

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2005

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 7:01 p.m. Members present were Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Jean Meyer, Mike Novak, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty and Principals Brian Doty, Ronald Helmers and Connie Hesse. Others present were Karen Schiltz, Dave Heiller, Amy Schmidt, and Janelle Field-Rohrer. Absent was Director Barbara Hurley and Community Ed Director Nancy Runningen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Mary Frank to approve the agenda as amended to include hiring Laura Eglinton as the speech advisor and to include discussions on the following topics: wind energy; early school dismissal, unfunded severance, and parking for the elderly. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2005, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$518,505.44 including check numbers 41674 through 41866. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Resignations

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Mary Frank to accept the following resignations with thanks for their services: Scott Sorenson as the assistant baseball coach effective immediately and Luke Snell as the junior high baseball coach effective immediately. Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte and Charlie Wray. Director Mike Novak abstained. Director Barbara Hurley was absent. Motion carried.

New Hires

Moved Jean Meyer, seconded by Chuck Schulte to ratify the following contracts: Arnold Lundtvedt as a part-time middle/high school food service janitor for the 2005-2006 school year at V/P at \$8.18 per hour; Kevin Klug as the assistant baseball coach for the 2005-2006 school year at I/2 at \$1,483.00; Zach Hauser as the junior high baseball coach for the 2005-2006 school year at I/0 at \$1,483.00; and Laura Eglinton as the speech advisor for the 2005-2006 school year at I/3 at \$1,252.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Elementary Janitor Position Change

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to eliminate the three part-time janitorial positions in the elementary building and instate two full-time janitorial positions. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Elementary Janitor Positions

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to ratify the full-time contracts for Robert Benson at I/8 at \$9.76 per hour and Glenda Solberg at I/2 at \$8.67 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty updated the board with regard to the Response to Intervention (RTI) Grant through the Hiawatha Valley Ed District (HVED). He stated that the Perkins and Tech Prep Grant is in process at this time and is working with the teachers to get their requests that qualify for this grant. He also stated the career and tech classes need to be recertified this year.

Mr. Helmers informed the board that the FCCLA Group is working on an American Idol Contest with the program being on Tuesday, November 22nd, as a fundraiser for cystic fibrosis. He is currently reviewing next year's course offerings. He commended the football team for being named the Section 1AA State Academic Champions.

Mrs. Hesse updated the board regarding the Main Street Academy and stated there are currently eight people volunteering eleven hours a week to work with students. She updated the board regarding the Cross River History Consortium Grant. She informed the board that the Pizza Pete Fundraiser profited approximately \$10,000.00 this year.

Superintendent Moriarty thanked the American Legion Post 191 for the \$400.00 donation to the library for American Education Week. He updated the board regarding the Warrior Mini Grants that were approved by the ISD #299 Foundation Committee. He distributed to the board information regarding the projected enrollments. He stated that one of the middle/high school cement pads was dug up and that the footings are according to the specs. He has been in contact with Kraus-Anderson who will be in contact with the engineers.

Superintendent Moriarty updated the board in Mrs. Runnigen's absence. He stated that Community Education received a \$500 Warrior Mini Grant to be used toward the Heritage Fair/Festival of Nations Program. The Winter/Spring Community Ed Catalogue will be out in early January. The School Age Childcare (SAC) Program continues to have parents registering their children and was open on November 7th and November 23rd during non-school days. The SAC Program also received a \$500 Warrior Mini Grant to be used for purchasing reading and math materials for the program. The Minnesota State College SE Technical Program is looking at our school district to partner with them for a grant to purchase technology equipment, i.e. ITV services. As a part of this grant they will be responsible for the technology equipment and not our school district.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Policy and Training for Curricular and Co-Curricular Coaches

Superintendent Moriarty met with the athletic director and the high school principal with regard to current policy and training for curricular and co-curricular coaches. They will be implementing regular meetings with the coaches and providing them with the current policy and a copy of the evaluation form. They are currently working on developing an evaluation schedule at this time for the coaches. Superintendent Moriarty is going to work with the staff development committee to explain the possibility of providing coaching clinics for our Category I coaches.

Concession Stand Committee

Director Mary Frank updated the board with regard to the concession stand and stated that the inside work is happening at this time and things are going well.

Middle/High School Signage

Director Chuck Schulte updated the board regarding the middle/high school signage. He shared with the board pictures of the middle/high school building where the committee would possibly like to have signage placed. It was the consensus of the board that final approval for signage will be done through the school board.

MSBA Annual Leadership Conference

Directors Naomi Fruechte and Charlie Wray will be attending the MSBA Annual Leadership Conference on Thursday, January 12th.

Wind Energy

The board discussed at length the possibility of forming a committee to research the possibility of wind energy. It was decided to discuss this topic at the December 19th regular school board meeting.

Early School Dismissals

The board discussed early school dismissals. It was the consensus of the board that the administration will make early dismissal decisions as determined to be in the best interest of students.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Graduation Requirements – Policy 612

The first reading of the Graduation Requirements Policy #612 was done.

Unfunded Severance

The board requested to have the school district business office share with them the projections of unfunded severance that the school district is obligated to.

Parking for the Elderly

The board discussed the fact that the school district cannot designate parking spots for the elderly and only can do this for handicap parking.

CLOSED SESSION FOR TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to close the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to reconvene the regular school board meeting at 10:22 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Chuck Schulte to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk