

School Board Proceedings
Dell Rapids School District 49-3
March 8, 2010

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school distance learning room with the following members present: Alan Blankenfeld, Brian Davis, Steve Munk, Troy Randall, and Cindy Schuch. Absent: None.

Administration and other persons present: Tom Ludens, Superintendent; Barbara Littel, Business Manager; Dawn Sorenson, Michael Gaul, Diane Reiff, Jerry Spethman, Darwin Reider, Pam Leib, Tom Kolbeck, Beverly Rieck, and Nicole Snyder.

President Blankenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

10-177 Motion by Munk, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **agenda** with the addition of New Business C. – District Accreditation, Superintendent’s Report D. – Haven Space Proposal, Unfinished Business – School Board Work Sessions. All voted aye.

Pam Leib expressed concerns about an early school start date, and Nicole Snyder reported on FCCLA projects. Tom Kolbeck stated that he was interested in raising funds for the installation of a wood floor in the current elementary school gym. Board members indicated that the intent of the district is to own and operate the existing elementary for the long-term, and the board consensus was to support the project.

10-178 Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **consent agenda**. All voted aye.

A. Minutes from the February 10, February 16, and February 22, 2010 school board meetings.

B. Payment of March Claims.

General Fund: Acuity, workers comp – 1224.00; America Best Value Inn, State A Wrestling lodging – 735.00; Argus Leader, publications – 645.87; Around the Clock/Drainmaster, repairs – 332.95; Bakers Plays, royalties – 122.76; Barnes and Noble, books – 224.64; Birch Communication, purchased services – 117.17; Brown & Saenger, supplies – 150.00; Builders Supply, repairs – 879.00; Century Business Leasing, copiers – 822.92; Chemco, supplies – 779.34; Citibank, supplies – 341.61; City of Dell Rapids, water/sewer – 1674.69; Cole Papers, supplies – 238.76; Community Food Bank, Haven supplies – 24.12; Connecting Point, supplies/purchased services – 2048.85; County Fair, supplies/Haven food – 376.12; Dakota Security, repairs – 282.08; DR Lumber, supplies – 45.08; DR Mini-Storage, rental – 46.00; Dells True Value, supplies – 415.67; Dells Electric, supplies – 3.06; Denny’s Electric, repairs – 294.97; Dollar Smart, supplies – 24.00; DR Agency Fund, reimburse entry fees/state tournament meals/officials/background checks/registrations/postage – 3635.64; Dressen Custom Trailers, supplies – 26.07; Jeff Dvorak, supply reimbursement – 25.43; Kim Dybedahl, mileage – 7.40; EcoLab, purchased services – 180.50; Ed’s Produce, supplies – 7.50; Frey Scientific, supplies – 24.45; Glencoe/Macmillan/McGraw Hill, textbooks – 159.79; Golden West, telephone service – 744.08; Greg Larson Sports, purchased services – 1212.30; Joci Hansen, supply reimbursement – 60.94; Hasler, postage meter – 198.00; Heartland Paper, repairs – 1048.83; Hildebrand Strategies, purchased services – 3157.74; Hobby Lobby, Haven supplies – 165.91; Hoffman Sanitation, garbage disposal – 225.00; Houghton Mifflin, textbooks – 282.76; Janitor’s Closet, supplies – 171.67; Jay’s Music, supplies –

188.00; K&M Music, repairs – 36.40; Klein Construction, repairs – 4218.09; Linweld, supplies – 163.77; Tom Ludens, supply reimbursement – 71.99; Make Music, Inc., subscription – 190.00; Marks Plumbing, supplies – 71.82; Mid States School Bus, purchased services – 38584.78; MidAmerican Energy, gas – 8106.27; Midwest Alarm, monitoring – 57.62; Mobile Electronic Service, repairs – 86.00; MultiService Corporation/Best Buy, supplies – 109.99; New Horizons, registrations – 550.00; New Vision, repairs – 483.75; Nutrition Seminar, registration – 95.00; Office Max, supplies – 155.33; Bruce Olson, travel reimbursement – 78.64; Jessica Ostwald, mileage – 35.15; PBS, supplies – 93.22; Performance Press, purchased services – 1090.00; PESI, registration – 174.00; Pfeifer Implement, repairs/supplies – 199.54; PLEC, purchased services – 93.50; Promethean, registrations – 520.00; Realityworks, supplies – 1593.90; Schmitt Music, repairs/supplies – 69.20; Jim Schroeder, travel reimbursement – 66.00; Science Kit, LLC, supplies – 147.31; Sioux Equipment, repairs – 16.95; Brian Smith, travel reimbursement – 61.00; Smith Publishing, supplies – 500.00; Super 8, lodging – 138.60; T&C, supplies – 48.69; The Carroll Institute, purchased services – 825.80; Stacy Tisher, supply reimbursement – 100.00; Upstart, supplies – 99.17; Verizon, Haven phones – 69.20; Village Engraving, supplies – 82.00; Xcel Energy, purchased services – 9376.87. TOTAL GENERAL FUND CLAIMS – \$91,830.22.

Capital Outlay Fund: Barnes and Noble, books – 81.53; Century Business Leasing, copiers – 856.50; Connecting Point, equipment – 1596.50; Hewlett Packard, equipment – 1500.00; MidStates School Bus, purchased services – 5465.10; SHI, software – 1776.27; Neil Volkman, equipment – 385.00; Williams Scotsman, portable classroom lease – 1275.00. TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CLAIMS – \$12,935.90.

