

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Tuesday, January 16, 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 Tuesday, January 16, 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, Samantha Lange, Sara Larsen, Nathan Neuhart, Aimee Struffert. Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

IX. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION IS REQUESTED

E. Approval of the 2023-2025 Custodial Contract - *addition*

Motion by C. Eggen, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke in public forum.

Committee Reports

1. *Reorganizational Board Meeting (1/2) - A. Struffert*
 - a. *Reorganization of the School Board*
 - b. *Other*
2. *Custodial Negotiations Committee (1/4) - S. Larsen*
 - a. *Custodial Negotiations*
 - b. *Other*

Presentations

Information on the Direct Admission Program was given during the High School Principal's Report by High School Counselors, Trina Olson, Caprice Larson, and Mary Hastings.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal: information was given on the Direct Admissions Program; updates were given on Milaca High School 2024-2025 registration and Milaca High School graduation requirements adding a personal finance component per legislation and aligning high school science classes to the changes in the state science standards.

Elementary Principal: information was given on the January 12, 2024 professional development day; a welcome was given to Derrick Lepper, new Physical Education/DAPE teacher; updates were given on the READ Act and upcoming I Love to Read Month activities planned for February, 2024.

Activities Director/Dean of Students: a winter sports update was given with a focus on Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and the Boys and Girls Wrestling programs. Participation numbers in activities were also shared.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager: updates were given for Community Education with evaluation being done of the 2024-2025 Preschool/Wrap Around Care tuition pricing and Winter/Spring programming being offered. A facility update was given on continuing custodial evaluations and quotes being obtained for proposed summer projects.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Lange, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the December 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the January 2, 2024 Reorganizational Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA to First National Bank: \$800,000.00 on December 12, 2023
- Hire Darrin Brown, C-Squad Wrestling Coach, \$3,371.79, effective December 15, 2023

- Hire Jeffery Raczka, Class 1 Cleaner (replacing Khelsey Carpenter), 40 hours per week, \$13.63 per hour, effective December 26, 2023
- Hire Kyle Shephard, Homebound Instructor, 5 hours per week, \$30.00 per hour, effective December 11, 2023 - May 28, 2024
- Hire James Taylor, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (replacing Ellie Schindeldecker), \$3,071.48, effective January 2, 2024
- Hire Danielle Mathson, Targeted Services, up to 8 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 4, 2024
- Hire Mary Strohmayer, Targeted Services, up to 16 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 4, 2024
- Hire Nicole Hoffman, Targeted Services, up to 8 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 4, 2024
- Approve lane changes:
 - Becca Concannon, BA to BA+10, \$46,050.50
 - Ian Hendrickson, BA+20 to MA, \$61,065.50
 - Christina Moscho, MA to MA+20, \$66,457.50
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for Milaca Girls Golf to Paynesville, MN, May 10-12, 2024

Motion carried, 7:0.

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, 7:0.

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
Dec - 2023	Minnesota Deer Hunters Association East Central Chapter	Milaca Elementary - Deep Portage	Donation to offset Deep Portage costs for 6th grade students	\$2,500.00
Dec - 2023	CHS Foundation	Milaca High School - Leann Pietrzak	2023 National FFA Convention Classroom Grant for School Forest Equipment	\$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 thereof: 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 C. Eggen, second by S. Lange, to approve the 2023-2025 Paraprofessional Contract. Motion carried 7:0.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the 2023-2025 Food Services Contract. Motion carried 7:0.

Motion by S. Larsen, second by J. Corrow, to approve the 2023-2025 Custodial Contract. Motion carried 7:0.

Superintendent Items

Superintendent Wedin gave a comparison of winter weather impact on the district from last year to this year. Updates were given on the January 2, 2024 reorganizational meeting with the 2023 School Board Officers being re-elected for 2024 and the regular meeting time changing to 6:00 p.m. A thank you was given to the school board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to enhance their skills to better serve our school district and community by attending the MSBA Leadership Conference on January, 10-12, 2024.

Board Member Items

Board members shared take-aways from the recent MSBA Leadership Conference. A thank you was given to the community for allowing board members the opportunity to attend this conference and show their pride in Milaca Public Schools and the Milaca community.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried 7:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Stueffert
Chairperson

February 20, 2024
Date

[Signature]
Clerk

February 20, 2024
Date

