

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

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school distance learning room 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; Todd Wiebenga, Transportation/Facilities Supervisor; Nicole Anderson-Gappa; LuAnn Heidebrink; Tom Morris; Amanda Downs; Darwin Daugaard; Connie Hansen; Erica Fersdahl; Jody Stone; Lori Morris; Luke Tatge.

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

11-180 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Randall, to approve the **minutes** of the April 1, April 9, April 11, and April 25, 2011 board meetings. All voted aye.

Audience comments were taken.

11-181 Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **agenda** as published. All voted aye.

11-182 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Davis, to approve the **consent agenda**. All voted aye.

A. Payment of May Claims.

General Fund: Argus Leader, ad/publications – 605.67; Baltic School, DARE graduation – 241.60; Best Western Ramkota, conference lodging – 93.98; Birch Communications, purchased services – 98.17; Blooms on Main, plants – 43.00; Builders Supply, supplies – 56.00; Century Business Leasing, copiers – 822.92; Century Business Products, supplies – 76.67; Chesterman, supplies – 9.50; Citibank, supplies – 312.17; City of Dell Rapids, water/sewer – 1239.35; Cole Papers, supplies – 755.90; Comfort Inn, conference lodging – 168.00; Connecting Point, purchased services – 4842.50; Continental Research Company, supplies – 43.18; County Fair, supplies/Haven food – 961.73; Cubby's, gas – 6726.59; Dakota Security Systems, purchased services – 439.80; Dauby's Sports Center, supplies – 230.78; DR Lumber, supplies – 32.38; DR Mini-Storage, rental – 46.00; Dells True Value, supplies – 166.24; Dells Diesel, repairs – 670.03; Dells Farm & Tire, repairs – 1168.00; Denny's Electric, purchased services – 135.66; DR Agency Fund, reimbursement for entry fees, postage, supplies, inservice presenter – 1521.47; Feeding South Dakota, Haven supplies – 94.00; Golden West, telephone service – 766.19; Grainger, supplies – 162.60; Great Plains International, repairs – 395.60; Harlow's Bus Sales, repair parts – 112.16; Hartford Steam Boiler, purchased services – 270.00; Herc-u-lift, rental – 445.00; Hoffman Sanitation, garbage disposal – 225.00; HSBC Business Solutions, supplies – 39.99; J.D.'s House of Trophies, supplies – 252.20; Janitor's Closet, repairs – 486.00; Jan Jastram, mileage – 42.18; Josten's, supplies – 19.52; Erin Kane, supply reimbursement – 67.80; Lewis Drug, supplies – 35.80; Lunchtime Solutions, supplies/purchased services – 647.41; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies – 46.37; MidAmerican Energy, gas – 2620.20; Midwest Alarm, purchased

services – 57.62; National Honor Society, supplies – 192.25; North Central Bus Sales, repair supplies – 926.85; Northland Chemical, supplies – 65.43; Bruce Olson, supply reimbursement – 87.77; Jessica Ostwald, mileage – 23.31; Pepper at Eckroth, supplies – 16.00; Performance Press, purchased services – 740.00; PLEC, purchased services – 68.98; Quality Inn, conference lodging – 150.00; Roemen’s Automotive, repair supplies – 101.48; School Specialty, supplies – 6.78; Schuneman Equipment, repairs – 343.42; SDIAAAA, registration – 120.00; Sandra Sittig, purchased services – 60.00; TASC, purchased services – 1290.15; The Carroll Institute, purchased services – 720.00; The Training Room, supplies – 153.18; Stacy Tisher, supply reimbursement – 158.25; US Games, supplies – 507.40; Verizon, Haven cell phones – 80.61; Voyager Fleet Systems, gas – 859.18; Marsha Weiland, travel reimbursement – 558.40; Jeff Welbig, travel reimbursement/purchased services – 787.00; Xcel Energy, utilities – 8132.76. TOTAL GENERAL FUND CLAIMS – \$44,442.13.

Capital Outlay Fund: Barnes & Noble, books – 239.80; Century Business Leasing, copiers – 856.50; Dauby’s Sports Center, uniforms – 495.00; First National Bank, Capital Outlay Certificate interest – 125947.88; Northland Financial, bus lease – 649.00; School Specialty, equipment – 490.66; SHI, software – 3306.96; Software Unlimited, software – 3745.00; Williams Scotsman, portable classroom lease – 1275.00. TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CLAIMS – \$137,005.80.

Special Education Fund: Achieve, purchased services – 1041.18; Crystal Baily, mileage – 26.64; Canad Inns, conference lodging – 138.60; Children’s Care, purchased services – 32284.75; County Fair, supplies – 56.69; Marge Robertson, purchased services – 909.59; Virginia Miller, travel reimbursement – 187.30; Parent, mileage – 390.72; PLEC, purchased services – 4362.39; Ramada, conference lodging – 203.40; Voyager Fleet Systems, gas – 2358.89. TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CLAIMS – \$41,960.15.

