

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 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 7:08 p.m. Members present were Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runningen, and Principals Brian Doty, Ronald Helmers, and Connie Hesse. Others present were Barb Meyer, Andy Miller from the Caledonia Argus, Sue Link, and David Waffenschmidt and Jeffrey Ihnen from Michael's Engineering. Absent was Director Joyce Knutson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to approve the agenda as amended to include the resignation of Director Barbara Hurley, to discuss filling her unexpired term, and to elect a new school board clerk. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Matt Hendel to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 regular school board meeting and the February 5, 2007, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$759,169.40 including check numbers 44484 through 44687 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$1,090,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Spring Sport Coaching Contracts for the 2006-2007 School Year

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to ratify the following spring coaching contracts for the 2006-2007 school year as follows: Baseball: Elliott Kranz, head coach, IV/2 at \$2,778.40, Kevin Klug, assistant coach, II/3 at \$1,930.27, and Zach Hauser, junior high coach, I/1 at \$1,570.26; Boys' Golf: Mitch Mullins, head coach, IV/15 at \$3,096.05 and Jennifer Snook, boys and girls assistant golf coach, II/3 at \$1,930.27; Girls' Golf: Ken VanDenBoom, head coach, IV/33 at \$3,096.05; Boys' Track: Carl Fruechte, head coach, IV/7 at \$3,096.05 and Reese Wait, boys and girls assistant track coach, II/2 at \$1,771.44; Girls' Track: Paul Stevens, head coach, IV/29 at \$3,096.05. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Superintendent's Contract for the 2007-2010 School Year

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to ratify the superintendent's contract with Mr. Michael Moriarty for the 2007-2010 school years at a 3% salary increase each year beginning the 2007-2008 school year and a school district contribution amount of \$2,000.00 each year to his 403b plan. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Energy Conservation Project of the Middle/High School Building

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Michelle Werner to accept the fixed quote proposal from Michael's Engineering for the energy conservation project of the middle/high school building. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The board requested Superintendent Moriarty to research and report back to them options and a recommendation for funding this energy conservation project.

Student Council Trip Request

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the student council trip request from Mrs. Sue Link to have the student council students attend the annual trip to Southeast Division of Student Councils on Sunday, March 4, 2007, through Monday, March 5, 2007, in Owatonna. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Revised 2006-2007 Budget

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Michelle Werner to approve the revised 2006-2007 budget as follows:

	2006-2007 Adopted Budgeted Revenues	2006-2007 Revised Budgeted Revenues	Increase (Decrease) In Revenues	2006-2007 Adopted Budgeted Expenditures	2006-2007 Revised Budgeted Expenditures	Increase (Decrease) In Expenses	2006-2007 Fund Balance Inc/(Decrease)
General Fund	7,722,567	7,722,567	0	7,656,256	7,751,495	95,239	-28,927
Food Service	403,580	403,580	0	401,195	421,265	20,070	-17,685
Community Services	282,244	289,444	7,200	286,623	303,458	16,835	-14,014
Debt Retirement	1,236,579	1,236,579	0	1,269,225	1,664,084	394,859	-427,505
Scholarship Fund Concession Stand Fund	12,700 100	12,700 100	0 0	12,700 12,423	12,700 9,450	0 -2,973	0 -9,350
Activity Fund	40,550	40,550	0	40,550	40,550	0	0
Total	9,698,320	9,705,520	7,200	9,678,972	10,203,002	524,030	-497,481

Motion carried by a unanimous.

Resignation of Director Barbara Hurley

Moved by Michelle Werner, seconded by Matt Hendel to accept the resignation of Director Barbara Hurley effective immediately with thanks for her years of serving ISD # 299 Board of Education. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty distributed to the board information regarding the AimsWeb Reading Fluency Growth Chart for grades 6, 7, and 8.

Mr. Helmers informed the board on the events that took place during Snow Days last week with the highlight being the Price Is Right for the students. He updated the board with regard to the technology meeting that was held on February 22nd. The gymnastics season is over. Kaleb Schmitz and Mike Pitts are advancing to state for wrestling. The boys and girls basketball teams will begin sectional games this week. It was FFA Day last week Friday.

Mrs. Hesse informed the board that 89% of the parents attended the elementary parent/teacher conferences. She updated the board regarding the ISD #299 Curriculum Committee meeting. She distributed to the board an updated After School Program Budget.

Superintendent Moriarty informed the board that our school district received the School Finance Award for 2007 and that only 73 out of 380 schools received this award. He complimented Barb Meyer in receiving this award. He presented to each of the board members their recognition certificates for National School Board Week. He reported that he met with the building and grounds committee last week to review the capital budget items. He stated that Southeast Service Coop is currently requesting proposals for health insurance plans, so hopefully this will help the school district. He is meeting with CenturyTel of La Crosse next week to see what options they can

provide the school district for a new telephone system. He stated that the blue van cannot transport students anymore in August, so the school district will need to replace that van.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board that the Winter/Spring Catalogue has been mailed out. The Community Education Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th. The SAC Program received a \$200 mini grant from Southern Initiative fund to have an open house for families to introduce the Young Explorers Computer system. Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical has repaired the ITV camera system. The Minnesota Student Survey will be administered on February 27th. She is continuing to work on the Drug Free Coalition Grant. On March 30th David Parnell will be doing a presentation entitled “Facing the Dragon”. Nine FCCLA members participated in the STAR events in Pine Island. She shared with the board a report from Mrs. Busta regarding the ECFE/LR Programs.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

District No. 299 Policy Manual Review

The board reviewed Sections 100 and 200 of the District No. 299 Policy Manual and no changes need to be made with these policies. The board will review Sections 300 and 400 at the March regular school board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

The board discussed filling the current board position opening. It was the consensus of the board to form a committee to seek out interested persons and make a recommendation to the full board at the regular school board meeting in March. It was agreed that Andy Miller would include an appeal for board candidates in the Argus article on the meeting and to post this position opening on the school website. The person who fills this position will be appointed for the remainder of the term. Directors Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, and Charlie Wray will serve as the appointment committee and present one or two names to the board at the regular March board meeting.

Moved by Matt Hendel, seconded by Michelle Werner, to nominate Director Jean Meyer for the office of Clerk due to the resignation of Director Barbara Hurley. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Matt Hendel to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk