

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2311  
CLEARBROOK-GONVICK  
Clearbrook-Gonvick School  
Monday, November 19, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Corey Petterson at 7 p.m. Present were: Corey Petterson, Steve Wraa, Wes Rogstad, Pete Kjolhaug, Karen Gebhardt and Stanley Sundquist. Absent was Dean Shaver. Also present were Superintendent Lehse, Principal Burgess, and Dean of Students Ostrom.

3. Motion Sundquist/Kjolhaug to approve agenda as amended, adding 9.g. Coaches, 9h. Nursing Agreement, 9.i. Substitutes, 9j. Leave Request from Superintendent. MCU.

4. Community comments – none.

5. Motion Wraa/Rogstad to approve minutes of 10/22/07. MCU.

9.b. Pre-Prom Assembly – Dan Evje from the Shevlin Fire Department and Tammy Gerbracht talked about a mock crash to be conducted before the prom next spring with Bagley and Clearbrook-Gonvick students, grades 9-12. This will involve five fire departments and local emergency agencies and will be on April 9, with an April 10 back-up date. Permission slips will be required. Motion Kjolhaug/Gebhardt to support the mock crash project. MCU.

6. Claims and Accounts – Motion Sundquist/Wraa to approve payment of claims and accounts for \$246,745.80 (voucher numbers 25050-25207 and check numbers 51890-51959) plus \$14,887.16 to Northwest Service Cooperative for asbestos removal for a total of \$261,632.96. MCU.

7.a. Treasurer's Report – Motion Gebhardt/Kjolhaug to write off \$187 in NSF checks. MCU.

Motion Kjolhaug/Wraa to approve Treasurer's Report for September. MCU. Motion Gebhardt/Kjolhaug to accept Fiscal Procedures for Clearbrook-Gonvick School dated November 2007. MCU.

7.b. Dean of Students Report – Mrs. Ostrom reported on what's happened, what is going to happen and discipline incidents for October. First graders will be on the radio 101.5 in December. She shared information on data and gave a Power Point demonstration on the new Viewpoint system.

7.c. High School Principal's Report – Mr. Burgess reported on disciplinary referrals, program issues, high school enrollment and upcoming events. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders and the 10<sup>th</sup> graders have done the best with the fewest number of tardies. He introduced Andy Anderson, the School Liaison Officer, who reported on his activities, which have included arrests, traffic control, a canine search, and presentations to classrooms. The message he is trying to send is that criminal behavior will not be tolerated in school, for safety of the students. He developed a safety survey from the Minnesota Department of Education. The Board response to the survey and his work was positive.

7.d. Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Lehse gave her report, thanking the following: parents who volunteered at the Carnival last Friday to reward elementary students who reached goals in the Accelerated Reader program; the Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary for the Veterans' Day Program on November 8; Verlyn Streng for arranging for the speaker, Brooke Gibbs, and the program for students and the community; Pepsi Nei Bottling for contributing \$2500 to the Scholarship Fund; and the Gonvick Library LINK program for promoting reading with 75 students participating in the summer program. Congratulations to students who made the A and B Honor Roll. Senator LeRoy Stumpf, Representatives Brita Sailer and David Olin presented information to area superintendents regarding the last session and talked about the upcoming session, with funding issues a major concern. Sharon Josephson from Representative Colin Peterson's office talked about NCLB and where the money is going. Other issues addressed were fuel costs, statewide health insurance, and the ECFE licensure issues. Senator Stumpf concluded with the need to go back to a fully-equalized general education formula and pointed out that the property tax relief in 2001 resulted in \$850M going to the suburban districts. Recommendations of the Review Committee included the suggestion that board members read the book prior to making

a determination on whether or not to include the book in the curriculum and at what grade level; also, it is noted

that, according to district policy and procedures, alternative material can be requested and used if the parents do not want their students to read any specific book. An email from Debra Firkus at the State Department of Education addresses the issue of Student Activity Funds and the Policy Committee should develop a policy. Ballots were distributed for MREA and NWSC, as well as a form for filing for election in Region I. We are working on a grant for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for \$40,000 to integrate the new math standards into STEM courses and to serve as a model for other schools. The PLTW Certification Committee will be here tomorrow to visit the high school pre-engineering program.

