

**School Board Proceedings  
Dell Rapids School District 49-3  
March 22, 2010**

The Dell Rapids School District Board of Education met Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school distance learning room with the following members present: Alan Blankenfeld, Steve Munk, Troy Randall, and Cindy Schuch. Absent: Brian Davis.

Administration and other persons present: Tom Ludens, Superintendent; Barbara Littel, Business Manager; Bruce Olson, High School Principal/A.D.; Fran Ruesink, Middle School Principal; Dr. John Jewett, Elementary Principal/Technology Director; Steve Helgeland, SPED Director; Ann Kuper; Pam Leib; Diane Reiff; Dawn Sorenson; Cory Clopton; Michael Gaul; Farrell Anderson; James Paasch; Kristin Johnson; Jeanne Ludens, Darwin Daugaard; Richel Henkel; Nikki Stukel; Jann Saxon; Tom Wolff; Melissa Nygaard; Marie Schwebach; Sara Larson; Bud Penning; Jeanette Penning; Tammy Schwebach; Matthew Weiland.

President Blankenfeld called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**10-185** Motion by Munk, seconded by Schuch, to approve the **agenda** with the following changes: (1) move roof bids from the consent agenda to unfinished business; (2) add facility use waiver to superintendent's report; and (3) add superintendent's evaluation to executive session. All voted aye.

Jann Saxon, on behalf of high school teaching staff, expressed concern about the later school start date for 2010-2011. She presented a list of academic reasons supporting an earlier start date for high school students. Additional comments were made by high school teachers in support of a later start date. Elementary teachers gave reasons supporting the August 23<sup>rd</sup> school start date. Superintendent Ludens reported that the school attorney found that having different school start dates for elementary and high school is not specifically addressed in statute. Board members asked the administration to calculate the additional cost for having two start dates and to check with the Tech Academy to see how they will handle students that start on a different calendar from the Academy's calendar.

Marie and Tammy Schwebach presented the board with a \$3,910.65 safety dividend check from EMC Insurance.

Superintendent Ludens presented a calendar of events and commended the following students:

- High School Student of the Month for February – Josh Fiedler;
- Girls State – Emily Kerns and Nicole Snyder;
- Girls State Journalism City – Samantha Kohnen;
- All-State Band – Hillary Sward;
- Middle School Students of the Month for February – Justin Huss, Chloe Solberg, Josh Parrott, Cody Shellum, Keegan Hemmenway, Justine ThorsenBruhn, Ben Hinricher, and Alexis Merrill.

**10-186** Motion by Schuch, seconded by Randall, to approve the **consent agenda**. All voted aye.

**February 2010 Financial Report.**

**Statement of Cash Receipts,  
Disbursements and Cash Balances**

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Food Service Fund	Trust & Agency Funds
Cash Balance, 2/1/10	\$1,241,977.84	\$1,389,608.14	\$234,948.57	\$325,871.30	\$154,647.95	\$57,581.32	\$81,995.14
Receipts:							
Taxes	420,809.86	25,008.39	11,716.67	2,500.84	3,193.63		
Tuition & Fees	60.00						
Interest	300.60	868.57	28.30	154.73	73.29	8.25	13.20
Food Service Sales						36,393.85	
Pupil Activities	5,513.90						18,849.03
Out of School Programs	4,335.00						
Rentals							
Charges for Services			7,830.99				
Other Local Sources	353.95	35.00					
County Sources	3,714.57						
State Grants	304,807.03		16,773.00				
Federal Grants	18,801.00		29,149.00				
Food Service Asst.						8,602.87	
Total Receipts	\$758,695.91	\$25,911.96	\$65,497.96	\$2,655.57	\$3,266.92	\$45,004.97	\$18,862.23
Total Disbursements	\$529,401.44	\$13,428.96	\$106,998.51	0.00	0.00	\$37,688.00	\$12,838.79
Cash Balance, 2/28/10	\$1,471,272.31	\$1,402,091.14	\$193,448.02	\$328,526.87	\$157,914.87	\$64,898.29	\$88,018.58

The principals' reports were given. Fran Ruesink reported on Dakota STEP preparation, DARE graduation, and middle school activities. Bruce Olson reported on class registration for 2010-2011, Dakota STEP testing, and high school activities. Dr. John Jewett reported on Dakota STEP preparation and building project planning.

Steve Helgeland reported on plans for the SPED extended school year, testing coordination/accommodations for Dakota STEP testing, and completion of alternate testing.

Superintendent Ludens presented a bid tabulation sheet of roofing bids had been opened as per bid specifications.

Contractor	Elementary	High School	Combined	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
BHI, Inc.	\$285,515.00	\$820,950.00	\$1,104,465.00	\$1.50	\$1.90	\$1.50	\$12.50
Guarantee Roofing	\$254,735.00	\$590,254.00	\$ 838,513.00	\$ .68	\$1.36	\$1.36	\$ 8.50
Roof Systems, Inc.	\$251,000.00	-	-	\$1.30	\$1.90	\$2.50	\$12.00

Superintendent Ludens reported that the district has not received official approval for use of Qualified School Construction Bonds for financing of the roof replacement, but there is a high probability of approval being granted within the next few weeks. Use of these federally supported bonds would require the project to be re-bid under the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.

**2010-187** Motion by Schuch, seconded by Randall, to reject all **roof replacement bids** and to re-advertise for bids in order to qualify for federal bonds. All voted aye.

Superintendent Ludens reported on preliminary Capital Outlay expenditures for FY2011, the elementary school building project, and a possible request for a building use waiver.

Committee reports were given. Recognition award nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee in April. The technology committee is working on plans for the new elementary school. The transportation committee is beginning the evaluation process for transportation services. The wellness

committee is working on inclusion of health information within daily curriculum and is exploring development of a health fair.

Board comments and questions were taken. Superintendent Ludens explained school day and school contact hour requirements at the various grade levels.

**2010-188** Motion by Munk, seconded by Schuch, to go into executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss negotiations and the superintendent's evaluation. All voted aye.

Blankenfeld declared the board out of executive session at 7:25 p.m. and recessed the meeting until the transportation work session.

Blankenfeld reconvened the meeting in the middle school commons at 7:30 p.m.

Administration and other persons present: Tom Ludens, Superintendent; Barbara Littel, Business Manager; Matthew Weiland; Robert Sorsen; James Norby; Joyce Norby; Jeanette Penning; Bud Penning; Joe Weinacht; Kathy Hansen; Dennis Hansen; Tom Scherff; Joe Nemmers; Bob Sterud; Dave Vollbracht; Todd Wiebenga; Michael Gaul; Steve Helgeland; Terry Klein.

Blankenfeld stated that this listening session would be the first step in a transportation review process. Comments were taken on transportation costs, bus maintenance, student safety, and contract provisions. Transportation fees charged by the school district and the law prohibiting use of public school funds for private school transportation were reviewed.

Blankenfeld declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Alan Blankenfeld, President

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Barbara Littel, Business Manager

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