

School Board Proceedings
Dell Rapids School District 49-3
April 9, 2011

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the middle school commons 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; Steve Helgeland, Special Education Director; Fran Ruesink, Middle School Principal; Dr. John Jewett, Elementary Principal/Technology Director; Jeanne Ludens; Sara Ludens; Steven Munk; Dolly Feehan; Dawn Sorenson; Amanda Downs; Nikki Stukel; Rodney Stanford; Tammy Parrott; Brenda Hahn; Amanda Thronson; Scott Headrick; Casey Michel; LuAnn Heidebrink; Rollie Heidebrink; Tom Wolff; Sharon Mitchell; Mick Hogle; Jerry Ray; Dan Ahlers; Kelly Gruneich; Sherry Koopman; Paul Nielsen; Mark Feehan; Jann Saxon; Jeanine Schnieders; Herbie Koerner; Tom Morris; Lori Morris; Craig Kumerfield; Jason Fersdahl; Erica Fersdahl; Doug Fiedler; Amanda Coble; Ashley Brockhaus; Craig Jorgensen; Karla Gruis; Nichole North; Pam Leib; JoAnn Borns; Kathy Peterson; Nancy Davis; Jeff Krumm; Julie Barber; Brenda O'Hara; Connie Hansen; Dale Solberg; Diane Reiff; Susan Kahler; Jody Schumaker; Wendy Anstine; Jody Stone.

President Blankenfeld called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

11-131 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Davis, to approve the **agenda** as published. All voted aye.

11-132 Motion by Randall, seconded by Weiland, to remove from table the **resignation** of Katie Wolff. All voted aye.

11-133 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Randall, to approve the **personnel report** as presented, and to not fill the volleyball assistant coaching position. All voted aye.

1. **Retirement Resignation** – Cheryl Mergen, elementary teacher
2. **Resignation** – Jamie Randall, middle school teacher
3. **Resignation** – Katie Wolff, volleyball assistant coach

The board discussed non-personnel budget items, programs, and staff being considered for reduction or elimination in FY2012. The consensus of the board was to eliminate summer student custodial helpers, school payment of background check fees for new employees, professional development (other than costs paid through Title grants), and contracted gym floor refinishing. Increases to in-town/open-enrolled busing fees will be determined at a later date. Charges for the shuttle service and activity busing will be discussed with St. Mary's. Audience questions were answered.

11-134 Motion by Weiland, seconded by Randall, to go into **executive session** at 1:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel (SDCL 1-25-2, 1) and negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2, 4). All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session at 3:37 p.m.

Blankenfeld reviewed items to be reduced or eliminated in the FY2012 budget and stated that individual motions would be made for reduction of certified staff positions.

11-135 Motion by Davis, seconded by Blankenfeld, to not renew the **contract of Elizabeth Ekeland** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-136 Motion by Blankenfeld, seconded by Randall, to not renew the contract of Ryan Robb for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-137 Motion by Randall, seconded by Schuch, to not renew the **contract of Tracy Storo** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-138 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Weiland, to reduce the 1.0 FTE **contract of Beverly Rieck** to 0.5 FTE for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-139 Motion by Weiland, seconded by Davis, to reduce the 1.0 FTE **contract of Richel Henkel** to 0.5 FTE for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-140 Motion by Davis, seconded by Blankenfeld, to reduce the 1.0 FTE **contract of Perry Killion** to 0.5 FTE for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-141 Motion by Blankenfeld, seconded by Randall, to reduce the 1.0 FTE **contract of Glenda Walth** to 0.5 FTE for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-142 Motion by Randall, seconded by Schuch, to not renew the **Administrative Designee assignment of Phyllis Schaefer** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-143 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Weiland, to not renew the **extra Art class and the High School Photo Journalism assignment of Richard Mott** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-144 Motion by Weiland, seconded by Davis, to not renew the **High School Assistant Basketball assignment of Ross Huska** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-145 Motion by Davis, seconded by Blankenfeld, to not renew the **Assistant Track assignment of Jim Schroeder** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-146 Motion by Blankenfeld, seconded by Randall, to not renew the **Middle School Wrestling assignment of Adam Everson** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-147 Motion by Randall, seconded by Schuch, to not renew the **Middle School Track assignment of Dale Solberg** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-148 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Weiland, to not renew the **Middle School Golf assignment of Jeff Welbig** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-149 Motion by Weiland, seconded by Davis, to not renew the **Color Guard Advisor assignment of Amanda Neville-Coble** for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

11-150 Motion by Davis, seconded by Blankenfeld, to reduce the **Marching Band assignment of Brian Smith** by 40% for the 2011-2012 school year due to reduction in staff. All voted aye.

Blankenfeld adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Alan Blankenfeld, President

Barbara Littel, Business Manager

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