

**School Board Proceedings  
Dell Rapids School District 49-3  
January 24, 2011**

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school/high school library with the following members present: Alan Blankenfeld, Brian Davis, Troy Randall, Cindy Schuch, and Matthew Weiland. Absent: None.

Administration and other persons present: Tom Ludens, Superintendent; Barbara Littel, Business Manager; Bruce Olson, High School Principal/Activities Director; Fran Ruesink, Middle School Principal; Dr. John Jewett, Elementary Principal/Technology Director; Todd Wiebenga, Transportation/Facilities Supervisor; Michael Gaul; Wayne Coffaa; Amanda Downs; Kristin Johnson; Steven Munk; Marcy Anderson; Dolly Feehan; Mark Feehan; Jessica Ostwald; Dan Ahlers.

President Blankenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**11-084** Motion by Randall, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Volunteer Coach Approval under 6.B. – Personnel Report and the addition of a Haven Space Proposal under the Superintendent’s Report. All voted aye.

Superintendent Ludens presented a calendar of events and commended the following students:  
 Quarrier of the Month for November – Nicole Wrage;  
 Quarrier of the Month for December – Greg Schwebach;  
 Middle School Students of the Month for December – Jason Cook, Sydney Cook, Zachary Baker,  
 Sheldon Siemonsma, Karisa Neels, Michael Spiegelberg, Trystan Hofeman, and Gunnar Kangas.

**11-085** Motion by Weiland, seconded by Randall, to approve the **consent agenda**. All voted aye.

**A. December 2010 Financial Report.**

**Statement of Cash Receipts,  
Disbursements and Cash Balances**

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Bond Redemption Funds	Capital Projects Funds
Cash Balance, 12/1/10	\$1,351,250.39	\$1,404,074.95	\$90,418.48	\$226,523.36	\$71,066.34	\$89,834.66	\$163,108.63	\$13,293,343.49
Receipts:								
Taxes	\$253,357.22	\$180,680.36	\$84,670.41	\$18,060.83			\$22,955.84	
Tuition & Fees	1,155.00							
Interest	239.90	687.39	10.80	91.40	\$9.11	\$12.33	63.00	\$119.87
Food Service Sales					31,114.02			
Pupil Activities	1,121.00					19,305.81		
After School Prog.	7,407.45							
Rentals								
Charges for Services	9,673.00		2,497.19					
Other Local Sources	187.27							
County Sources	3,990.92							
State Grants	218,997.00		15,532.00					
Federal Grants	12,508.00		77,990.00		11,827.24			
Total Receipts	\$508,636.76	\$181,367.75	\$180,700.40	\$18,152.23	\$42,950.37	\$19,318.14	\$23,018.84	\$119.87
Total Disbursements	-\$475,419.86	-\$42,400.80	-\$121,612.84	-\$0.00	-\$48,798.54	-\$13,557.18	-\$15,550.00	-\$917,429.71
Cash Balance, 12/31/10	\$1,384,467.29	\$1,543,041.90	\$149,506.04	\$244,675.59	\$65,218.17	\$95,595.62	\$170,577.47	\$12,376,033.65

**B. Personnel** – approval of Jesse Docken as a volunteer wrestling coach.

**C. Authorizations and ratifications** – authorization to apply for Clean Diesel grants: (1) to retrofit school bus exhaust systems at no cost to the school, and (2) for a 25% subsidy to replace the 2000 Blue Bird school bus.

Administrators' reports were given. Bruce Olson reported on activities, common course numbers, student access online to grade information, and registration for the FY2012 Career Academy courses. Fran Ruesink reported on the Promethean inservice, the middle school ICU list, NAEP testing, and parent/teacher conferences. John Jewett reported on the district's participation in a pilot program for Promethean training, FY2012 kindergarten registration, the FY2012 school calendar for moving into the new elementary school, and NAEP testing.

Steve Helgeland reported on the December special education child count, pre-school parent night, and Dakota Step Alternate Assessment training. He stated that Extended School Year (ESY) services will be July 11-July 28 for special education and July 18-August 4 for Title I, and that benchmark data will be collected before and after services are provided. Letters have been sent to pre-school special education parents regarding bus service and mileage reimbursement options.

Todd Wiebenga reported on snow removal, preliminary discussions on custodial staff/equipment needs for the new elementary school, bus discipline, and the cost for installing a sprinkler system in the new bus barn if it exceeds 12,000 square feet.

Wayne Coffaa, owner's representative for the new elementary school construction, reported that construction is ahead of schedule, that the building is well-designed, and that testing indicates the contractor is exceeding requirements. He invited board members to tour the building with him to view construction progress.

Jessica Ostwald and Dan Ahlers presented Haven's proposal for future use of space in the old elementary school and requested information for Haven advisory board planning on transportation, custodial services, and fees.

The superintendent's report was given:

A. Two of the schools participating in Strive High have withdrawn. Another school will be considering withdrawal at their February board meeting. Whether or not to continue with Strive High will need to be considered when reviewing the FY2012 budget.

B. Superintendent Ludens met with elementary, middle school, and high school staff to review the FY2012 calendar and the time needed to move into the new elementary school. Staff suggestions will be reviewed and a revised calendar will be presented at the February board meeting.

C. The county extension office reviewed the list of trees specified for landscaping at the new elementary school and recommended some changes more suitable to soil in that area. The architect has been asked to get cost comparisons for the board's consideration.

D. The architect's cost estimates for the high school additions/remodeling were given to the board. A public hearing on the project will be scheduled for the February 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting, when specifications should be ready for presentation. One Request for Qualifications has been returned by an architectural firm for design of the bus barn and another is expected by January 26<sup>th</sup>.

E. A written proposal from D.I.G. was presented to the board. The consensus of the board was to have two board representatives, the superintendent, and the school attorney meet with D.I.G. to negotiate Ripple Creek Road access to the new elementary school.

F. A legislative update was given. Information was distributed regarding the impact of the governor's proposal to decrease school funding by 10%.

The board was given a report from Lunchtime Solutions regarding breakfast and lunch program participation during the first half of the school year.

Blankenfeld noted that petitions for the open school board position may be circulated starting January 28<sup>th</sup> and must be turned in by February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**11-086** Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to go into executive session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel (SDCL 1-25-2, 1). All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session at 10:40 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

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Alan Blankenfeld, President

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Barbara Littel, Business Manager

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