

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 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, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Mike Novak, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Also present were Superintendent Michael Moriarty, Nancy Runnigen, and Principals Brian Doty, Ronald Helmers and Connie Hesse. Others present were Karen Schiltz, Dave Heiller, Amy Schmidt, Darwin Viker, Janelle Field-Rohrer, Tony Klug, Carl Fruechte, and Ken Frank.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2005, regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to approve the electronic transfers and bills due and payable amounting to \$495,762.46, including check numbers 41494 through 41673. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

New Hires

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to ratify the following contracts: Stephanie Huff as a part-time middle/high school special educational assistant for the 2005-2006 school year for three hours per day at V/P at \$9.21 per hour; Patricia Goetzinger as a part-time elementary special educational assistant (job share position) for the 2005-2006 school year at V/P at \$9.21 per hour; and Tammy Stadler as a part-time elementary special educational assistant (job share position) for the 2005-2006 school year at V/O at \$9.38 per hour. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resignations

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to accept the following resignations with thanks for their services Robert Hosch as a part-time middle/high school food service janitor effective October 31, 2005, and Valerie Vaaler as a part-time elementary janitor effective October 21, 2005. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Winter Sports Coaching Contracts

The board shared their concerns with regard to coaching positions. The school district needs to make sure that the district's philosophy is communicated to each of the coaches and that education is priority. The board would like to know what type of training or material is provided to our coaches. This topic will be discussed more at the November regular board meeting.

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Chuck Schulte to approve the following winter sports coaching contracts for the 2005-2006 school year: Wrestling: Jay Tolleson, head coach, V/5 at \$3,154.00, Houston School District Pays for the Assistant Coach, Ken Stemper, junior high coach, I/5 at \$1,633.00, and Al Schmitz, junior high coach, I/8 at \$1,783.00; Boys' Basketball: Josh Diersen, head coach, V/2 at \$3,004.00, Nathan Wurm, assistant coach, III/1 at \$2,053.00, Charlie Reed, 9th grade coach (1/2 time), I/0 at \$1,483.00/2 = \$741.50, Jeremy Leis, 9th grade coach (1/2 time), I/0 at \$1,483.00/2 = \$741.50, Dan Reinhart, junior high coach, I/6 at \$1,783.00, and Joel Hesse, junior high coach, I/1 at \$1,483.00; Girls' Basketball: Scott Sorenson, head coach, V/9 at \$3,305.00, Carl Fruechte, assistant coach, III/16 at \$2,353.00, Sara Fruechte, 9th grade coach, I/1 at \$1,483.00, Kevin Klug, junior high coach, I/4 at \$1,633.00, and Mitchell Mullins, junior high coach, I/3 at \$1,633.00; Gymnastics: Kim Klopfer, head coach, V/0 at \$3,004.00 and Paul Stevens, assistant coach, III/6, \$2,353.00. Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Director Mike Novak abstained. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

School Board Retreat Meeting Scheduled

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to approve the School Board Retreat Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the middle/high school office conference room. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2005-2006 School Calendar Change

Moved by Jean Meyer, seconded by Barbara Hurley to change April 13, 2006, as a regular school day for students and staff in exchange for January 2, 2006, when the school district cannot be in session per the directive from the Minnesota Department of Education. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Revised Levy Certification for 2006

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to approve the Revised Levy Certification for 2006 in the amount of \$1,875,385.90. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Set Truth In Taxation Meeting Dates

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to set the Truth In Taxation Meeting date for Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center and a continuation hearing meeting date for Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VEBA Resolution

Member Naomi Fruechte introduced and moved the adoption of the following
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MINNESOTA SERVICE COOPERATIVES VEBA PLAN AND TRUST, AND A
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Caledonia School District # 299 wishes to offer tax preferred and tax free benefit plans to current and former employees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Caledonia School District # 299 will take whatever steps are necessary to establish a Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association ("VEBA") for the provision of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement for Active Employees.

2. The Caledonia School District # 299 hereby adopts the Minnesota Service Cooperatives VEBA Plan and Employee Benefits Trust Agreement, which is intended to qualify as a VEBA under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, and consents to and ratifies the appointment of the trustee and plan administrator in place on the adoption date of this agreement.

3. The effective date of the establishment of the VEBA and Health Reimbursement Arrangement shall be September 1, 2005.

Whereupon the above Resolution was seconded by Chuck Schulte, and the following voted in favor of the resolution: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Mike Novak, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. The following voted against same: None. Whereupon the resolution was declared to be duly passed and adopted.

Property/Liability Insurance Quotes

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to accept the quote from Continental Western for the property insurance and MSBA for worker's comp insurance. Those voting in favor: Mary Frank, Naomi Fruechte, Barbara Hurley, Jean Meyer, Chuck Schulte, and Charlie Wray. Director Mike Novak abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Installation of Guide Signs Located on Highway 44

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the installation of guide signs to be located on Highway 44. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

LARSON ALLEN WEISHAIR & COMPANY, LLP

Moved by Mary Frank, seconded by Barbara Hurley to approve the school audit as presented by Darwin Viker of Larson Allen Weishair & Company. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Doty informed the board that the middle school has been busy with NWEA testing.

Mr. Helmers informed the board that 147 parents attended high school parent/teacher conferences on October 6, 2005.

Mrs. Hesse updated the board regarding the ISD #299 Curriculum Committee Meeting and the Title I Program. She stated that Title I services will continue to be provided in math and reading in grades 1 through 3 and that the tutoring slots will be for students in grades 4 and 5 that are having difficulties. There were 185 adults who attended the Lunch and Recess with Dad's Day sponsored by PACE.

Superintendent Moriarty updated the board with regard to negotiations. The agricultural construction class has finished the cement project on the east side of the middle/high school building and with board approval is ready to begin with the roof of the first of the small dugouts. Mr. Moriarty informed the board the elementary roof on the southeast side of the elementary building has been repaired in five different areas and that the school district will need to look at getting this replaced over the next year. The walking path at the middle/high school has been working well for both the students and the community. He informed the board that if they are interested in attending the MSBA Annual Conference on January 12th and January 13th they should let the district office know by December 1st. He stated that a

concrete contractor is coming this week to dig up one of the pads that are heaving at the middle/high school.

Moved by Naomi Fruechte, seconded by Mary Frank to approve the transfer of \$2,850.00 that was over budgeted for one capital project to cover the materials for the small dugout roof. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Runningen informed the board that the Community Ed Catalogue is in the mail. She updated the board with regard to the Minnesota Community Ed Conference she attended last week. There are 12 – 14 children attending the School Age Care Program in the afternoons and 3 – 5 children attending in the mornings. She updated the board regarding the Minnesota State College SE Technical Program.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Directors Mary Frank and Barbara Hurley updated the board regarding the concession stand and stated that they have been receiving very positive comments about this building. The board commended the committee and the volunteers for their efforts and hard work they are putting into this project.

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Naomi Fruechte to accept the recommendation of the Concession Stand Committee to maintain the current practices as it stands in that each event, sport, parent or support group will use their profits in the concession stand to benefit their program. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Director Schulte will update the board regarding the middle/high school signage at the November 17, 2005, regular school board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chuck Schulte, seconded by Jean Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Barbara Hurley, Clerk