

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:30 pm
High School Media Center

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the High School Media Center on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Rachelle Nelson.

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

Changes to Agenda:

V. Committee Reports

- 2. Committee of the Whole (2/1 & 2/16) – R. Nelson
 - c. Superintendent Interview (2/16) (addition)

VIII. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items

- 3. Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination
 - 3. Accept the retirement of Steve Hammero, ALC Director (addition)

IX. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Required

D. Superintendent Search (addition)

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Larsen, to approve the agenda with the above changes. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Committee Reports

R. Nelson reported on January 28 the Superintendent Evaluation Committee met to discuss Superintendent Wedin's evaluation and provide him feedback.

R. Nelson reported on February 1 the Committee of the Whole met for a learning model and budget update and on February 16 they conducted the superintendent interview with Superintendent Wedin.

Presentations

Superintendent Wedin provided a budget and learning model update.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal report: explained process for students in grades 9-12 to obtain credit for classes they failed; in 2019-20, 1,238 college in the schools credits were earned by 319 students, which was a savings of \$400,000 in tuition for families; Pierz sent a group of school board members, teachers, and the principal to visit the CTE expansion.

Elementary Principal report: K-6 returned to In-Person Learning on February 1; February conferences have been rescheduled for March 23 and 25 to give students, staff, and families more time in school prior to conferences; winter testing complete; planning PreK-kindergarten registration; February 12 Professional Development Day activities.

Activities Director report: congratulated Aiden Mikla who was awarded the 2020-21 Region 5A Triple A Award Winner and will represent Milaca Schools at the AAA State Competition; congratulated Audrey French and the cast of the One Act Play for placing first at subsections; congratulated Brody Ash, Jack Olson, and Brodee Zens on signing their National Letters of Intent to continue their education and football careers in college; a few programs impacted by COVID in January; wrestling and basketball post season update; updated registration numbers.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager report: youth wrestling, JO volleyball, and Tsunami started in February; youth baseball registration is open; ECFE classes started; Soo Bahk Do, Water Aerobics, Intro to Strength Training, and Intro to Competitive Swimming have started or are accepting registrations; Special Olympics hopes to start in April with bocce ball; snow removal budget update; continue to sanitizing high touch surfaces during the day; nightly cleaning and sanitizing is going well but event nights create additional needs; PPE supply has kept up with demand.

Business Manager report: FY20/21 and FY21/22 budget updates in progress; calendar year end filings complete; presented the financial picture of the district.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of minutes from the January 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 651185 to 651322 and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA to First National: \$800,000 on 1/15/21, LA transfer to First National: \$16,656.66 on 1/20/21 (bond transfer), \$700,000 on 1/28/21
- Change in hours for Molly Schwartz, Paraprofessional, from 37.5 hours/week to 34.25 hours/week, \$16.62/hour, effective January 15, 2021
- Hire Cory Ploeger, Head Softball Coach (replacing Emily McEwan), \$4,893.75, effective March 29, 2021
- Accept the retirement of Martin Garber, Band Teacher, effective June 3, 2021. Thank you, Martin, for 34 years of service to Milaca Public Schools.
- Rescind the hire of James Taylor, Grade 8 Girls Basketball, BA+20, Step 15, \$1,058.67, effective December 7, 2020
- Accept the retirement of Steve Hammero, ALC Director, effective July 1, 2021. Thank you, Steve, for 6 years of service to Milaca Public Schools.
- Staff Leave Requests
 - o Nicole Hoffman, Special Education Teacher, May 4 – June 2, 2021
 - o Sherry Lawson, Music Teacher, January 2-29, 2021

Motion carried, 7:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by A. Struffert 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
1/21/21	Milaca Youth Wrestling	Wrestling	Wrestling Singlets	\$1,466.26

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by J. Corrow and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Lange, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, R. Nelson

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by S. Larsen, second by S. Lange, to approve the Mass Dispensing Site Agreement with Mille Lacs County Community and Veterans Services, Community Health Unit. Motion carried, 7:0.

The board discussed how to proceed with the superintendent search. Motion by A. Struffert, second by N. Neuhart, to enter into contract negotiations with David Wedin for the position of superintendent. Motion carried, 7:0.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The board reviewed the enrollment numbers.

Superintendent and Board Member Items

Superintendent Wedin thanked the board and community for their support and looks forward to entering into negotiations for the superintendent position.

Superintendent Wedin reported on February 1 grades 3-6 returned for In-Person Learning five days a week and grades 7-9 returned for In-Person Learning four days a week. On February 16, grades 10-12 also returned for In-Person Learning four days a week.

Superintendent Wedin reported the sale of the land parcel located south of Highway 23 closed on Friday, February 12.

Superintendent Wedin reported as of February 8, 150 staff members had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. These staff should receive their second dose by March 2. There are currently 10 staff members on the waitlist for the vaccine. Per the governor's latest executive order, all school districts must provide COVID-19 saliva testing onsite. To date, Milaca has completed two onsite saliva testings and have had zero positives.

Superintendent Wedin reported having surveyed the community for the 2021-22 calendar. According to the survey results, the community and staff continue to support ending the school year by Memorial Day. A calendar will be developed and presented to the board for approval at the March or April board meeting.

Superintendent Wedin congratulated Aiden Mikla as the Region 5A Triple A winner. This is the first time in school history Milaca Public Schools has had a Region 5A winner. Superintendent Wedin congratulated Brody Ash, Jack Olson, and Brodee Zens on signing their National Letters of Intent to continue their education and football careers in college. Superintendent Wedin thanked the community members who helped with a medical emergency at a Pierz game.

Superintendent Wedin congratulated Julie Quayle, Martin Garber, and Steve Hammero on their retirements. Superintendent Wedin acknowledged that February 22-26, 2021 is School Board Member Recognition week and thanked the board members for their service to the district.

Board Member Items

J. Day reported he has been attending the MSBA negotiations training and the MSBA officer training.

R. Nelson congratulated Dr. Wedin on being selected to continue in the role of superintendent for Milaca Public Schools.

Motion by S. Lange, second by J. Corrow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

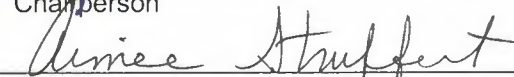
Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson

March 15, 2021

Date



Clerk

March 15, 2021

Date