

**School Board Proceedings**  
**Dell Rapids School District 49-3**  
**March 15, 2011**

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school/high school library with the following members present: Alan Blankenfeld, Brian Davis, Troy Randall, and Matthew Weiland. Cindy Schuch joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Absent: None.

Administration and other persons present: Tom Ludens, Superintendent; Barbara Littel, Business Manager; Steve Helgeland, Special Education Director; Todd Wiebenga, Transportation/Facilities Supervisor; Brenda Hahn; Tracie Storo; Elizabeth Ekeland; Rollie Heidebrink; Dawn Sorenson; Diane Reiff; Steven Munk; Darwin Daugaard; Tom Morris; Wayne Coffaa; Dale Solberg; Kim Gaul; Amanda Downs; Amanda Thronson; Nicole Anderson-Gappa; Marie Schwebach; Sherry Brandner; Beverly Rieck; April Erdman.

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

**11-109** Motion by Davis, seconded by Weiland, to **recess** the meeting to attend the State A Boys' Basketball pep rally to show support for the school and the team. All voted aye.

The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

**11-110** Motion by Davis, seconded by Randall, to approve the **minutes** of the February 2, February 7, February 14, and February 28, 2011 board meetings. All voted aye.

Amanda Downs asked when the board would be taking action on implementation of all-day, every-day kindergarten. Brian Davis stated that the task force would be meeting in the next two weeks to formulate a recommendation.

Marie Schwebach presented the district with an \$8,580.37 EMC Insurance safety dividend check.

Diane Reiff and Dawn Sorenson, on behalf of the DREA, presented a response to the board's notice of intent to implement the Reduction in Force policy. Blankenfeld thanked the DREA for the information and stated that the board will consider all suggestions.

April Erdman gave a chapter award presentation on FCCLA projects for 2010-2011.

Dale Solberg requested that the board look at class numbers and student/teacher ratios when considering possible budget cuts.

**11-111** Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **agenda** with the addition of an executive session. All voted aye.

**11-112** Motion by Davis, seconded by Weiland, to approve the **consent agenda**. All voted aye.

**A. Payment of March Claims.**

General Fund: A-1 Septic, purchased services – 172.50; Amazon.com, supplies – 73.60; Argus Leader, ads/publications – 576.25; Argus Leader Media, subscriptions – 114.56; ASBSD, registration – 25.00; Barnes & Noble, books – 277.11; Batteries Plus, supplies – 36.00; Birch Communications, purchased services – 83.89; Cedar Shores Resort, conference lodging – 74.95;

Century Business Leasing, copiers – 822.92; Century Business Products, supplies – 76.67; Citibank, supplies – 272.12; City of Dell Rapids, water/sewer – 1200.35; Claritus, postage meter supplies – 210.00; Classroom Products Warehouse, supplies – 139.09; County Fair, supplies/Haven food – 549.12; Dakota Security, repairs – 204.93; Dauby's Sports Center, supplies – 157.70; DR Lumber, supplies – 99.95; DR Mini-Storage, rental – 46.00; DR School District Tournament Clearing Fund, share of region wrestling expenses – 141.01; Dells True Value, supplies – 139.43; Denny's Electric, purchased services – 123.50; DR Agency Fund, reimbursement for entry fees, registrations, postage, officials, background check, state tournament meals – 2415.10; DREA, forward Roosevelt HS quiz bowl meal payment – 90.00; Early Childhood Connections, registration – 50.00; EMC Insurance, property/liability insurance – 11158.00; Feeding South Dakota, Haven supplies – 72.36; Fonder Sewing Machine, supplies – 89.85; Golden West, telephone service – 751.27; Great Plains International, repair parts – 55.25; Hasler, postage meter – 207.00; Heartland Paper, supplies – 410.44; Hoffman Sanitation, garbage disposal – 225.00; Janitor's Closet, supplies – 544.97; Johnson Controls, repairs – 321.53; Josten's, supplies – 518.31; K&M Music, repairs – 30.00; Library Store, supplies – 677.85; Lunchtime Solutions, supplies – 42.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies – 14.28; MidAmerican Energy, gas – 6473.95; Midwest Alarm, purchased services – 57.62; Midwest Regional AAFCS Conference, registration – 170.00; NASCO, supplies – 128.89; North Central Bus Sales, repair supplies – 137.60; Northern Plains Fitness, repairs – 64.00; Office Max, supplies – 172.27; Jessica Ostwald, mileage – 36.26; Pepper at Eckroth, supplies – 34.99; Performance Press, purchased services – 740.00; Pfeifer Implement, repair parts – 16.48; Popplers Music, supplies – 51.90; Power Flite, supplies – 74.20; PLEC, purchased services – 95.85; Publishers Marketing Service, subscription – 89.60; Reality Works, supplies – 32.00; Renaissance Learning, supplies – 62.79; Beverly Rieck, supply/meal reimbursement – 93.46; Roemen's Automotive, repair supplies – 53.68; Schmitt Music, repairs – 34.72; School Specialty, supplies – 77.54; Laurie Schultz, mileage – 17.39; SDCA, registration – 220.00; SDN Communications, purchased services – 1117.73; Simplex Grinnell, supplies – 280.00; Brian Smith, meal reimbursement – 61.00; Dale Solberg, supply reimbursement – 40.00; Supreme School Supply, supplies – 43.24; Taylor Music, supplies – 21.50; Teen Ink, subscription – 189.00; The Carroll Institute, purchased services – 720.00; The Training Room, supplies – 82.17; Thomson Learning, supplies – 381.28; Upstart, supplies – 61.03; US Postal Service, postage – 1000.00; Verizon, Haven cell phones – 80.71; Village Engraving, supplies – 79.24; Voyager Fleet Systems, gas – 6977.34; Todd Wiebenga, supply reimbursement – 63.00; Xcel Energy, utilities – 8815.00. TOTAL GENERAL FUND CLAIMS – \$52,237.29.

Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon.com, equipment – 679.51; Barnes & Noble, books – 172.21; Budget Text, books – 925.00; Century Business Leasing, copiers – 856.50; Dauby's, equipment – 298.47; Graphic Edge, uniforms – 304.79; Northland Financial, bus lease – 649.00; School Specialty, equipment – 312.78; Williams Scotsman, portable classroom lease – 1275.00. TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CLAIMS – \$5,473.26.

Special Education Fund: 2011 SDAEYC/SDHSA Conference, registrations – 192.00; Achieve, purchased services – 991.60; Crystal Baily, mileage – 19.24; Children's Care, purchased services – 28475.50; County Fair, supplies – 3.59; DR True Value, supplies – 7.56; East Dakota Educational Cooperative, tuition – 1650.24; EMC Insurance, property/liability insurance – 164.36;

Lingui Systems, supplies – 199.80; Marge Robertson, purchased services – 338.79; PLEC, purchased services – 4280.27; Riverside Publishing, supplies – 103.00; Voyager Expanded Learning, supplies – 719.40; Voyager Fleet Systems, gas – 1889.88. TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CLAIMS – \$39,035.23.

Capital Projects Funds: American Engineering Testing, purchased services – 8058.20; Architecture, Inc., purchased services – 68761.39; Hoogendoorn Construction, purchased services – 803313.59; Wayne Coffaa Construction, purchased services – 3076.92. TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CLAIMS - \$883,210.10.

Food Service Fund: Shannon Cole, refund – 30.75; Dawn Kimbrell, refund – 4.00; Lunchtime Solutions, purchased services/supplies – 38388.72; Brenda Nygaard, refund – 42.40. TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CLAIMS - \$38,465.87.

Payroll: Elementary – 97180.62; Middle School – 76483.08; High School – 83793.49; Title I – 6399.60; Strive High – 7175.81; Guidance – 10214.56; Health Services – 6239.41; Library – 6567.02; Technology – 7075.84; General Administration – 10216.86; School Administration – 27960.23; Business Office – 7733.69; Maintenance – 25133.38; Transportation – 13369.07; After School Programs – 5896.06; Cocurricular Activities – 22693.03; Special Education – 76016.66; Food Service – 454.86. TOTAL PAYROLL – \$490,603.27.

**B. Contracts** – none.

**C. Personnel** – accept the resignation of Michael Gaul, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

**D. Authorizations and ratifications** – approve the senior class trip to Minneapolis.

Todd Wiebenga presented a cost analysis for in-house mowing and grounds maintenance to compare to the summer grounds maintenance contract proposal. He also presented ideas that could provide cost savings within the facilities department. A decision on the summer grounds maintenance proposal will be made at the next meeting.

The superintendent’s report was given:

A. Drivers’ education costs and fees will be analyzed for discussion at the next meeting. A fee increase may be needed to cover rising fuel costs.

B. Bids for the high school remodel and addition project were opened as per bid specifications. The architect will review the bids for the board to take action at the next meeting.

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt. #2	Alt. #3	Alt. #4
Gil Haugen Construction	\$3,110,000	\$34,000	\$37,600	\$28,500	\$2,500
Golden Rule Construction	\$3,079,900	\$36,000	\$37,000	\$29,000	\$5,000
Hoogendoorn Construction	\$3,164,000	\$27,000	\$37,000	\$29,000	\$5,000
Merrimac Construction	\$3,191,698	\$27,941	\$36,793	\$25,268	\$1,364
Peska Construction	\$2,988,000	\$40,000	\$36,200	\$28,300	\$3,100
Sioux Falls Construction	\$3,223,000	\$32,330	\$36,850	\$28,900	N/A
Sunkota Construction	\$3,217,000	\$41,000	\$38,000	\$30,000	\$5,000

C. The bus barn project and use of Capital Outlay funds were discussed.

**11-113** Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve Architecture, Inc. to design and develop specifications for a new **bus barn**. All voted aye.

D. The superintendent will meet with principals and building representatives next week regarding the 2011-2012 school calendar. A recommendation will be presented at the next board meeting.

E. A legislative session summary was given. Per pupil education funding was reduced by 8.6%. A one-time allocation of approximately \$97 per student will make the 2011-2012 net funding reduction 6.6%.

F. The school attorney reviewed and suggested modifications to policy BDC – Executive or Closed Meetings.

**11-114** Motion by Davis, seconded by Weiland, to approve the first reading of reviewed **policies** BDDF – Voting Method, BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings, BFC – Policy Adoption, and BFE – Administration in Policy Absence, and to approve the second reading and adoption of reviewed policy BCD – Executive or Closed Meetings. All voted aye.

**11-115** Motion by Davis, seconded by Randall, to go into executive session at 8:55 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 9:07 p.m.

**11-116** Motion by Weiland, seconded by Randall, to not renew the **contract** of Herbert Koerner for the 2011-2012 school year and give notice to Herbert Koerner of the board decision.

**11-117** Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve **credits** submitted by Beth Nagel as qualifying toward a lane change. All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Alan Blankenfeld, President

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Barbara Littel, Business Manager

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