

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 6:30 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, February 21, 2023, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Aimee Struffert.

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

Changes to Agenda:

VI. PRESENTATION - *deletion*

XII. MOTION TO BEGIN CLOSED MEETING - *addition*

Closed for preliminary consideration of charges against an employee per MN § 13D.05.2(b) of the Open Meeting Law

XIII. MOTION TO END CLOSED MEETING - *addition*

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6:0.

Public Forum

Two people spoke in public forum:

- Keith Anderson - Girls Wrestling and increasing class sizes
- Ron Wolbert - thank you and a challenge

Committee Reports

1. *Meet and Confer (1/30) - J. Day*

a. MEA and School Board Items

b. Other

2. *Committee of the Whole (2/6) - A. Struffert -canceled*

Presentations

No presentations were given.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal Report: gave a summary of Sno Daze week activities with a thank you given to Shelly Ash and the Student Council; a summary was also given on the MSPR Business Appreciation event on February 10, 2023; congratulations were given to the following students: Peyton Hunt for breaking the single game scoring record with 51 points against Pierz on 1/31 and for scoring 1000 career points on 2/2, Maggie Westling for grabbing 1000 career rebounds on 2/6, Lewis Wolbert for scoring 1000 career points on 2/10, and Jack Schoenborn for earning 100 career wins on 2/10; updates were given on registration for the 2023-2024 school year and Prom Guest Guidelines.

Elementary Principal Report: gave an update on I Love to Read Month with the theme being "Reading Road Trip," an author visit by Erin Soderberg Downing, and collections being made for the Milaca Area Pantry; updates were also given on the Elementary School conferences February 6-16, 2023, Creations Cafe and Morning Bells programs, and the February 17, 2023 PD day with speaker Joe Schmit; upcoming events were also highlighted including the Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration on March 7, 2023 with a "Farm" theme, and the spring timeline for making preparations for next school year; a congratulations and thank you was given to Tracy Hass on her upcoming retirement.

Activities Director/Dean of Students Report: gave an update on the winter sports season nearing completion and Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Wrestling gearing up for postseason; a few players were highlighted for celebrating milestones made in the season including: in Girls Basketball, Maggie Westling recording her 1000 career rebound, currently the second girl of all time to accomplish this feat, and in Boys Basketball, both Peyton Hunt and Lewis Wolbert recording their 1000th career point; the One Act Play completed their season with a Subsection Championship and placed third at the Section meet; an update on spring sports season beginning in the middle of March was also given with efforts still being made to find coaches in a variety of areas as well as softball and baseball umpires.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager Report: gave an update on Community Education including the collection of ideas for summer programming with a focus on programming in June and early July and preparation for the Summer KidsTown program with a focus on additional Kids Town programming including special guest classes throughout the summer and possible field trips; an update was also given on Facility Management focusing on gathering a priority list of summer projects from Administration, the need for additional custodial staff to replace those recently resigned or retired, and the winding down of the winter events schedule.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by S. Larsen, second by C. Eggen, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from MSDLAF to First National Bank: \$800,000 on January 5, 2023, and \$1,000,000 on January 17, 2023
- Hire Deb Winkler, Targeted Services Tutor, 10.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 17, 2023 - February 28, 2023
- Hire Amanda Demings, Child Nutrition-Kitchen Manager (replacing Leigh Vivant), 37.5 hours per week, \$21.00 per hour, effective January 24, 2023
- Hire Trina Johnson, Paraprofessional, 22.5 hours per week, \$15.25 per hour, effective January 30, 2023
- Hire/Accept Notice of Assignment with Ann Solberg, Food Server, 12.5 hours per week, \$15.32 per hour, effective January 30, 2023
- Hire Brent Jergens, Targeted Services Teacher, up to 20 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 5, 2023 - February 28, 2023
- Hire Mary Strohmayr, Targeted Services Teacher, up to 10 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 5, 2023 - February 28, 2023
- Hire Jennifer Taylor, Targeted Services Teacher, up to 10 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective January 5, 2023 - February 28, 2023
- Hire Tyler Pearson, Cleaner (replacing Sandy McGraw), 40 hours per week, \$14.13 per hour, effective February 16, 2023
- Hire Shane Lloyd, Long Term Paraprofessional Substitute (replacing Laura Barnes), 31.25 hours per week, \$15.25 per hour, effective February 10, 2023 - April 21, 2023
- Change in Assignment/Accept Notice of Assignment with Baylee Harlin, KidsTown Aide and ECFE Aide, up to 15 hours per week, \$13.00 per hour KidsTown and \$11.00 per hour ECFE Aide, effective January 31, 2023
- Hire Randy Johnson, High School Long Term Substitute for Ellen Greener, MA+20 Step 15, 1.0 FTE, \$16,784.36, effective March 27, 2023 - May 30, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Annabelle Foote, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Abby Anderson, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Addison Greninger, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Jada Kotsmith, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Emma Neely, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Corbin Sams, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Minimum wage increase for Allison Wendland, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Approve Staff Leave Requests:
 - Ellen Greener, JV Softball Coach, effective March 27, 2023 - May 30, 2023
 - Judith Swenson, ECFE Aide/Kidstown Aide, effective February 2, 2023 - March 31, 2023
- Accept the retirement of John Bergeron, Cleaner, effective January 27, 2023. Thank you, John, for 8 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Accept the resignation of Mitch Vedders, Head Softball Coach, effective January 12, 2023
- Accept the non-renewal of contract with Gabrielle Hederer, Assistant Girls Track Coach, effective January 17, 2023
- Accept the termination of Justice Voss, Finance Specialist, effective February 6, 2023
- Accept the resignation of Stacy Gothmann, Jr. High Softball Coach, effective January 30, 2023
- Accept the retirement of Tracy Hass, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2023. Thank you, Tracy, for 29 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Accept the resignation of Judith Swenson, Kidstown Aide, effective February 6, 2023
- Approval of Letter of Assignment with Amanda Demings, Child Nutrition-Kitchen Manager, effective January 24, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- First Reading and Approval of Policies with minor/legal changes that do not affect the substance of the policy
 - 508 - Extended School Year for Certain Students with IEPs
 - 509 - Enrollment of Nonresident Students
 - 706 - Acceptance of Gifts

