

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, April 2, 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 7:04 p.m. Members present were Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Barb Meyer, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field-Rohrer, and Jane Palen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to approve the agenda as amended to include clarification regarding the eliminating of positions for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Consider Request for Medical Leave of Absence

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Joyce Knutson to accept the medical leave of absence for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year for Mrs. Eileen Beach. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Consider Approval to Recall Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the recall rights of Mrs. Sally Mensink for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year beginning March 26, 2007. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution for Proposing Unrequested Leave of Absence

Member Michelle Werner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE

SALLY MENSINK ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 299, as follows:

1. That it is proposed that Sally Mensink, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year on June 30, 2007, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, and Article XXIII of the current Master Agreement between the school district and the exclusive representative.
2. That said proposed placement on requested leave of absence is not the result of implementation of an education district agreement.
3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF
ABSENCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE, IF REQUESTED**

April 2, 2007

Ms. Sally Mensink
PO Box 32
Houston, MN 55943

Dear Mrs. Mensink:

You are hereby notified that at the meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 held on Monday, April 2, 2007, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 299, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote on the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year on June 30, 2007, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: discontinuance of position, financial limitations and lack of pupils.

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299

Jean Meyer
Clerk of the School Board

4. That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 10, Article XXIII, and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Joyce Knutson. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray. The following voted against the same: None. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Loan Refund

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to refund the existing building bond and the capital loan into twenty year bonds providing the interest rate is at or below 4.2%. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Joyce Knutson to accept Ehlers and Associates as the advisor for the capital loan refund. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Capital Loan Refund Resolution Series 2007B

Member Charlie Wray introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2007B; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 299, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Bond Authorization. The Board of Education has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2007B (the "Bonds"), to refund certain maturities of the \$9,515,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2000.
2. Sale. The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Bonds and is therefore authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.
3. Official Statement; Negotiation of Sale. Ehlers & Associates, Inc., is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.
4. Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on its General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2007B (the "Bonds") and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Matt Hendel. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Capital Loan Refund Resolution Series 2007A

Member Jean Meyer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2007A; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 299, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Bond Authorization. The Board of Education has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2007A (the "Bonds"), to refund the District's Maximum Effort Capital Loan.
2. Sale. The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Bonds and is therefore authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.

3. Official Statement; Negotiation of Sale. Ehlers & Associates, Inc., is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.

4. Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on its General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2007A (the "Bonds") and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Michelle Werner. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Naomi Fruechte, Matt Hendel, Joyce Knutson, Jean Meyer, Michelle Werner, and Charlie Wray. The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

DIRECTORS' TOPICS

The school board discussed the resolution that was adopted at the March 19th school board meeting for the discontinuing and reducing programs and stated that the current kindergarten class will be placed into two sections of first grade beginning the 2007-2008 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joyce Knutson, seconded by Charlie Wray to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Meyer, Clerk