Capital Projects Funds: Architecture, Inc., purchased services – 8423.60; Hoogendoorn Construction, purchased services – 771887.00; Wayne Coffaa Construction, purchased services – 3076.92; Xcel Energy, purchased services – 2180.25. TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CLAIMS - \$785,567.77.

Food Service Fund: Lunchtime Solutions, purchased services/supplies – 43881.34. TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CLAIMS - \$43,881.34.

Payroll: Elementary – 97089.58; Middle School – 75946.52; High School – 83774.40; Title I – 6399.59; Strive High – 6946.23; Guidance – 10214.56; Health Services – 6239.42; School Improvement – 3523.15; Library – 6862.51; Technology – 7075.84; BOE – 507.50; General Administration – 10199.82; School Administration – 27604.67; Business Office – 7716.82; Maintenance – 23199.66; Transportation – 13284.00; After School Programs – 5975.89; Cocurricular Activities – 13791.66; Special Education – 77134.94; Food Service – 444.99. TOTAL PAYROLL – \$483,931.75.

B. Contracts – none.

C. Personnel – approve the **resignations** of Bruce Olson, high school principal/A.D., and Lisa Mathiason-Jasmer, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

D. Authorizations and ratifications:

1. Cast yes votes on S.D.H.S.A.A. amendments #1 and #2, and cast a ballot for Mike Ruth of Miller for the S.D.H.S.A.A. board of directors division III representative.
2. Cast a ballot for Eric Christensen for the SDRS board of trustees' school board representative.

Superintendent Ludens reported that two activity bus bids were received and opened as per specifications: Harlow's Bus Sales - \$80,997.00 and North Central School Bus - \$80,452.00. He noted that \$27,745.00 of the cost of this bus will be paid by a South Dakota Clean Diesel grant.

11-183 Motion by Weiland, seconded by Davis, to accept the low bid of \$80,452.00 from North Central School Bus for a 77 passenger **activity bus**. All voted aye.

11-184 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Davis, to approve a **school start date** of August 18, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year, with a tentative ending date of May 11, 2012. All voted aye.

The board was presented with a proposal from South Dakota School District Benefits Fund to consolidate the current nine health insurance plan options into four plan options. Overall health insurance premiums will not be increased next year if the district makes this change, and the recommendation of the insurance committee is to accept the proposal.

11-185 Motion by Weiland, seconded by Randall, to change from nine health insurance plan options through SDSDBF to four **health insurance** plans beginning September 1, 2011. All voted aye.

11-186 Motion by Davis, seconded by Randall, to approve Wayne Coffaa as volunteer **owner's representative** on the high school addition project. All voted aye.

The board commended Mr. Coffaa on his representation of the school district on the elementary school building project.

11-187 Motion by Davis, seconded by Weiland, to appoint Schuch and Randall to serve on the review committee for two **catastrophic leave** applications. All voted aye.

Superintendent Ludens reported that Lunchtime Solutions representatives had presented the administration with objectives, strategies, and suggested prices for FY2012.

11-188 Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve renewal of the Lunchtime Solutions **food service** contract for FY2012. All voted aye.

11-189 Motion by Davis, seconded by Weiland, to approve three elementary school **change order** proposals: #6RR, additional conduit for video cameras - \$4,551.79; #7, relocation of a Promethean board - \$967.45; and #12, special system modifications (outlet and jack changes) - \$1,299.89. All voted aye.

Superintendent Ludens reported on change order proposals #15A and #15B regarding site drainage for a possible future early childhood playground area. The board will consider the proposals at the next meeting.

The preliminary FY2012 budget and five-year plan were presented to the board. A final proposed budget will be presented to the board in June and published for the July hearing.

11-190 Motion by Davis, seconded by Schuch, to approve presentation of the **preliminary FY2012 budget** and five-year plan. All voted aye.

The board discussed kindergarten round-up numbers and interest in a kindergarten prep program.

11-191 Motion by Randall, seconded by Weiland, to authorize starting a **kindergarten prep** program in FY2012 by utilizing current teaching staff. Voting aye: Blankenfeld, Randall, Schuch, and Weiland; Abstaining: Davis. Motion carried.

Board members, staff, and community that served on the kindergarten task force were thanked for their work in researching kindergarten options.

The superintendent reported on federal program funding for FY2012.

11-192 Motion by Davis, seconded by Weiland, to approve the first reading of the review of **policies** BG – Board/Staff Communications, BHD – Board Member Compensation and Expenses, and BK – Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures. All voted aye.

11-193 Motion by Schuch, seconded by Randall, to go into executive session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel (SDCL 1-25-2, 1). All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session and adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Alan Blankenfeld, President

Barbara Littel, Business Manager

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