

# SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 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, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Mike Novak, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runningen, and Principals Brian Doty, Ronald Helmers, and Connie Hesse. Others present were Betsy Pieper, Rocky Danielson, Amy Schmidt; Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field-Rohrer, and David Heiller.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to approve the agenda as amended to include a discussion regarding the 2006 Legislative Survey from Representative Gregg Davids. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2006, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **TREASURE'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$558,286.78 including check numbers 42278 through 42454 along with electronic transfers from MSDLAF to Merchants Bank in the amount of \$1,250,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Signage Committee, Rocky Danielson, Betsy Pieper, and Chuck Schulte, presented to the board their proposed signage for the middle/high school building. It would cost approximately \$9,000.00 for the letter signage inside and outside the middle/high school building. The cost of the middle/high school identification sign to be placed near the parking lot entrance on North Warrior Avenue is unknown at this time. It was the consensus of the board to have the administrators review the plans presented and to report back to the board with their ideas at the March board meeting.

## **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

### **Spring Sport Coaching Contracts for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the following spring coaching contracts for the 2005-2006 school year: *Baseball*: Elliott Kranz, head coach, IV/1 at \$2,702.72, Kevin Klug, assistant coach, II/2 at \$1,723.19, Zach Hauser, junior high coach, I/0 at \$1,527.49; *Boys' Golf*: Mitch Mullins, head coach, IV/14 at \$3,011.72, Jennifer Snook, boys and girls assistant golf coach, II/2 at \$1,723.19; *Girls' Golf*: Ken VanDenBoom, head coach, IV/32 at \$3,011.72; *Boys' Track*: Carl Fruechte, head coach, IV/6 at \$3,011.72, Reese Wait, boys and girls assistant track coach, II/1 at \$1,723.19; *Girls' Track*: Paul Stevens, head coach, IV/28 at \$3,011.72. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Support Staff Long Term Substitute**

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to ratify the support staff long term substitute contract with Shauna Salow in the middle/high school kitchen to begin Monday, February 6, 2006, through Friday, June 2, 2006, during the maternity leave of Rebecca Carmack at an hourly rate of \$8.67 based on III/P. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Principal Negotiations

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Jean Meyer to enter into negotiations with the current group of three principals for a two year period (2006-2008) with the understanding that after the two year period, the board will contract with only two principals. Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, and Charlie Wray. Those opposed: Mike Novak and Chuck Schulte. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2006-2007 School Calendar

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded Barbara Hurley to adopt the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2005-2006 Revised Budget

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Charlie Wray to approve the revised 2005-2006 budget:

	2005-2006 Adopted Budgeted Revenues	2005-2006 Revised Budgeted Revenues	Increase (Decrease) In Revenues	2005-2006 Adopted Budgeted Expenditures	2005-2006 Revised Budgeted Expenditures	Increase (Decrease) In Expenses	2005-2006 Fund Balance Inc/(Decrease)
General Fund	7,413,668	<b>7,875,950</b>	462,282	7,405,462	<b>7,683,130</b>	277,668	<b>192,820</b>
Food Service	389,722	<b>409,193</b>	19,471	388,038	<b>408,977</b>	20,939	<b>216</b>
Community Services	286,760	<b>302,349</b>	15,589	301,064	<b>304,974</b>	3,909	<b>-2,625</b>
Debt Retirement	1,200,959	<b>1,230,180</b>	29,221	1,209,085	<b>1,141,965</b>	-67,120	<b>88,215</b>
Scholarship Fund	10,000	<b>19,000</b>	9,000	10,000	<b>12,700</b>	2,700	<b>6,300</b>
Concession Stand Fund	1,145	<b>24,644</b>	23,499	59,415	<b>89,835</b>	30,420	<b>-65,191</b>
Activity Fund	<u>0</u>	<b><u>41,784</u></b>	<u>41,784</u>	<u>0</u>	<b><u>49,656</u></b>	<u>49,656</u>	<b><u>-7,872</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	9,302,253	<b>9,903,100</b>	600,847	9,373,065	<b>9,691,237</b>	318,172	<b>211,863</b>

Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Director Mike Novak abstained indicating that he could not support the budget process as it is presently being done. Motion carried.

Director Schulte expressed his concern that the school district is currently not setting aside money for the refurbishing of roofs or parking lots. Superintendent Moriarty informed the board that the school district is planning to begin to set money aside in the capital outlay budget for these projects in the 2006-2007 budget.

Adoption of Board Goals as Developed on January 19, 2006

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to adopt the Board Goals as developed on January 19, 2006, and as listed below:

I. Students will be educated in an environment which offers options to reach high achievement and instills an appreciation of the value of learning.

