

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, March 20, 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 Monday, March 20, 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, Nathan Neuhart, Aimee Struffert. Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Motion by C. Eggen, second by S. Larsen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

One person spoke in public forum:

- Mary Cervantes - regarding a senior lock-in

Committee Reports

1. *Committee of the Whole (3/6) - A. Struffert*
 - a. *Learning Update*
 - b. *Class Sizes Discussion*
 - c. *Graduation Discussion*
 - d. *Activities Discussion*
 - e. *Other*
2. *Policy Committee Meeting (3/16) - N. Neuhart*
 - a. *MSBA Update to Policy 406*
 - b. *MSBA Update to Policy 425*
 - c. *MSBA Update to Annual Review Policies: 410, 415, and 524*
 - d. *Other*

Presentations

A presentation was given by Brad Lundell, Executive Director of *Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)*.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal Report: gave an update on opportunities Milaca High School offers to help connect students to careers and help them make connections to the content they are learning in class. The opportunities highlighted were: a tour of Mille Lacs Health Systems in Onamia for students interested in the healthcare field; a trip to the Holocaust Museum for 10th graders; a trip to Washington D.C. for 10th graders; a Construct Tomorrow event for students interested in the union construction trades; and the MHS Job Fair to connect students to companies and jobs within the community. An update was also given on the upcoming Prom.

Elementary Principal Report: gave an update on the e-learning experiences this year. A hiring update was also given on the Special Education DCD-Severe/Profound position and Reading Corps positions for next year. A thank you was given to Shirley Geurkink for her years of service in Reading Corps at MES since her retirement as a Title I Teacher. A summary of Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration night on March 7, 2023 was given. An update on the postponed Family Fun Night was also given.

Activities Director/Dean of Students Report: gave an update on the end of the winter season for Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Wrestling with Jack Schoenborn, Jack Hanson, Colbee Zens and Logan Ash all earning a trip to the State Tournament. An update was also given on the beginning of postseason, the High School Speech Team annual meet, and the beginning of Spring sports as well as the search for coaches in a variety of areas. Scoreboard sponsorships and participation numbers were also touched upon.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager Report: gave a Community Education update on the efforts to plan for increasing the Wrap Around Care and Kidstown availability for summer and fall. Information was given on grants received from the Central Mille Lacs United Way with KidsTown receiving \$829.00, School Readiness receiving \$829.00, and Special Olympics receiving \$414.00. A Facility update was also given focusing on quotes for summer projects, custodial staffing, and the current obstacle of snow removal.

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

At 6:57 p.m. board member, Nathan Neuhart, left the meeting early due to a school obligation.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA to First National Bank: \$1,000,000 on February 3, 2023, and \$1,000,000 on February 27, 2023
- Hire Jocelyn Berg, Assistant Girls Track Coach (replacing Gabrielle Hederer), \$3,763.55, effective March 13, 2023
- Hire Danielle Mathson, Homebound Teacher, 5 hours per week, \$30.00 per hour, effective February 8, 2023
- Hire Naomi Lovaas, Cleaner, 16.25 hours per week, \$13.63 per hour, effective March 7, 2023
- Revision for Jake Moscho, Wrestling Coach, from \$2,068.02 to \$2,138.27, effective November 21, 2022
- Minimum wage increase for Reina Mikla, from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.59 per hour, effective January 1, 2023
- Change in assignment for Tyler Pearson, from 40 hours per week to 32.5 hours per week, \$13.63 per hour, effective March 13, 2023
- Hire Hannah Olson, JV Softball Coach (filling in for Ellen Greener), \$3,107.58, effective March 13, 2023
- Approve Staff Leave Requests:
 - Candice Nelson, Cook, effective March 30, 2023 - April 17, 2023
- Accept the resignation of Melissa Baron, Food Service Cook, effective February 24, 2023
- Accept the resignation of Wade Cagle, Cleaner, effective March 30, 2023
- Approval of Letter of Assignment with Amanda Demings, Child Nutrition-Kitchen Manager, effective January 24, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Approval of the 2022 Pay Equity Implementation Report
- Approval of the 2023-2024 School Calendar
- First Reading of Policies with substantive changes
 - Policy 410 - Family and Medical Leave Act
 - Policy 415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
 - Policy 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
 - Policy 534 - School Meals Policy and Addendum
- Scheduled Review of Policies
 - Policy 511 - Student Fundraising
 - Policy 512 - School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities
 - Policy 513 - Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design
- Revise Year for the Overnight Trip Request for FFA to Minnesota State FFA Convention in St. Paul, MN, April 24 - 25, 2023

Motion carried, 6:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by C. Eggen, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 6:0.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

A summary of preparations for upcoming negotiations was given.

The policy review cycle was discussed.

Legislative updates were given.

Superintendent Items

Superintendent Wedin gave an update on the development of the 2023-2024 school calendar and calendar survey information. A thank you was given to everyone for their continued support of Milaca Public School as we move into the fourth quarter and finishing the year. Communications that were sent to families, staff, and shared with the community

through the newspaper were shared. A thank you was given to Ben Barton, Superintendent of Princeton Public Schools for the joint effort in creating a newspaper communication celebrating Public Schools Week which took place February 27 through March 3, 2023.

Board Member Items

Chairperson, Aimee Struffert, discussed MSBA Officer Training and Negotiations Training.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

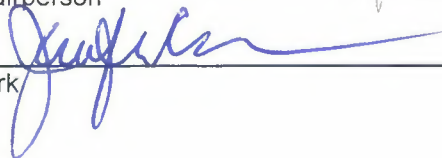
Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson

April 17, 2023

Date



Clerk

April 17, 2023

Date