

**School Board Proceedings  
Dell Rapids School District 49-3  
May 23, 2011**

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school distance learning room with the following members present: Alan Blankenfeld, Troy Randall, and Matthew Weiland. Cindy Schuch joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Brian Davis joined the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Absent: None.

Administration and other persons present: Tom Ludens, Superintendent; Barbara Littel, Business Manager; Dr. John Jewett, Elementary Principal/Technology Director; Fran Ruesink, Middle School Principal; Bruce Olson, High School Principal/A.D.; Steve Helgeland, SPED Director; Todd Wiebenga, Transportation/Facilities Supervisor; Wayne Coffaa; Darwin Daugaard; Amanda Downs; Tom Morris; Steve Munk; Jeff Welbig; Erica Fersdahl; Jeanne Ludens; Dan Ahlers; Kerri Kirschenmann; Tom Wolff; Jann Saxon; Justin Stanford; Nikki Stukel; Melissa Nygard; Luke Tatge.

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

Cindy Schuch joined the meeting.

Audience comments and questions were taken. Jann Saxon, on behalf of high school teaching staff, commented on the benefits of having a 90 minute prep period when block scheduling is used. High school teachers stated they were concerned about a prep time reduction from 90 minutes to 45 minutes with the elimination of the study hall supervisor's position.

**11-194** Motion by Weiland, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **agenda** with the addition of 10.D. – Haven Location. All voted aye.

Superintendent Ludens presented a calendar of events and commended the following students:  
 Quarrier of the Month for April – Brady Wrede;  
 Quarrier of the Month for May – Austin Gee;  
 Middle School Students of the Month for April – Aaron Fredrichsen, Haley Moeller, Micah Gleason, Elly Petrik, Trey Randal, Dominic Stahl, Beau Carpenter, and Ben Hammer;  
 Middle School Students of the Month for May – Sydnie Hyde, Jeffrey Schuch, Mason Peter, Caleb Yetter, Nadine Hegge, Karlie Jorgensen, Sean Einerwold, and Trent Knuppe;  
 State A Girls' Golf Tournament Qualifiers – Brianna Davis, Emily Haak, Hannah Hammer, Emily Kerns, Lexi Pierson, and Coach Jeff Dvorak.

**11-195** Motion by Randall, seconded by Weiland, to approve the **consent agenda**. All voted aye.

**A. April 2011 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,4/1/11	\$1,086,658.55	\$1,573,604.56	-\$958.37	\$250,064.73	\$70,650.82	\$95,713.86	\$206,559.09	\$8,947,488.80
Receipts:								
Taxes	\$54,898.46	\$45,793.77	\$21,416.40	\$4,579.35			\$36,113.68	
Tuition & Fees	2,900.55							
Interest	126.86	503.50	.16	61.82	\$5.05	\$9.16	53.64	\$117,416.36
Food Service Sales					29,103.25			

Pupil Activities						11,087.54		
After School Prog.	11,397.33							
Donations	2,500.00	3,395.00						
Charges for Services			1,526.56					
Other Local Sources	1,866.89							
County Sources	5,392.48							
State Grants	221,216.00		15,713.00					
Federal Grants	10,319.00	114,186.16	4,004.00		11,817.31			
Total Receipts	\$310,617.57	\$163,878.43	\$42,660.12	\$4,641.17	\$40,925.61	\$11,096.70	\$36,167.32	\$117,416.36
Total Disbursements	-\$502,528.47	-\$3,925.43	-\$112,593.17	-\$0.00	-\$48,788.47	-\$12,733.76	-\$0.00	-\$766,093.62
Expenditure Transfers	\$110,000.00	-\$110,000.00						
Interfund Transfers	-\$110,000.00		\$110,000.00					
Cash Balance, 4/30/11	\$894,747.65	\$1,623,557.56	\$39,108.58	\$254,705.90	\$62,787.96	\$94,076.80	\$242,726.41	\$8,298,811.54

**B. Personnel:**

1. **Employment** – Jessica Ostwald, Haven - \$29,503.50; Charlene Faulstich, Haven - \$12.61 per hour.
2. **Vacated positions** (contracts not accepted) – Richel Henkel, Katie McKee, Anne Furman, Krista Greer.

**C. Contracts:**

1. **East Dakota Education Cooperative** – FY2012 High Impact Career Academy Program for \$9,076.00; Transition Advantage/Project SEARCH Program for \$13,800.00; Project Skills Coordination Services for \$879.00.
2. **Carroll Institute** – FY2012 Project Awareness for \$2,500.00 utilizing the Moody County Ag Theft Donation.

**D. Authorizations and ratifications:**

1. Declare one 10” Delta table saw as **surplus** for trade-in.
2. Approve the **indirect cost rate**, as calculated by the Department of Education, for FY2012-FY2016.
3. Approve a wage rate of \$7.25 per hour for temporary **grounds maintenance** workers.

Brian Davis joined the meeting.

**11-196** Motion by Weiland, seconded by Schuch, to table change **order** proposals #15A and #15B for site drainage on a possible future playground area. All voted aye.

**11-197** Motion by Weiland, seconded by Randall, to approve **change order** proposal #16 for the addition of rigid insulation at the base of metal exterior wall panels at a cost of \$775.66 and proposal #17 for a floor drain with sediment bucket in an outside storage area for \$1,888.68. All voted aye.

The board discussed staffing and vacated positions. The elementary principal and staff were asked to report on enrollment numbers justifying the need to fill the vacant elementary teaching position (May 9, 2011 resignation). It was stated that it is preferable to reduce expenditures through attrition, rather than staff reduction procedures. The consensus of the board was to authorize advertising for vacated positions, but approval to hire an elementary teacher is pending review of the principal’s report.

**11-198** Motion by Randall, seconded by Schuch, to change FY2012 eligibility for district **group insurance** from 30 contracted hours per week to 20 contracted hours per week, with the district paying one-half the regular health insurance contribution for staff contracted for 20 to 30 hours. All voted aye.

**11-199** Motion by Schuch, seconded by Randall, to approve the **contracts** returned by certified and classified staff, with salaries to be published after July 1 per state requirements. All voted aye.

Administrative reports were given. Bruce Olson reported on the senior class trip, graduation, FY2012 class registration, and state tournament activities. Fran Ruesink reported on the state technology assessment, eighth grade math placements for FY2012, and the promotion of 73 students from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. John Jewett reported on SD Counts, Common Core training, and adoption of a new math curriculum for the elementary school. Steve Helgeland reported on year-end reporting and evaluation data.

Todd Wiebenga reported on the summer maintenance schedule, water heater repairs/replacement, and the June 6<sup>th</sup> school bus inspection. He also stated that the school bus being disposed of under conditions of the new activity bus grant will be used for a mock rescue drill prior to disposal.

Wayne Coffaa reported on construction progress at the new elementary school.

The superintendent's report was given:

- A. Construction Update – Peska Construction will begin work on the high school addition project on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Fuel in the old tank was used for heating this spring, and the tank has been removed by DNR. Superintendent Ludens met with the city administrator regarding hammerheads and other options for 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> street snow removal. He reported that he and a board member were invited to attend the city council meeting to discuss options.
- B. Strive High Structure – Strive High will be able to operate in FY2012 as an independent alternative school or as a program under the regular high school. The board will make a determination in June.
- C. Special Education Administration Plan for FY2012 – The superintendent will take on the responsibilities of Special Education administration. He will designate other staff members to attend IEP meetings when appropriate. Part of the superintendent's salary may be charged to the Special Education Fund based on the percentage of his time devoted to special education duties.
- D. Haven Location – A meeting was held with Haven directors, the Haven advisory board president, the superintendent, the elementary school principal, the transportation supervisor, and the Lunchtime Solutions manager to discuss Haven space needs and service location for FY2012. Troy Randall and Cindy Schuch were appointed to meet with them to develop designated spaces for Haven and the costs for using the designated spaces.

President Blankenfeld noted that the superintendent would be taking a salary reduction for FY2012, even though he would be adding all administrative responsibilities for the Special Education program.

**11-200** Motion by Schuch, seconded by Davis, to go into **executive session** at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2, 4). All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session at 9:20 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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