Strategies:

A. Establish a reading, writing and math focus district wide, integrated in preK -12 curriculum.

*Focus driven by test results analysis*

B. The district will encourage the use of technology which supports learning and encourages creative, exploratory thinking, and efforts will be made to keep it up to date.

*Consider expanding creative learning labs into the secondary level*

C. A vibrant fine arts program will be supported.

D. Opportunities will be offered which specifically position students for future careers.

*This includes working with private industry and higher education, as well as instructional support for students who are performing below the proficiency level.*

E. Community adults will be active learners using district course offerings.

**Measure:** Test data reports to board and public on a regular basis.

**Measure:** Report on student enrollment patterns

II. Student will learn in an emotionally, physically and socially and safe and healthy environment.

A. Facilities, including the infrastructure, will be maintained.

B. A climate of respect for all students and staff will be expected.

*Character education and anti bullying efforts*

C. Staff will perceive themselves as valuable components of a positive learning environment.

**Measure:** School climate survey on an annual basis.

III. The district will operate in a strong financial position to provide an effective learning system.

A. The board will work to establish and maintain an 8% fund balance.

B. Efforts to maintain or increase enrollment will be pursued.

*See curriculum goals.*

*Marketing*

*Financial information on web site.*

*Board and administration active in local community development boards and activities.*

C. The board and administration will be active in the legislative arena.

**Measure:** District financial stability reports to board and public on a regular basis.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

It was the consensus of the board to review the school board goals again in October of 2006.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Doty informed the board that John Lukach and Jen Snook received the Best Buy CLS Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00, which has greatly enhanced the CLS Lab. The board expressed appreciation and thanked John Lukach and Jen Snook for their hard work and for seeking these grant opportunities for the school district. Mr. Doty presented to the board an update on the hosting sites for diversified occupation and the AIMS Web testing. The board requested from Mr. Doty a report based on our school district's numbers for the AIMS Web testing.

Mr. Helmers informed the board that the All School Musical will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. The high school band and choir concert will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The Winterfest activities were well received by the students. FFA week was held last week with the FFA Program being recognized. The registration booklet is nearing completion. They are currently in the process of establishing sections for the schedule process. The fifteen minute break between first and second block is well received by the students. The PA system and the bells are now working in the middle/high school building. There are six wrestlers going to State on Wednesday. The girls' basketball team will have their sub-sectional game on Tuesday evening in Rochester, and the boys' basketball team will have their sub-sectional game on Thursday evening in Winona. The board requested to

receive a report on the number of students in and out of the school district and a report showing what courses are being taught with the number of students in those classes

Mrs. Hesse reviewed with the board the After School Program budget. She shared with the board information she received when she attended the Elementary School Principals' Convention. She stated that 92% of the elementary parents attended the parent/teacher conferences. She informed the board that the elementary student council sponsored Pennies for Patients and raised \$733.06. March 9<sup>th</sup> is the Elementary Open House and Science Fair night.

Superintendent Moriarty updated the board with regard to the staffing plans for the 2006-2007 school year. He would like to begin the support staff negotiations and the individual negotiations with hopes of these being done in June. Superintendent Moriarty will have the bus contract ready for board approval at the March school board meeting. The Capital Improvement Committee will be meeting to approve the capital improvement budget for the 2006-2007 school year. He informed the board that Governor Pawlenty is proposing requiring 70% of education spending be in the classroom. He discussed with the board the idea of the elementary school being the location site for a Day Treatment Center for students in grades K thru 5. It was the consensus of the board that the district is willing to host this center in the elementary building.

Director Schulte shared with the board his dissatisfaction with the 2006 Legislative Survey that was sent out to the community from Representative Gregg Davids and intends to contact him about this.

Mrs. Runnigen shared with the board an ECFE/SR update from Mrs. Busta. She informed the board that they are registering participants for winter/spring classes. The Community Ed Advisory Council met on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The SAC Program evaluations were sent out to parents and they are currently planning for the summer. SE Technical College will be ordering the ITV equipment to be used at the Caledonia Middle/High School through the Federal Perkins Grant. The Caledonia Arts Festival held on February 4<sup>th</sup> was well attended. The Dark Side of the Internet Presentation will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Heritage Fair/Festival of Nations will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The board requested to receive a report on the number of community ed classes offered and/or canceled and the number or people participating.

## **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Wind Energy Update**

Director Fruechte will be attending a Windustry Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, next week. She informed the board that no wind measuring instrument will be attached to any towers in this area.

### **Concession Stand Update**

Director Frank stated the interior painting of the concession stand is complete. Director Hurley presented to the board an updated budget summary of the concession stand.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Barbara Hurley, Clerk