- 707 - Transportation of Public School Students
- 710 - Extracurricular Transportation
- 711 - Video Recording on School Buses
- 712 - Video Surveillance Other Than On Buses
- 713 - Student Activity Accounting
- 714 - Fund Balances
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for FFA to Minnesota State FFA Convention in St. Paul, MN, April 24 - 25, 2022

Motion carried, 6:0.

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, 6:0.

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
Jan-2023	if Initiative Foundation	High School Science	2023 Alternative Sources of Energy Grant for Milaca High School Science Department	\$1,450.00

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, A. Struffert and the following voted against the same: None. The following were absent: N. Neuhart. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

A summary of the American Indian Parent Committee - Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence was given.

Board Committee Assignments were given.

Superintendent Items

Superintendent Wedin gave a an update on the February 17, 2023 Professional Development Day with a focus on staff wellness and special guest, Joe Schmit, speaking on how we can all make an impact; an update was also given on 2023-2024 calendar development in process for approval at the March Regular Board Meeting; recognition was also given to the Paraprofessionals for Paraprofessional Appreciation Week, the Bus Drivers for Bus Driver Appreciation Week, and the School Board for School Board Appreciation Month. Certificates were given to each school board member to recognize their service. Information on a community message that went out to families and the community on February 13, 2023 was also given.

Board Member Items

Board members discussed MSBA information on upcoming bills in the legislature regarding leave pay, funding, and referendums. Upcoming MSBA training sessions were also discussed.

Motion by J. Day, second by S. Larsen to close the regular meeting and stop recording at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

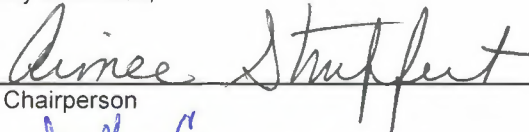
Motion by C. Eggen, second by J. Day to begin a closed meeting per MN § 13D.05.2(b) for preliminary consideration of charges against an employee and start recording at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

Motion by C. Eggen, second by S. Lange to close the closed meeting and stop recording at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to open the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

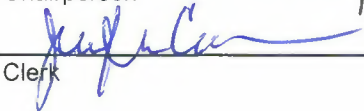
Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

March 20, 2023

Date


Clerk

March 20, 2023

Date