8.a. Gonvick Property – Grants are still being pursued for the Gonvick property, and the City is looking at setting up Tax Increment Financing district. A deduction of \$2500 was made on the bill from Veit Construction, due to compaction tests below 95, for a final bill of \$114,546. The asbestos removal cost was \$14,887.16 and was approved for payment.

8.b. Building and Grounds – New tables have arrived for the art room. The CAPP committee has ordered frames for displaying student art work. Two compressors are out but under warranty, so they will be covered but labor will not. Mrs. Lehse will talk to the shop and art teachers about finishing up the trophy cases. Motion Sundquist/Gebhardt to approve quote for \$2725 from Max Syverson to buy and install new counter tops for the PLTW lab. MCU.

8.c. Levy – Motion Wraa/Kjolhaug to certify the levy at \$1,290,335.18. MCU.

8.d. Board to Board – Motion Rogstad/Wraa to approve board to board agreement MCU.

8.e. Negotiations – Contract with EM – Motion Sundquist/Rogstad to ratify the agreement with Education Minnesota-Clearbrook-Gonvick. Roll Call Vote – Rogstad-yes; Kjolhaug-yes; Wraa-yes; Gebhardt-yes; Sundquist-yes; Peterson-yes.

Motion carried.

9.a Indian Policies and Procedures – Tabled until the December meeting, with input sought from the Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

9.c. Snow Removal – Motion Wraa/Rogstad to approve bid from Jorgenson Backhoe for snow removal at \$80 per hour using a 3 ½ yard bucket loader with a 16 foot push blade. Motion carried. Sundquist abstained.

9. d. Student Activity Accounts – There should be a policy on student activity accounts. This was referred to the Policy Committee.

9.e. Complaint on Instructional Materials – The Review Committee met and reviewed a book, The Giver, and made recommendations to the Board. Discussion about the book will be continued at the next meeting. Discussion about having teachers prepare a syllabus with materials to be used which would be given to parents at the beginning of the year. Then parents could request alternative materials if they chose, as indicated in District policies and procedures.

9.f. MSBA Leadership Conference – Gary Lee, a board member from Fertile-Beltrami, was present to review board operations for a leadership award, which would be presented at the Leadership Conference. He represents District 12 in MSBA and talked about MSBA issues, such as board training, insurance, superintendent searches, legislation and other areas. He will check to see if Phase II can be offered in northern Minnesota.

9.g Coaches – Motion Rogstad/Kjolhaug to accept resignation of Gwen Eck as Assistant Volleyball Coach. MCU. Motion Rogstad/Wraa to hire Paul Gustafson as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at \$2100. MCU.

9.h. Motion Sundquist/Gebhardt to approve the contract with Clearwater County Nursing Service for the 07-08 school year. MCU.

9i. Substitutes – Motion Gebhardt/Rogstad to approve additions to substitute list: Grant Nicoll-teacher; Jenny Bergman-para; Carolyn Rude-cook. MCU.

**Motion Kjolhaug/Wraa to close meeting at 10:08 to discuss non-certified negotiation strategy. MCU.**

**Motion Kjolhaug/Gebhardt to open at 10:23. MCU.**

**Motion Gebhardt/Rogstad to close at 10:24 to discuss request for leave from superintendent. MCU.**

**Motion Sundquist/Kjolhaug to open at 10:55. MCU. The Chair will meet with Mrs. Lehse and Dean Sals to determine the amount of sick leave coming and notify the other board members of the number of days.**

**Motion Rogstad/Gebhardt to adjourn at 10:56. MCU.**