

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, December 19, 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 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley arrived at 7:08 p.m., Jean Meyer, Mike Novak, Chuck Schulte arrived at 7:05 p.m., and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Connie Hesse, and Nancy Runningen. Others present were Karen Schiltz, Amy Schmidt, Michelle Werner, and Janelle Field-Rohrer. Absent was Principals Brian Doty and Ronald Helmers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2005, regular school board meeting and the December 6, 2005, Truth In Taxation School Board Meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Mary Frank to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$916,446.16 including check numbers 41867 through 42065. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Werner complimented the school district in their hiring of Kimberly Kranz as the elementary music teacher and Carrie Erickson as the band instructor, as she feels they are doing an excellent job. She voiced her concern with regard to how the elementary building handles their in-days due to cold weather and will discuss this further with Mrs. Hesse at another time.

The board also complimented the music departments on very nice concerts being performed this winter.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Resignations

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Chuck Schulte to accept the resignation of Jill Armendariz as a full-time middle/high school special educational assistant effective January 2, 2006, with thanks for her services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Seniority Lists

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to adopt the teacher seniority list and the support staff seniority list as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Superintendent's Confidential Assistant/Payroll Clerk Contract for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 School Years

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to ratify the Superintendent's Confidential Assistant/Payroll Clerk contract for Karen Schiltz for the 2005-2006 school year at a 3% increase of \$13.24 per hour and 2006-2007 school year at a 3% increase at \$13.64 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Graduation Requirements – Policy 612

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to adopt the Graduation Requirements Policy #612

**CALEDONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #299**

BOARD POLICY	612	
SERIES:	600	Education Programs
SUBJECT:	612	Graduation Requirements
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Graduation Requirements

Students in the classes of 2006 – 2008 must meet or exceed the State requirements in regard to the Basic Standards Tests in reading, math, and writing. Classes after 2008 shall meet State requirements as mandated by law.

Students must also fulfill the following requirements in order to be eligible for graduation from Caledonia Area High School:

<u>Curricular Area</u>	<u>2006 -2008 Credits</u>	<u>2009 Credits</u>	<u>2010 Credits</u>
Language Arts	4	4	4
Social Studies	4	4.5	4.5
Mathematics	3	3	3
Science	3	3	3
Physical Education	1	1	1
Health	.5	.5	.5
Arts	1	1	1
Careers	.5	.5	.5
World Languages/Reading	_____	_____	<u>1</u>
Required Credits	17.0	17.5	18.5
Elective Credits	<u>11.0</u>	<u>11.5</u>	<u>10.5</u>
Total	28	29	29

*Students with an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Disabilities Plan will be eligible to graduate upon completion of their established requirements and goals as determined in their individualized plans.

Early Completion –

Students may be considered for Early Completion upon meeting the following conditions:

1. All course and credit requirements must be met as well as required State assessments.
2. A letter requesting early completion shall be presented to the school counselor prior to the end of their last active term at Caledonia Area High School.
3. The high school counselor and/or principal shall meet with the student and parent/guardian to discuss the feasibility of the request.
4. A decision shall be rendered by the counselor and/or principal in a timely manner. Appeals shall be processed first through the superintendent and then the school board if so desired.

Legal References:

Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0010 to 3501.0180 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading)

Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0200 to 3501.0290 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards – Written Composition)
Minn Stat. 120B.07 (Early Graduation)
Minn. State 120B.11 (School District Process)

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

January School Board Meeting

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Chuck Schulte to hold the organizational school board meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Adopt Final Levy Certification

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Chuck Schulte to adopt the final levy certification for 2006 in the amount of \$1,875,385.90. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Hesse updated the board regarding the December Curriculum Committee Meeting. She informed them that 95% of the parents attended the elementary parent-teacher Conferences. She updated the board regarding the Elementary After School Program budget.

Superintendent Moriarty informed the board that the number of parents attending the high school parent-teacher conferences is down. They will continue to monitor this but feel it could be due to the fact of the grades being posted on-line. He informed the board that there continues to be an ongoing problem with the air conditioning quitting in the middle/high school server room and that they continuing to work on this problem to get it resolved. The school district has replaced one of the air conditioner compressor units in the gym, which was under warranty. He reminded the board that the School Board Goal Setting Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 p.m. He updated the board with regard to the expenditures and revenue of the concession stand.

Mrs. Runningen informed the board that they are working on the Winter/Spring Community Ed Brochure. The SAC Program was awarded a grant for \$1,800.00 from Child Care Resource and Referral. She stated there is currently eight students signed up for the on-line honors classes next semester. She will be meeting with the Caledonia Care and Rehab in January to discuss the possibility of offering a CNA class in June. Eric Szatkowski, a special agent for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, will be doing a presentation on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in Caledonia regarding internet dangers.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Wind Energy Update

Superintendent Moriarty informed the board that he has spoken with Jeff Hasse and that the contract is ready with Midwest Wireless to have the monitor equipment placed on the cell tower. It would cost the school district \$50.00 per month to monitor this equipment. After much discussion it was the consensus of the board to have Director Fruechte develop a list of potential community-wide names that may be interested in being part of the Wind Energy Committee.

Concession Stand Update

Directors Frank and Hurley informed the board that insulation is going to be installed hopefully soon and that the project is within the allotted budget.

Middle/High School Signage

Director Schulte informed the board that he is waiting for the signage costs of the interior part of the middle/high school building and is still working on the signage for the exterior part of the middle/high school building.

CLOSED SESSION FOR TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Jean Meyer to close the meeting at 8:13 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Jean Meyer to convene the regular school board meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Barbara Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk