

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 2006

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 Mary Frank at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runnigen, and Principals Brian Doty and Connie Hesse. Others present were Karen Schiltz, Barb Meyer, David Heiller, Janelle Field-Rohrer, Matt Hendel, and Michelle Werner. Absent was Director Barbara Hurley and Principal Ronald Helmers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to approve the agenda as amended to include sign information under Director's Report. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2006, regular school board meeting and the November 8, 2006, special 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 \$680,269.98, including check numbers 43909 through 44120 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$900,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty shared with the board information with regard to the High-Incidence Academic Word List. He informed the board that it will be the expectation in the future for eighth graders to have Algebra as part of their curriculum and that this will need to become part of the school district's plan in the future.

Mrs. Hesse updated the board with regard to the October 3, 2006, ISD #299 Curriculum Meeting. She shared with the board the Title I survey results from the 2005-2006 school year and a list of volunteers who are assisting with the Main Street Academy for the 2006-2007 school year. She informed the board that Mrs. Kranz has started the Caledonia Area Elementary Select Choir this year with thirty-two fifth grade students participating in this program.

Superintendent Moriarty discussed with the board the enrollment and staffing projections for the 2007-2008 school year. He stated that with the declining enrollment of approximately 25 – 30 students each year for the next three years the school district will need to begin thinking about the staffing projection for the 2007-2008 school year. He stated that a benefit to the school district would be if the state would fully fund the all-day-everyday kindergarten program that is already in place at our school district. He also answered questions from the board regarding the school report card results.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that she is working on the winter/spring catalogue. She will be attending the Community Education Advisory Council Meeting on December 18th. She is working on a Drug Free Communities Grant. She attended the 1st Annual Safe and Healthy Learners Conference. The SAC Program received a \$300 Warrior minigrant for an art center. They are in the process of registering students for the Honors Online Program for second semester. The FCCLA Caledonia Idol Show will be held on November 21st with sixteen students in grades 9 – 12 performing. She shared with the board a report from Mrs. Busta regarding and ECFE/LR update.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

The board was given information regarding the Phase I Workshop to be held on November 29th in Rochester and the MSBA Leadership Conference to be held on January 11th and 12th in Minneapolis.

Advertising and Recognition – Policy #904

The first reading of the Advertising and Recognition – Policy #904 was completed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Schulte informed the board that he was contacted by a citizen concerning the “Home of the Warriors” signage at the middle/high school building. He stated that every student who attends ISD #299 is a Warrior student and that this sign does not signify in any way an athletic student.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk