

# SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, February 5, 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, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Karen Schiltz, and Mike Pieper of Johnson Controls. Absent was Director Barbara Hurley.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED**

### Energy Conservation Project of the Middle/High School Building

Mr. Pieper of Johnson Controls discussed with the board his ideas and financial options that could be available to the school district for the energy conservation project of the middle/high school building.

The board discussed the pros and cons for financing the energy conservation project of the middle/high school building.

- General Fund:
  - Pros: Easy program and no initial payment
  - Cons: Lowers the school district fund balance below 8% and sets a precedence for other than emergencies
- Minnesota School Board Association's Lease Purchase Program:
  - Pros: Easy program, can utilize a local bank, and no hidden closing costs
  - Cons: Pay interest during the period of the loan (5 to 10 years)
- Minnesota Department of Energy:
  - Pros: Local lending institution and half of the project is at no interest
  - Cons: Pay interest on the other half of the project and would take 30 days for approval
- Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract:
  - Pros: Fixed price, guaranteed savings, and possibly a lower interest rate
  - Cons: Timeline, more money, and would push the bids to a later date which may increase the costs of the project

The board requested Superintendent Moriarty to contact Michael's Engineering to discuss with them the engineering project fees. It was the consensus of the board that the school district will not participate in the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for the energy conservation project. A decision to award the project to Michael's Engineering with a negotiated contract on the engineering costs or start over with a new engineering company will be made at the February 26, 2007, regular school board meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Jean Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Barbara Hurley, Clerk

