

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 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, Barbara Hurley, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Karen Schiltz, and Janelle Field-Rohrer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTERING OF OATH OF OFFICE

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Barbara Hurley to appoint Matt Hendel and Michelle Werner as the new school board members effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Officers – 2007

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to nominate Director Naomi Fruechte for the office of Chairperson. Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Barbara Hurley to close the nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to nominate Director Charlie Wray for the office of Vice Chair. Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Barbara Hurley to close the nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to nominate Director Barbara Hurley for the office of Clerk. Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Michelle Werner to close the nominations for the office of Clerk.

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to nominate Director Michelle Werner for the office of Treasurer. Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to close the nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Joyce Knutson to nominate Director Jean Meyer for the office of Legislative Liaison. Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Michelle Werner to close the nominations for the office of Legislative Liaison.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the candidates for the office as stated above. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Setting Meeting Date, Time and Place

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Barbara Hurley to hold one school board meeting per month on the third Monday of each month with the first Monday school board meeting to be held if needed; special school board meetings scheduled on an as needed basis; time of meetings to be at 7:00 p.m.; and the place of the meetings to be in the elementary media center unless otherwise designated. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Meeting Dates of the January 15, 2007, and February 19, 2007, School Board Meetings

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Barbara Hurley to hold the January 15, 2007, regular school board meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary media center and the February 19, 2007, regular school board meeting on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Board Compensation

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Joyce Knutson to set the compensation for regular, special, and committee meetings at \$35.00 per meeting attended; out of district meetings at \$75.00 per day and \$37.50 per half day; and mileage allowance at \$0.48.5 or per the IRS Guidelines. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

School Depositories

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Barbara Hurley to name the following school depositories: General Fund at Merchant's Bank; Secondary Student Activity Account at Bank of the West; Investments at Bank of the West, Merchant's Bank, Eitzen State Bank, New Albin Savings Bank, Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus, and LaSalle National Bank. Those voting in favor: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Barbara Hurley, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, and Charlie Wray. Director Michelle Werner abstained. Motion carried.

Use of Facsimile Signatures and Authorization of Investments

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Barbara Hurley to authorize the business manager/accountant and superintendent to invest cash reserves and to make electronic transfers. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Naming Official Newspaper

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Joyce Knutson to name the Caledonia Argus as the official newspaper. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Appointment of Temporary Committees:

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to appoint the following temporary committees: to appoint Directors Naomi Fruechte, Joyce Knutson and Charlie Wray for teacher negotiations; to appoint Directors Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer and Michelle Werner for support staff negotiations; to appoint Directors Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, and Jean Meyer for administration negotiations; to appoint Directors Barbara Hurley and Joyce Knutson for the Transportation Committee; to appoint Directors Jean Meyer and Charlie Wray for the District Improvement Team; to appoint Director Michelle Werner and Director Barbara Hurley as the alternate for the Community Education Advisory Council representative; to appoint Director Michelle Werner and Director Barbara Hurley as the alternate for the Continuing Education Committee representative; to appoint Director Naomi Fruechte and Director Jean Meyer as the alternate for the Hiawatha Valley Education District representative; to appoint Directors Barbara Hurley and Director Charlie Wray to the Meet and Confer Committee; to appoint Director Naomi Fruechte for the Houston County Collaborative Governing Board; to appoint Director Barbara Hurley and Director Joyce Knutson as the alternate for the Minnesota State High School League; to appoint Director Joyce Knutson and Director Matt Hendel as the alternate for the Curriculum Committee; to appoint Director Jean Meyer and Director Michelle Werner as the alternate for the Technology Committee; and to appoint Directors Matt Hendel, Barbara Hurley and Charlie Wray for the Building and Grounds Committee. Motion for the above temporary committees were carried by a unanimous vote.

School Lawyer

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to name Ratwick, Roszak, and Maloney, P.A. Firm for student/employee matters and Tim Murphy for property and other local concerns. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

School Auditor

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Joyce Knutson to name Larson Allen Weishair & Company LLP, as the school auditor. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OTHER TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED

Superintendent Moriarty shared with the board the information regarding the MSBA Negotiations Seminar scheduled for Friday, January 26th, at the International Event Center in Rochester.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk