

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, November 18, 2024 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 Monday, November 18, 2024, 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, Sara Larsen, Aimee Struffert. The following members were absent: Samantha Lange, Nathan Neuhart. The Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

D. Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination:

2. Accept the resignation of Jordan Obermiller, Finance Specialist, effective November 22, 2024 - *addition*

MSHSL Activities Volunteers

Swim and Dive - Rachel Arens, Alyssa Weyer - *addition*

G. Approve the 2024-2026 Snow Removal Contract - *deletion*

IX. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION IS REQUESTED

E. Approval of Five Year Contract with Kodiak Power Solutions - *addition*

Motion by C. Eggen, second by S. Larsen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke in public forum.

Committee Reports

1. *Committee of the Whole (11/4) - A. Struffert*

- a. *Rum River Special Education Cooperative*
- b. *Resource Training Solutions Recognition Events*
- c. *MN State Survey*
- d. *Organizational Chart*
- e. *Learning Update*
- f. *Other*

2. *Special Board Meeting (11/14) - A. Struffert*

- a. *Canvass Election Results*
- b. *Other*

Presentations

An informal presentation/discussion by Superintendent Wedin and Mr. Sumner regarding Emergency Management was given.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal: an update was given on the Veterans Day Program, November 11, 2024, with over 1,000 people in attendance and special thanks given to the speaker, Vanessa Deerberg, as well as Andy Nelson, Alex Blegen, Sean Wesche, Ian Hendrickson, Ben Huhta, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Elementary Choir, Jeremiah Shoemaker, Bob Sumner, and the Custodians; student field trips to the school forest were highlighted; and an update on state reporting was given.

Elementary Principal: updates were given on Kindergarten ADSIS; upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 21 and 25, 2024; music concerts involving elementary students for Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, and upcoming 5-6 Grade Band Concert with thanks given to the music department and classroom teachers for supporting these rehearsals and concerts; Targeted Services programming beginning in December; and a big thank you to the Milaca Elementary School PTO for the purchase of several creative play items for the elementary courtyard.

Activities Director/Dean of Students: gave updates on the beginning of winter sports including Girls Basketball, Wrestling, and Boys Basketball; the upcoming National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 24, 2024; and participation numbers in Activities.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager: updates were given for Community Education on winter program offerings, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten funding for preschool, and a review of fall programming numbers. A facility update was given on the insurance claim and replacement of floor in Main Gym Court #1; bleacher replacement in Main Gym Court #3; banquets taking place with the wrap up of fall activities; and the start up of practices for winter activities.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA/MN Trust to First National Bank: \$800,000.00 on October 1, 2024, \$800,000.00 on October 15, 2024, \$600,000.00 on October 21, 2024, and \$800,000.00 on October 31, 2024
- Accept change in assignment with Nikki Dahlquist, Food Server/Dishwasher, from 12.5 hours per week to 15 hours per week, \$16.89 per hour, effective October 14, 2024
- Hire Derrick Lepper, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (replacing James Taylor), \$2,301.75, effective October 28, 2024
- Revise hire of Debra Streeter, Elementary Long Term Substitute for Brittney Sundberg, MA, Step 15, 1.0 FTE, from \$23,179.05 to \$24,491.08, from effective November 6, 2024 - January 31, 2025 to effective October 21, 2024 - January 17, 2025
- Hire Violet Hjort, Lifeguard, hours based on need, \$10.85 per hour, effective October 28, 2024
- Hire Roberta Kightlinger, Elementary ADSIS Teacher, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$32,005.01, effective November 19, 2024 - May 27, 2025
- Accept notice of assignment with Alyssa Westling, Student Childcare Aide, up to 11.25 hours per week, \$13.00 per hour, effective November 11, 2024 - May 30, 2025
- Accept change in assignment with Alex Peterson, from Interim 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach to 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, \$3,324.75, effective November 6, 2024
- Accept staff leave requests:
 - Revision to Brittney Sundberg, Elementary Teacher, from November 6, 2024 - January 31, 2025 to October 21, 2024 - January 17, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Mitchal Dahlke, 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 4, 2024
- Accept the resignation of Jordan Obermiller, Finance Specialist, effective November 22, 2024
- Accept the Minnesota State High School League Activities Volunteers:
 - Boys Basketball - Adam Roehl, Mitchell Dahlke
 - Track - Aiden Mikla, Pat Coffee
 - Volleyball - Bailey Ash, Brian Hoeck
 - Wrestling - Neil Hanson, Jack Hanson, Gerry Paulson, Mike Weyer
 - Swim and Dive - Rachel Arens, Alyssa Weyer
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for Select High School Choir Students to the Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, IA, January 12-13, 2025
- Second Reading of New/Revised policy in compliance with legislative updates
 - Policy 522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process

Motion carried, 5:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 5:0.

Motion by C. Eggen to approve the following resolution:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS/DONATIONS

WHEREAS, School Board Policy #706 establishes guidelines for the acceptance of gifts/donations to the District; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 states the School Board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members; and BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 912 accept with appreciation the following gifts/donations and permit their use as designated by the donor(s).

Date	From	Site	Item/Nature of Donation/Gift	Value/Amount
October - 2024	Leo and Margaret Vos	Milaca High School - Audrey French	To continue the outstanding work of providing MHS students with dramatic and public speaking skills as well as building a sense of community.	\$1,000.00

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by S. Larsen and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor there of: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Larsen, A. Struffert, the following were absent: S. Lange, N. Neuhart, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by C. Eggen, to Adopt the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor. Upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor there of: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Larsen, A. Struffert, the following were absent: S. Lange, N. Neuhart, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by S. Larsen, second by J. Day, to approve the Rum River Special Education Cooperative Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried, 5:0.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to approve the five year contract with Kodiak Power Solutions. Motion carried, 5:0.

Superintendent Items

Superintendent Wedin gave an update on the Veterans Day Concert, November 11, 2024, with a thank you to High School Principal, Mr. Patnode, and everyone who helped to make it happen, as well as to Milaca High School graduate and speaker, Vanessa Deerberg; information was provided on the upcoming Truth in Taxation meeting, Monday, December 2, 2024; and recent training for Superintendent Wedin, Facilities Manager, Mr. Sumner, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Meyer at the Emergency Management Certification Program hosted by Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management/Minnesota School Safety Center on November 13-14, 2024.

Board Member Items

Chairperson, Aimee Struffert, and Clerk, Jennifer Corrow, gave information on Minnesota School Board Association's upcoming Delegate Assembly.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

December 16, 2024

Date


Clerk

December 16, 2024

Date