

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Tuesday, January 22, 2025 6:00 pm
ALC

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the ALC on Tuesday, January 22, 2025, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Aimee Struffert.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Jennifer Corrow, Jere Day, Caity Eggen, Samantha Lange, Sara Larsen, Nathan Neuhart, Aimee Struffert. The Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

D. Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination:

4. Accept the retirement of Mimi Peterson, Elementary Teacher, effective May 27, 2025. Thank you, Mimi, for 27 years of service! - *addition*

E. Approve the Overnight Trip Request for 10th Grade Trip to Washington D.C., April 3 - 6, 2025 - *addition*

F. Approve the Overnight Trip Request for 10th Grade Trip to Washington D.C., April 9 - 12, 2026 - *addition*

G. Approval of Increase in District Substitute Rates for LPN/RN for Non-Licensed School Nurse - *addition*

X. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

D. ABE/GED Discussion - *addition*

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Lange, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

- Josh Hurt - spoke about the Minnesota State Survey.

Committee Reports

1. *Reorganizational Board Meeting (1/6) - A. Struffert*

- a. *Reorganization of the School Board*
- b. *Other*

Presentations

A summary of the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference was presented by Superintendent Wedin with reflection from the school board members included.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal: updates were given on the Unified Phy-ed basketball game on January 9, 2025 against Foley with a thank you to Jay Berg, Nicole Hoffman, John Broberg, Bella Sahlstrom, Jack Patnode, Jen Taylor, Paul Arens, Bob Sumner, the Small Business class, and the Custodial staff for their work in making the event a success; the high school course registration beginning soon with some adjustments due to declining enrollment; and the MASSP Winter Workshop coming up at the end of the month which will be attended by Mr. Patnode and Mrs. Carpenter.

Elementary Principal: updates were given on the events for upcoming "I Love to Read" month in February; the upcoming PTO Bingo night on January 24, 2025 with thanks to PTO members and volunteers; the January 20, 2025 staff workshop day which included LETRS training as well as a meeting of the MES discipline taskforce; and winter assessments completed in early January.

Activities Director/Dean of Students: gave updates on the winter sports including Jr. High Boys Basketball, High School Girls and High School Boys Basketball, and both Boys and Girls Wrestling; an update was given on the One Act Play production and upcoming conference meet and sub-sections.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager: updates were given for Community Education on the Adult Basic Education program with possible upcoming changes and the 2025-2026 school readiness and voluntary prekindergarten programs. A facility update was given on quotes for the Main Gym project, pool tile repair, and replacement of the high school kitchen loading dock door.

Business Manager Report: gave an update on the financial picture of the district.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by S. Larsen, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the consent agenda striking item G - "Approval of Increase in District Substitute Rates for LPN/RN for Non-Licensed School Nurse":

- Approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, and the January 6, 2025 Reorganizational Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA/MN Trust to First National Bank: \$1,000,000.00 on December 6, 2024, and \$800,000.00 on December 18, 2024
- Hire Hunter Glanz, Custodian Class 1 (replacing Jacob Olson), 40 hours per week, \$14.63 per hour, effective January 6, 2025
- Hire Shelly Fournier, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 19 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 2, 2025 - February 27, 2025
- Hire Tesla Gontjes, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 19 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 2, 2025 - February 27, 2025
- Hire/accept notice of assignment with Charity Hopkins, Food Server/Dishwasher, 13.75 hours per week, \$16.89 per hour, effective January 21, 2025
- Accept staff leave requests:
 - Teresa Burns, Nurse, December 16, 2024 - January 10, 2025
 - Connie Belanger, Paraprofessional, January 2, 2025 - January 24, 2025
 - Anna Wraspir, Food Service Director, March 31, 2025 - July 7, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Joe Wildman, Head Swim and Dive Coach, effective December 10, 2024
- Accept the retirement of Michael Johnson, Elementary Teacher, effective May 27, 2025. Thank you, Michael, for 38 years of service!
- Accept the resignation of Xiomara Melara, Paraprofessional, effective January 24, 2025
- Accept the retirement of Mimi Peterson, Elementary Teacher, effective May 27, 2025. Thank you, Mimi, for 27 years of service!
- Accept staff lane changes:
 - Caprice Larson, MA/BA+40 to MA+10, \$55,891.00
 - Becca Concannon, BA+20 to MA/BA+40, \$54,942.50
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for 10th Grade Trip to Washington D.C., April 3 - 6, 2025
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for 10th Grade Trip to Washington D.C., April 9 - 12, 2026

Motion carried, 7:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by S. Lange, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Lange, to adopt the Resolution Relating to the Expulsion of the Student Identified in the Exhibits as the "Student 2414". Upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor there of: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Lange, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by S. Lange, second by C. Eggen, to approve the READ Act Memorandum of Understanding between Independent School District #912 and the Milaca Education Association. Motion carried, 7:0.

Superintendent Items

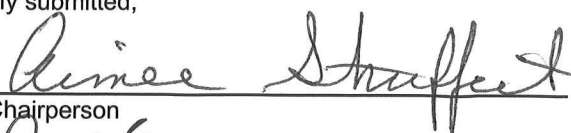
Superintendent Wedin gave a winter weather update with a reminder that the district would typically have traditional snow days for the first two or three weather related closures and then transition to E-Learning days if needed. An update was given on the Reorganizational board meeting on January 6, 2025 with the following school board officers being re-elected for 2025: Chairperson - Aimee Struffert, Vice Chairperson - Sara Herr-Larsen, Clerk - Jennifer Corrow, and Treasurer - Jere Day. Superintendent Wedin thanked the school board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference on January 15-17, 2025.

Board Member Items

No board member items were brought forward for discussion.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Lange, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried 7:0.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

February 19, 2025

Date


Clerk

February 19, 2025

Date