

# SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 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 Cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Wray at 7:05 p.m. Members present were 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 Karen Schiltz, Dave Heiller, Nancy Peter, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Janelle Field-Rohrer. Absent was Director Mary Frank.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2005, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$397,807.59, including check numbers 41247 through 41496. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Peter shared with the board her concerns with regard to the size of the fifth grade classes and the number of desks in those classes making students feel crowded. Principal Hesse will discuss with the fifth grade teachers the arrangement of the desks in the classrooms to try to resolve this issue.

## **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

### New Hires

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to ratify the following contracts: Tricia Troge as the middle/high school special education and middle school AOM math teacher beginning the 2005-2006 school year at \$30,216.00 at BA/0; Mitchell Mullins as the junior high girls' basketball coach beginning the 2005-2006 school year at \$1,633.00 at I/3; and Josh Diersen as the head boys' basketball coach beginning the 2005-2006 school year \$3,004.00 at V/2. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### Resignation

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Chuck Schulte to accept the resignation of Merle Hanson as the girls' junior high basketball coach effective immediately with thanks for his services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### Long-Term Substitute

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to ratify the hiring of Larry Thompson as a long-term substitute to begin August 30, 2005, during the medical leave of Amy Wild and to continue until the return of Mrs. Wild at a daily rate of \$163.33 based on a BA/0. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### Maternity Leave Request

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to accept the maternity leave request of Rebecca Carmack as middle/high school cook to begin around February 21, 2006, or after the birth of her child for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Staff Development Report for the 2004-2005 School Year**

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the Staff Development Report for the 2004-2005 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Systems Accountability Report (SAR) for the 2004-2005 School Year**

Moved by Mike Novak, seconded by Jean Meyer to approve the Systems Accountability Report (SAR) for the 2004-2005 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The board requested from administration to include a report with regard to the SAT and ACT results over the past ten years in future Systems Accountability Reports.

#### **Approval of Levy Limitation Certification for 2006**

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Chuck Schulte to certify the Levy Limitation Certification in the amount of \$1,813,295.80. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

It was the consensus of the board that due to the fact the district is below the required limit to hold a Truth In Taxation Meeting and with no past community participation in these meetings that the school district will not hold a Truth In Taxation Meeting on December 6, 2005, or the continuation meeting on December 13, 2005.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Doty updated the board regarding the AIMSweb and NWEA testing. He informed the board that bus safety training has been completed; the Climb Theater will be doing an antibullying presentation on Friday, September 23, 2005; and this week is Homecoming activities for the middle school. He also stated that he feels there has been an improvement with bullying issues due to the fact of there being more of an awareness out there and triage is quicker. The Beyond the Bell Program has begun this week.

Mr. Helmers discussed with the board the new open-lunch rules for seniors this year. He stated that it has been a great start-up for students and that many Homecoming activities are underway this week at the high school.

Mrs. Hesse informed the board there were fifty-three students that participated in the Summer Success 2005 Program this summer. She had a 98% attendance rate for the Home and School Connection. She shared with the board the Elementary Family Packets and also stated the Climb Theater will be doing an elementary antibullying presentation on Friday, September 23, 2005.

Superintendent Moriarty updated the board with regard to enrollment and stated that the district is on target with their numbers. The health insurance meeting with Health Partners will be rescheduled. The audit is close to being complete and will be ready to send out to the school board members in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Moriarty has met with the CEA with regard to a change that will need to be made with the school calendar for January 2, 2006, as that is a legal holiday and school cannot be in session that day. He will contact Jan Rhode with regard to setting up a goal setting meeting in January of 2006.

Mrs. Runnigen informed the board the School Age Childcare Program is off to a good start and she is currently applying for a start-up grant to purchase more materials for this program. She stated there are currently twelve students enrolled in classes offered by the Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical and that community ed is working on their Fall Brochure.

## **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Middle/High School Signage**

Director Schulte stated that the middle/high school signage committee continues to meet and does have some possible drafts.

### **Concession Stand Update**

Director Hurley updated the board with regard to the concession stand and stated they are getting ready to pour the cement pad over the heating system this week and that the schedule is on target. The board requested to get a cost breakdown of this project on a monthly basis. Superintendent Moriarty requested that Directors Hurley and Frank report to the board in October with regard to the operation of the building.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

The board stated the Caledonia Marching Band sounded good in the La Crescent Applefest Parade and that it was nice to have them participate. The board would like the administration to review ideas on how the music program could be enhanced.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Barbara Hurley, Clerk