Special Education Fund: Crystal Baily, mileage – 19.24; Children’s Care, purchased services – 10379.50; Children’s Home Society, purchased services – 2678.40; County Fair, supplies – 12.20; East Dakota Education Coop, purchased services – 3327.48; Elizabeth Ekeland, supply reimbursement – 30.93; Foreman Sales, bus lease – 775.00; MidStates School Bus, purchased services – 4671.60; Northland Financial, bus lease – 649.00; Orientation & Mobility, purchased services – 227.09; PLEC, purchased services – 4690.08; Roemen’s Automotive, repairs – 314.16; Sioux Falls School District, purchased services – 381.64. TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CLAIMS – \$28,156.32.

Food Service Fund: AAA Refrigeration, repairs – 624.85; Lunchtime Solutions, purchased services – 46369.55. TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CLAIMS - \$46,994.40.

Payroll: Elementary – 95424.42; Middle School – 80205.01; High School – 82703.11; Title I – 7036.40; Strive High – 7147.88; Guidance – 10471.35; Health – 6176.71; Library – 6495.86; Technology – 7020.50; General Administration – 10214.17; School Administration – 26640.77; Business Office – 7733.04; Maintenance – 23325.65; After School Programs – 6747.29; Cocurricular Activities – 20396.13; Special Education – 76079.45; Food Service – 448.55. TOTAL PAYROLL – \$474,266.29.

C. Approval of employment: Elizabeth Swank, associate - \$8.57/hour.

D. Authorizations and ratifications.

1. Approve open-enrollment applications #10-34 and #10-35.
2. Authorize an art club trip to Minneapolis.

President Blankenfeld scheduled a school board work session for 7:30 p.m. on March 22, 2010 in the middle school commons to discuss school transportation. He stated that another work session would be scheduled in the future for board review of the student discipline plan and athletic training rules.

Jerry Spethman and Darwin Reider, from D.A. Davidson & Co., presented information on bond purchase agreements and the sale of bonds for financing of the new elementary school and refinancing of existing middle school bonds. They stated that the district received a AA- rating, and the final true interest cost of Series 2010A-1 Tax Exempt Bonds and Series 2010A-2 Build America Bonds for the new elementary school will be 3.996%. These bonds have a final maturity of 2035 with a 10-year call and projected levy of \$1.36 per thousand dollars of valuation. Series 2010B bonds will be used to pay off the remaining middle school bonds and refinance them at a true interest cost of 2.8% with a 5-year call. The final maturity date of the middle school bonds will still be 2019. The district's savings from refinancing the middle school bonds at this lower interest rate will be \$55,861.47, resulting in a slightly lower levy for the middle school bonds over the next nine years.

10-179 Motion by Davis, seconded by Randall, to adopt **Resolution 2010-179**. All voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-179

Resolution authorizing the execution, terms, issuance, sale and payment of General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, and General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Twelve Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$12,370,000) of the Dell Rapids School District 49-3 of Minnehaha and Moody Counties, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Dell Rapids School District 49-3 is authorized by the provisions of SDCL 13-19 to issue General Obligation Bonds to fund the acquisition or construction of real property, plant and equipment and pursuant to SDCL 6-8B-30 through 6-8B-52 to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the School District is in the best interests of School District; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), effective February 17, 2009 may allow the economic and efficient use of financing structures for the bonds authorized hereby which are different from or alternative to the normal tax-exempt bond structures, including but not limited to the issuance of taxable "Build America Bonds" with the direct payment available to the District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Authorized Officer of the District to negotiate the sale of the Bonds with the Underwriter and to enter into one or more bond purchase agreements (collectively, the "Bond Purchase Agreement") with the Underwriter or other parties, setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the Underwriter or any other party will agree to purchase the Bonds and the interest rates thereof and the purchase price therefor; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the School District to issue the Bonds of the School District. The Series 2010A Bonds were authorized by District voters at a special election held February 8, 2010. Approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of the voters voted in favor of authorizing the Series 2010A Bonds. The proceeds of the Series 2010A Bonds will be used by the District to pay a portion of the issuance costs and to construct a new elementary school and to furnish and equip the same. The proceeds of the Series 2010B Bonds will be used

by the District to pay a portion of the issuance costs and to refund the July 1, 2011 through July 1, 2019 maturities aggregating \$1,365,000 of the District's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, dated July 1, 2003 (the "Series 2003 Bonds") to be redeemed on April 13, 2010 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the school board of the Dell Rapids School District 49-3 of Minnehaha and Moody Counties, this Bond Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the School District requiring it.

/s/ Alan Blankenfeld, President

Attest: /s/ Barbara Littel, Business Manager

Articles and Exhibits for Resolution 2010-179 will be attached to the minutes.

The board expressed its appreciation to D.A. Davidson & Co. for their services on the bond issuance and generating savings for the school district.

The board reviewed calendar proposals.

10-180 Motion by Munk, seconded by Randall, to set the FY2011 **school start date** as August 23, 2010. All voted aye.

10-181 Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to authorize the superintendent to apply for district-wide **accreditation**. All voted aye.

Superintendent Ludens reported that school representatives met with city representatives to discuss the new elementary school and improvements to 15th Street. He also stated that a topographical survey was being done by DGR, and that meetings were being held with elementary school staff on building design. An update was given on legislative issues. The board was given a proposal from Haven for future use of additional space in the old elementary school.

10-182 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Davis, to go into executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss personnel. All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.

10-183 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Munk, to approve Jamie Randall's request for **sabbatical leave** during the 2010-2011 school year. All voted aye.

10-184 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Davis, to go into executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session at 10:45 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

Alan Blankenfeld, President

Barbara Littel, Business Manager

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