

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 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 Charlie Wray 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, Connie Hesse, Karen Schiltz, Janelle Field-Rohrer, and David Heiller. Absent were Nancy Runningen and Principals Brian Doty and Ronald Helmers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Officers – 2006

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Charlie Wray to nominate Director Mary Frank for the office of Chairperson. Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Charlie Wray to close the nominations for the office of Chairperson.

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

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to nominate Director Barbara Hurley for the office of Clerk. Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Jean Meyer to close the nominations for the office of Clerk.

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Mary Frank to nominate Director Chuck Schulte for the office of Treasurer. Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to close the nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to nominate Director Jean Meyer for the office of Legislative Liaison. Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to close the nominations for the office of Legislative Liaison.

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

Setting Meeting Date, Time, and Place

Moved by Mike Novak, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to hold the school board meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Those voting in favor: Mike Novak. Those opposed: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Motion failed.

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Chuck Schulte 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 meetings to be in the elementary media center unless otherwise designated. Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte and Charlie Wray. Those opposed: Mike Novak. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates of the January 16, 2006, February 20, 2006; and April 17, 2006, School Board Meetings

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Barbara Hurley, to hold the January 16, 2006, regular school board meeting on Monday, January 23, 2006; the February 20, 2006, regular school board meeting on Monday, February 27, 2006; and the April 17, 2006, regular school board meeting on Monday, April 24, 2006, in the elementary media center at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Board Compensation

Moved by Barbara Hurley, seconded by Jean Meyer to set the compensation 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 \$0.44.5 or per the IRS Guidelines. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

School Depositories

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Chuck Schulte 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. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Use of Facsimile Signatures and Authorization of Investments

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to authorize the accountant/controller and superintendent to invest cash reserves and to make electronics transfers. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Naming Official Newspaper – Currently the Caledonia Argus

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to name the Caledonia Argus as the official newspaper. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Appointment of Temporary Committees

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to appoint the following temporary committees: to appoint Directors Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, and Charlie Wray for teacher negotiations committee; to appoint Directors Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, and Chuck Schulte for support staff negotiations; to appoint Directors Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley and Jean Meyer for administrative negotiations committee; to appoint Directors Mike Novak and Chuck Schulte for transportation committee; to appoint Directors Jean Meyer and Charlie Wray for the district improvement team; to appoint Director Mike Novak and Director Barbara Hurley as an alternate for the community education advisory council representative; to appoint Director Naomi Fruechte for the continuing education committee representative; to appoint Director Mary Frank and Director Naomi Fruechte as an alternate for the Hiawatha Valley Education District representative; to appoint Directors Mike Novak and Charlie Wray for the meet and confer committee; to appoint Director Naomi Fruechte for the Houston County Collaborative Governing Board; to appoint Director Mary Frank and Director Barbara Hurley as an alternate for the Minnesota State High School League; to appoint Director Mary Frank and Directors Mike Novak and Chuck Schulte as alternate for the curriculum committee; to appoint Director Chuck Schulte and Director Mary Frank as an alternate for the technology committee; to appoint Directors Barbara Hurley, Mike Novak, and Charlie Wray for the building and grounds committee. Motion for the above temporary committees was carried by a unanimous vote.

School Lawyer

Moved by Charlie Wray, seconded by Chuck Schulte to name as lawyers Ratwick, Roszak, and Maloney, P.A. Firm for student/employee matters and Tim Murphy for property and other local concerns. Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte and Charlie Wray. Those opposed: Mike Novak. Motion carried.

School Auditor

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

2005-2007 Teacher Master Agreement

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to ratify the 2005-2007 Teacher Master Agreement between the Caledonia Education Association and the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 299 with a 3% increase in salary for the 2005-2006 school year and a 2.8% increase in salary for the 2006-2007 school year.

Moved by Mike Novak, seconded by Charlie Wray to amend the above motion to state the total package increase to include a 4.7% increase in the 2005-2006 school year which includes a 3% salary schedule increase with an additional first year \$938 increase toward health insurance (1.05% of total package). The second year, 2006-2007 school year, equates to a total package increase of 4.5% with a 2.8% salary schedule improvement and a \$635.00 increase in district health insurance contributions (1.06% of total package). The total package costs also include step and lane advancement and corresponding (3% and 2.8%) increases in co-curricular and athletic coaching salaries. Total cost of the package is \$176,255 in the first year and \$177,444 in the second year.

Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, and Charlie Wray. Those opposed: Mike Novak. Director Chuck Schulte abstained. Motion carried.

Resolution for Structural Balance

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

RESOLUTION FOR STRUCTURAL BALANCE

WHEREAS, Independent School District No. 299 has a tentative agreement with the Caledonia Education Association on a contract covering July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, 123B.749 (2003) requires a Board of Education to determine that any collective bargaining agreement does not cause structural imbalance; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board reviewed the budget impact of this agreement taking into account current state aid formulas and reasonable and comprehensive projections of ongoing revenues and expenditures for the period of agreement as contained in report forms; and,

WHEREAS, the attached calculations as contained in the report forms fulfill the disclosure and reporting requirements of said statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 299 determines that the tentative agreement with the Caledonia Education Association does not cause structural imbalance of the School District's budget during the period of the agreement.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Naomi Fruechte. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte and Charlie Wray. The following members voted against the same: Mike Novak. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

OTHER TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED

Superintendent Michael Moriarty explained to the board on how the Q Comp Plan works for school districts.

Director Novak stated his desire to have student and teacher representation on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Jean Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk