

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, October 19, 2020 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, October 19, 2020, 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, Sara Larsen, Jeff Larson, Bryan Rensenbrink, Aimee Struffert. Rachelle Nelson attended via videoconference. Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Committee Reports

R. Nelson reported the Committee of the Whole met on October 5 to discuss the school resource officer, a learning model update, and review the ALC partnership agreement.

B. Rensenbrink reported the Building and Grounds Committee met on October 13 to discuss the school forest and Milaca trail system, a construction update, and review an Eagle Scout project.

B. Rensenbrink reported the Finance Committee met on October 13 to review enrollment, the budget calendar and levy certifications, and for a budget assumption with CARES Act Funding update.

Presentations

No presentations. After the meeting Superintendent Wedin led board members through a tour of the new construction.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal report: contact tracing contact; hybrid transition; certified nursing assistant program update; Bullying Awareness Week schedule (October 19-23); France trip postponed to 2022.

Elementary Principal report: "prestaging" for hybrid learning; Bullying Awareness Week; school wide Connection Committee Bingo; MAP testing complete; contact tracing overview.

Activities Director report: fall sports/activities update; spring sports "training" season; MSHSL COVID-19 Guidance Resources link; online ticketing update; streaming home varsity football, multiple levels of volleyball, basketball, and wrestling; baseball and softball dugouts replacement; activity registration update.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager report: CE registration numbers down and staffing levels adjusted; CE winter programming; cleaning plan update; construction update.

Business Manager report: CARES funding projections; submitted certified maximum levy to county; provided financial picture of the district.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of minutes from the September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 650623 to 650746 and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA to First National: \$750,000 on 9/14/20, \$600,000 on 9/29/20; LA transfers to First National: \$446,477.11 on 9/18/20
- Hire Clay Hoeck, Grade 8 Head Football Coach (replacing Corey Greninger), \$2,320.27, effective September 22, 2020
- Hire Jerica Ploeger, Grade 9 Girls Basketball Coach (replacing Sarah Dahlberg), \$2,835.95, effective November 9, 2020
- Hire Leslie Ploeger, Long Term Substitute for Rosemary Nelson, BA, Step 1, \$10,028.82, effective September 16 – November 19, 2020
- Hire Ann Solberg, Long Term ECFE Aide for Judith Swenson, 22 hours/week, \$11.00/hour, effective October 5 – December 18, 2020

- Hire Destiny Theisen, Grade 9 Softball Coach (replacing Rose Nelson), \$2,258.30, effective October 5, 2020
- Correction to the hire of Corey Greninger, Grade 9 Assistant Football Coach, BA, Step 15, \$3,974.00, (previously \$3,886.56), effective September 14, 2020
- Hire Kaleb Anderson, Head Boys Basketball Coach, BA, Step 5, \$5,305.85, effective November 16, 2020
- Accept the resignation of Amanda Buss, Wrap Around Care Aide, effective September 22, 2020
- Accept the resignation of Nick Hoffman, Varsity Baseball Coach, effective September 28, 2020
- Accept the resignation of Jean Fritz, Food Service, effective October 9, 2020
- Staff Leave Requests
 - o Rosemary Nelson, Elementary Teacher, September 16 – November 20, 2020 (revised from September 25 – December 4, 2020)
 - o Emily McEwan, Physical Education Teacher, October 26-30, 2020
- Approval of the 2020-2021 Region Facilities Use Agreement with MSHSL
- Annual Review of Policies: Policy 410 – Family and Medical Leave, Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence, Policy 414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, Policy 415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, Policy 506 – Student Discipline, Policy 514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy, Policy 522 - Student Sex Nondiscrimination, Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, Policy 806 - Crisis Management Policy
- Approve the 2020 -2021 Snow Removal Contract with Wills Lawn Care, LLC.

Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Larsen to approve the following resolution:

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
9/15/20	Milaca Swim Club, Inc.	Swimming/Diving	Monetary for Dive Coach Salary	\$1,200
9/28/20	Milaca Volleyball Boosters	Volleyball	Monetary toward Hudl camera and services	\$1,000

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

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The board reviewed the enrollment numbers.

Superintendent and Board Member Items

Superintendent Wedin reported approximately 60 seniors took the ACT test in October. The ACT will be offered to juniors in spring.

Superintendent Wedin reminded the board there are three school board member seats on the November 3 ballot. He thanked the six candidates for their interest to serve on the Milaca School Board.

Superintendent Wedin noted enrollment is down 70-75 students. Legislation is being proposed to hold school districts harmless for decline in enrollment by using the projected enrollment from February 2020. Currently, enrollment fluctuates. Superintendent Wedin will continue to study and monitor the changes in enrollment.

Superintendent Wedin applied for Project 10 Million which provides hotspots to families without internet connection. Milaca was approved for 92 hotspots through Project 10 Million. There would be a monthly cost and a 1-year commitment,

but no charge for the hotspot which is a savings of \$85 per unit. Currently Milaca has hotspots through AT&T and is evaluating to determine how many additional are needed. Milaca is the second school in Minnesota to be approved for hotspots through Project 10 Million.

Superintendent Wedin reported a group of area Superintendents have requested meeting with the Minnesota State High School League. This group is looking for clarification from MSHSL regarding the status of activities when a district is distance learning. Superintendent Wedin is also looking for explanation regarding MSHSL invoice. The invoice includes two COVID-19 installments of \$3,500 each, in addition to the regular invoice amount.

Superintendent Wedin provided a district learning model update. The county case numbers are rapidly increasing, leading to the county recommending the elementary transition to hybrid and the high school transition to distance learning. Superintendent Wedin has proposed to the county to continue the current learning model until October 29, allow a teacher prep day on October 30, and on November 2 transition to hybrid in the elementary and distance learning in the high school. The county may request the district make the transition earlier than November 2. Factors influencing the learning model transition are the number of cases within the school, MDH's county case numbers, Mille Lacs County Health case projections, and recommendations from the Regional Support Team (MDH/MDE), Mille Lacs County Health, and the Local Advisory Committee.

Superintendent Wedin asked the board if a special meeting was necessary to further discuss a learning model transition after he has more information from the county. The board directed Superintendent Wedin to continue working with the county and follow their recommendations. The board determined a special meeting was not needed.

Superintendent Wedin reported that although there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases within the school community, in both staff and students, it appears transmission is not from within the school. The district continues to monitor each case and analyze the case data for in-school transmission.

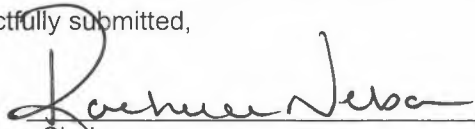
Board Member Items

J. Day offered his condolences to the Roger Diethelm family. Mr. Diethelm was a long time teacher at Milaca Schools.

S. Larson completed all School Board Member Phase Trainings with MSBA. The most recent one was via zoom and she was pleasantly surprised how fun and well done it was.

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson



Clerk

November 16, 2020

Date

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