte informed the board that she attended the HVED meeting last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk