

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, February 25, 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 7:03 p.m. Members present were Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, John Klug, Joyce Knutson, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray arriving at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runningen, and Principals Brian Doty and Connie Hesse. Others present were Karen Schiltz, Barb Meyer, Dan McGonigle, and Janelle Field Rohrer. Absent were Director Jean Meyer and Principal Ronald Helmers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by John Klug to approve the minutes of the January 28, 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 \$365,111.50 including check numbers 46705 through 46868 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$1,250,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Spring Sport Coaching Contracts for the 2007-2008 School Year

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by John Klug to ratify the spring coaching contracts that have been issued for the 2007-2008 school year: Baseball: Elliott Kranz, head coach, IV/3 at \$3,025.34 and Kevin Klug, assistant coach, II/4 at \$1,988.18; Boys' Golf: Mitch Mullins, head coach, IV/16 at \$3,188.93 and Jennifer Snook, boys and girls assistant golf coach, II/4 at \$1,988.18; Girls' Golf: Ken VanDenBoom, head coach, IV/34 at \$3,188.93; Boys' Track: Carl Fruechte, head coach, IV/8 at \$3,188.93 and Reese Wait, boys and girls assistant track coach, II/3 at \$1,988.18; Girls' Track: Paul Stevens, head coach, IV/30 at \$3,188.93. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Memorandum of Understanding

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Charlie Wray to ratify the memorandum of understanding with Mrs. Jana Dittmer as a part-time middle/high school speech and language teacher at an hourly wage of \$34.79 based upon the teacher master agreement of BA+45/13 with the understanding that this position will begin February 26, 2008, and continue for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

2008-2009 School Calendar

Moved by John Klug, seconded by Matt Hendel to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar which has been reviewed by the administration and the CEA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty informed that board that the Winona State Band will be playing for the middle/high school students on March 6, 2008. On March 20, 2008, the middle school students will be listening to a career presentation in the morning and then will be listening to a presentation from Earl Kyle regarding science and technology at 1:30 p.m. He showed the board the new Playaway Ipod which is the first preloaded digital

audioplayer that students are able to utilize when wanting to listen to a textbook. The inservice day on March 28, 2008, will focus on technology for the staff.

Mrs. Hesse updated the board regarding the ISD #299 Curriculum Committee meeting held on February 21, 2008. She had 88% of parents participate in the parent-teacher conferences. Mrs. Meisch is sponsoring Fitness Fever for staff and students this month. Elementary students will be participating in the I Love to Read Month with the theme this year being "S'more Reading, S'more Fun".

Superintendent Moriarty reviewed with the board the School Board Goals for District #299. He has been hearing a lot of complaints regarding the lighting in the middle/high school gymnasium. He will be contacting an engineer to get a proposal on how the lights need to be redone and bring this to the board. A shaft in the elementary building rooftop heating unit broke on Monday morning and will be fixed by Tuesday.

Mrs. Runningen informed the board that SE Tech is currently reviewing credentials of some teaching staff to see if they are qualified to teach classes through their college for our students. The SAC Program was open for its first snow day on February 14th and a number of students attend. Mrs. Busta shared with the board an ECFE and Learning Readiness update.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Matt Hendel to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk