

## Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** 7:03pm
  - a. **Board Members in Attendance:** Chris Broden, Teri Menard, Cheryl Freund, Caren Putrah, Rob Hardy, Deb Scheil, Nalani McCutcheon
  - b. **Public in Attendance:** Three members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Changes to Agenda/Approval of Agenda:** Cheryl Freund motioned to approve the agenda, Teri Menard seconded, motion passed.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of January 14<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Chris Broden motioned to approve the January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, Caren Putrah seconded, motion passed.
5. **Executive Director Report:** Nalani McCutcheon discussed the Executive Director Report and mentioned the Family info night next Thursday night, the Physics Force from the U of M doing presentation for students followed by family work day and then presentation by Physics Force for general public. Also beginning to look at natural playground options.
6. **Staff Report:** Deb Scheil provided an update and what the classes are working on. The Family Arts Night was a big success – 4/5/6 grade are going to see “Hello Dolly” – 3/4/5/6 will be participating in a science fair and the school is registered at Mankato for regional science fair – there will be after school sessions to assist students with planning their science fair project – A guest speaker from MN mining coming to present to school.
7. **Board Business**
  - a. **Finance Committee Report**
    - i. **Review of Monthly Financial Report for January 2010:** The monthly financial statements were reviewed and discussed.
    - ii. **Deferral of Lease Payments to SSM:** Our landlord has agreed to defer a portion of our lease payments to line up with when the school will receive the holdback payments from the state.
  - b. **2010-2011 Transportation and School Calendar**
    - i. **2009-2010 Calendar adjustment (snowday on Feb 9):** The 2009-2010 calendar was amended to account for a snow day on Tuesday February 9, 2010. Teri Menard motioned to approve the new calendar, Cheryl Freund seconded, motion passed.
    - ii. **2010-2011 Calendar:** Options were discussed for the 2010-2011 school year calendar. The 2010-2011 calendar will be discussed again at the next board meeting.
    - iii. **2010-2011 Transportation:** Chris Broden motioned to have Faribault School District provide our transportation for the 2010-2011 school year, Caren Putrah seconded, motion passed.
  - c. **Review Policies on Student Admissions, Comprehensive Nondiscrimination Policy, 420 (Students and Employees with STDs):**
    - i. 420 Policy (Students and Employees with STDs) – Policy was discussed and will be reviewed again at next board meeting.
    - ii. Comprehensive Nondiscrimination Policy and Student Admissions Policy – Policies were discussed and changes to the Student Admissions Policy were recommended. Teri Menard motioned to approve the Comprehensive Nondiscrimination Policy as is and to

approve the Student Admissions Policy as amended, Chris Broden seconded, motion passed.

- d. **Accept Gifts:** Reviewed gifts from grandparent of a student and Melalucha – Chris Broden motioned to accept the gifts, Cheryl Freund seconded, motion passed.
- e. **Approve Hire of Special Education Paraprofessionals:** Teri Menard motioned to approve the hire, Chris Broden seconded, motion passed.
- f. **Class Size for 2010-2011:** Options for class sizes for the 2010-2011 school year were discussed based on 10 year projections. Teri Menard motioned to change enrollment capacity as noted below for the 2010-2011 school year, Caren Putrah seconded, motion passed.

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## 8. Next Meeting

- a. **Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:00 pm**

- 9. **Adjournment:** Teri Menard motioned to adjourn, Chris Broden seconded, motion passed.

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