

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, March 15, 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 Monday, March 15, 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:

VIII. Approval of the consent agenda

D. Personnel Items

5. Hire Tyler Haugen, Assistant Speech Coach (addition)

Motion by A. Struffert, second by N. Neuhart, 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 March 1 the Committee of the Whole met for a learning model and budget update.

Presentations

Superintendent Wedin presented on the financial state of the district.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal report: 10 students interested in the 10th grade Washington DC trip that has been postponed until November 2021; Small Business students teamed up with Pizza Central to host "Dine and Donate" to raise \$500 for the Milaca Food Shelf; Sno-Coming week was March 8-12 and included dress days, senior pep fest, Tik Tok challenge, school-wide bingo, and royalty; May 1 prom planning in progress.

Elementary Principal report: PreK-kindergarten registration held March 9; winter testing results show students accessing lessons via technology and students in Wolf Pack Essential Care demonstrated more reading and math growth than students without access to either; preparing for a math curriculum update; in preparation for 21/22 a Curriculum & Instruction Team was created to address curriculum and instruction priorities; during February "I Love to Read" month students participated in a read-a-thon and raised \$4,500 in donations for the Milaca Food Shelf.

Activities Director report: winter season is wrapping up and the spring season is starting; music programs planning for spring concerts and recording sessions; FFA celebrated FFA week in February; NHS blood drive scheduled for March 24; provided updated registration numbers for all activities and gate receipts comparison between 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager report: in addition to traditional programming new summer programs include pickleball and private swim lessons; adult volleyball and adult karate added to spring programming; paying construction retainage payments as work is completed and will finalize construction budget this month; due to COVID, the first facility rental of 2020/21 was on February 27.

Business Manager report: attended virtual MASBO winter conference; reimbursement request completed for July 1-December 21 CARES Act GER and ESSER expenditures in advance of March 15 deadline: GEER expenditures included technology, ESSER expenditures included funding for dedicated distance learning staff, additional custodian, and food service supply demands due to serving under COVID requirements; worked with EMECC to access a portion of the \$4,000 allocation being used to help fund hotspots; FY20/21 and FY21/22 budget updates continue until presented for June approval; presented the financial picture of the district.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of minutes from the February 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 651323 to 651450 and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA to First National: \$400,000 on 2/1/21, \$600,000 on 2/11/21, \$300,000 on 2/19/21, \$500,000 on 2/25/21, LA transfer to First National: \$21,885.51 on 2/16/21

- Hire April Wendorff, ECSE Long Term Substitute for Heather Rassler, BA, Step 1, \$10,697.41. effective March 3 – May 11, 2021
 - Hire Kayla Larson, Grade 8 Softball Coach (replacing Destiny Theisen), \$1,963.35, effective March 29, 2021
 - Hire Sasha Koenig, Wolf Pack Ready Tutoring, hours vary, \$30/hour, effective February 8, 2021
 - Hire Doug Patnode, Head Baseball Coach (replacing Nick Hoffman), \$5,031.90, effective March 29, 2021
 - Hire Tyler Haugen, Assistant Speech Coach (replacing Lily Truebenbach), \$2,181.50, effective February 15, 2021
 - Accept the resignation of Destiny Theisen, Grade 9 Softball Coach, effective February 18, 2021
 - Accept the resignation of Lily Truebenbach, Assistant Speech Coach, effective February 18, 2021
 - Accept the resignation of Sara Phillippi, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent, effective March 15, 2021
 - Accept the retirement of Linda Mickelson, Paraprofessional, effective June 2, 2021. Thank you, Linda, for 40 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
 - Staff Leave Requests
 - o Alicia Bah, February 4 – April 30, 2021
 - o Heather Rassler, March 3 – May 11, 2021 (revised from March 2 – May 7, 2021)
 - o Amy Goebel, February 22 – March 3, 2021
 - Approval the Memorandum of Understanding with Bemidji State University for Student Trained Internship
 - Approval of the 2021-2022 School Calendar
- 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 S.Larsen 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
2/3/21	Alternative Sources of Energy Grant	MHS Science Department	Monetary	\$1,375.00

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by S. Lange 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 A. Struffert, second by N.Neuhart, to approve the budget reduction list totaling \$1,155,786.33.

Right Sizing		\$437,080.00
5.0 FTE Elementary Teachers (4 Classroom, .5 Art, .5 Music)	\$337,080.00	
Transportation	\$100,000.00	
Reductions		\$535,943.93
3.0 FTE Elementary Teachers – ADSIS/DL	\$202,248.00	
3.0 FTE High School Teachers	\$202,248.00	
High School – 1 Section	\$8,802.33	
School Resource Officer	\$34,000.00	
Business Manager Savings	\$15,000.00	
2 High School Paraprofessionals – Not rehired for 20/21	\$22,430.40	
1 Elementary Paraprofessional – Not rehired for 20/21	\$11,215.20	
Activities	\$40,000.00	
HS Marching Band Adjustments	\$8,500.00	
JH Marching Band Adjustments	\$2,500.00	
Supply Budgets – 10%	\$5,000.00	

Chamber Choir	\$3,000.00
Reduction of travel/non conf games	\$5,500.00
1 JH Wrestling Coach	\$2,500.00
1 JH Speech Coach	\$2,500.00
Fall Play Assistant	\$2,000.00
Evaluating Additional Revenue/Programs	\$8,500.00

Reprogramming		\$182,762.40
School Readiness Programming		\$157,262.40
2.0 FTE Teachers	\$134,832.00	
2.0 Pre-School Paraprofessionals	\$22,430.40	
Adult Basic Education		\$15,500
Hour Reduction	\$7,500.00	
Office Relocation	\$8,000.00	
High School CIS Fees		\$10,000
Total Reductions		\$1,155,786.33

Motion carried, 7:0.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The board reviewed the enrollment numbers and the American Indian Parent Committee update.

Superintendent and Board Member Items

Superintendent Wedin provided a learning model update. While students are back in the building and things are going well, he continues to closely monitor the school and county COVID rates. To keep the students in In-Person learning the school and community need to continue to follow mitigation efforts.

Superintendent Wedin reported having conversations regarding the future of a Highway 23 project, from the bridge west of school to the east side of Milaca. Although this project is a few years out, it will allow us to evaluate how to improve safety and traffic flow for our school and community.

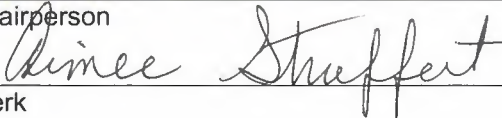
Superintendent Wedin reported as of March 9, all district staff that were interested in receiving the COVID vaccination have been provided the opportunity and many have received both doses. He estimates that 65-70% of the staff have received at least the first dose. Superintendent Wedin thanked Mille Lacs County Public Health for their support, assistance, and leadership through the vaccination process.

Superintendent Wedin reported meeting with Joel Mulford, President of Pine Technical and Community College. They discussed the continued partnership between the educational facilities and toured the Career and Technical Education spaces.

Board Member Items

Motion by J.Day, second by J.Corrow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

	April 19, 2021
Chairperson	Date
	April 19, 2021
Clerk	Date