

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2006

The Board of Education of Independent School District #299, Caledonia, Minnesota, met in a regular school board meeting in the Caledonia Middle/High School Media Center.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Frank at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Joyce Knutson arriving at 7:10 p.m., Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runningen, and Principals Brian Doty, Connie Hesse, and Ronald Helmers. Others present were Karen Schiltz, Barb Meyer, David Heiller, Michelle Werner, Janelle Field-Rohrer, Mary Lou Busta, and Jan Klug.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2006, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$543,193.70 including check numbers 43334 through 43516 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$95,000.00.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Resignations

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to accept the following resignations with thanks for their services: Patricia Goetzinger as a part-time, job-share elementary special educational assistant effective immediately; Rita Schulze as a part-time special educational assistant effective immediately, Karen Gran as a part-time special educational assistant effective immediately, and Todd Rowekamp as the middle/high school counselor effective immediately. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

New Hires

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the contract for Jeannine Hisel as the middle/high school counselor beginning the 2006-2007 school year at \$40,180.50, which includes an additional ten extended contract days at MA/0 and junior high volleyball coach at \$1,570.26 at I/0.

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Chuck Schulte to ratify the contract for Pamela Fahy as a part-time middle/high school special educational assistant at V/0 (2005-2006 hourly wage based at \$9.38 per hour). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the contract for Al Campbell as junior high volleyball coach at \$1,570.26 at I/0. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to ratify the contract for Cindy Colleran as the middle/high school administrative assistant at IX/2 (2005-2006 hourly wage based at \$10.98 per hour). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the contract for Judy VonArx as a part-time, job-share elementary special educational assistant at V/O (2005-2006 hourly wage based at \$9.38 per hour). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Additional Contract Days for the High School Agricultural Teacher

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to add five additional contract days to Mr. Brad Harguth's contract as the high school agricultural teacher beginning the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Recommend the Addition of a Third Section Class in Kindergarten for the 2006-2007 School Year

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to add a third section of kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year due to a larger kindergarten class. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Support Staff Sub Pay

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve the support staff substitute pay increase to \$8.00 per hour beginning the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Football Boosters Committee Request for Banners Placed around the Middle/High School Football Field

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Jean Meyer to allow the request from the Football Booster's Committee for placement of banners along the fenced area of the middle/high school football field. Those voting in favor: Jean Meyer. Those opposed: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Joyce Knutson, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Motion failed.

Football Boosters Committee Request for Roping off Part of the Middle/High School Football Field

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Chuck Schulte to allow the request from the Football Booster's Committee to rope off part of the middle/high school football field area for spectators. Those voting in favor: none. Those opposed: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Motion failed.

Policy #901- Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Charlie Wray to adopt the updated Policy #901 – Use of School District Facilities and Equipment as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

National FFA Convention Trip

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve the trip request from Mr. Brad Harguth to have the FFA students attend the National FFA Convention from October 25, 2006, through October 28, 2006, in Indianapolis at an approximate cost of \$150 - \$175 per student. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approve Contract for Services with Hiawatha Valley Ed District (HVED) for 2006-2007

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the contract for services between Independent School District No. 299 and Hiawatha Valley Ed District (HVED) for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Memorandum of Agreement Between Winona State University and Caledonia Public School

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Caledonia Public School and Winona State University for the 2006-2009 school years for undergraduate and/or graduate student clinical experiences with our school district. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Certify Truth in Taxation Hearing Dates

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve Tuesday, December 12, 2006, as the initial truth in taxation hearing date at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center and Monday, December 18, 2006, as the continuation meeting date (if needed) at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty distributed to the board information that will be presented to students and parents the night of the Middle School Orientation on Tuesday, August 29th. He informed the board that he is attending the HVED Reading Training Workshop in Winona this week.

Mr. Helmers distributed to the board information about how the staff development monies are being utilized for staff throughout the school district. He stated that there are seasonal athletic meetings with Mr. VanDenBoom, the coaches, and himself held in the fall, winter, and spring. The fall meeting will be held next week. The board requested that all coaches be given an Athletic Handbook.

Mr. Moriarty shared with the board information he received from the Houston County Department of Transportation with regard to the underpass estimate located along Highway 44/76. They informed Mr. Moriarty that this underpass would cost more than \$175,000 of the grant money from the State of Minnesota. He updated the board with information he received from Michael's Engineering regarding the energy analysis at the middle/high school building. It was the consensus of the board to have Michael's Engineering do a presentation at the September 18th board meeting. He informed the board that the audit is near completion and that it will be presented to the board either at the September or October school board meeting.

Mrs. Runnigen updated the board regarding the building facility usage. She is continuing to work on the Community Education Staff Manual and the Fall/Winter catalogue. She attended the Adult Basic Education Summer Institute in August and will be meeting with the ABE teachers on August 24th. The SAC Program currently has 35 students registered for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mrs. Busta discussed with the board the annual report for the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and School Readiness Programs.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Schulte informed the board that the middle/high school signage is progressing and that there are no school dollars being spent on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk