

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 6:30 pm

Area Learning Center Meeting Space

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held at the Milaca Area Learning Center meeting space on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Larson.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Jere Day, Sara Larsen, Genevieve Plumadore, Bryan Rensenbrink, Aimee Struffert, Jeff Larson. Those absent: Rachelle Nelson. Superintendent Tim Truebenbach was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

VII. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items

2. Change in Assignment or Replacement

5. Change in assignment for Cally Haukos, School Readiness Care Student Aide (addition)
6. Notice of assignment for Cally Haukos, School Readiness Care Student Aide (addition)
7. Change in hours for Coryann Bockoven, Paraprofessional (addition)

3. Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination

1. Accept the resignation of Shelly Fournier, Grade 8 Softball Coach (addition)
2. Accept the resignation of Jeremy Mikla, Head Grade 9 Football Coach (addition)

4. Staff Leave Requests

1. Joel Foss, January 28 – March 12, 2019 (approximately) (revised return date)

XI. Superintendent and Board Member Items

A. Superintendent Report

1. School board Recognition Week (addition)
2. Budget Adjustment Version 3 (addition)

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to approve the agenda with the above changes. Motion carried.

Public Forum

Mr. Patnode, High School Principal, updated the board on the policy regarding students driving snowmobiles to school. The issue was that students driving snowmobiles to school cross city property, which is a violation of a city ordinance. The 2018-19 student handbook was updated to prohibit students from driving snowmobiles to school. However, with this year's epic winter, some students were not aware of this change and started arriving on snowmobile. Mr. Patnode acknowledged the handbook changes were not well communicated. In addition, the school district contacted the city looking for permission for snowmobiles to cross a small easement of city property, creating a safe snowmobile trail access to school grounds. The board directed administration to continue working with the city to find a resolution and bring an update to the February 25 Special Board meeting.

Community members, Michael Copeland, Chelsie Belkholm, Allen Beumer, and Tim Olson addressed the board regarding students riding snowmobiles to school and look forward to a resolution.

Committee Reports

J. Larson reported the Committee of the Whole met on February 4 and February 11 to discuss the 2018-2019 school calendar and a budget update.

J. Day reported Meet and Confer met on February 6 to discuss the student make up days, a custodial situation, background checks for volunteers and staff, and parking lot issues.

Presentations

Tearza Jones, the Pearl Crisis Center Youth Advocate and Safety Coordinator, reported on the Safe Dates curriculum used with some Milaca 10th grade students. The Safe Dates curriculum teaches students to identify and prevent abuse when dating or in a relationship. Seventy-six percent of the 74 tenth grade students who completed the satisfaction survey found the curriculum very or mostly helpful. This percentage is lower than students from Onamia and Princeton who have also participated in the program, which Ms. Jones contributes to being given less time to teach the curriculum at Milaca.

On a survey administered during Operation Community Connect, community members indicated sixth grade is when students should learn about healthy relationships. Ms. Jones meets weekly with the sixth grade class to teach about dating safety and relationships.

Ms. Jones also presented on Teens Against Date Abuse (TADA). TADA focuses on awareness about dating violence and sexual assault, healthy relationships, personal empowerment, self-worth, and self-confidence. TADA sends 3-4 text messages to members weekly using the Remind app. There are 36 members in Milaca receiving the messages from TADA. TADA gives students the opportunity to ask for help confidentially.

Consent Agenda

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by A. Struffert, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 647088 through 647252 and wire transfers
- Approval of the transfers from liquid assets to MN Trust: \$700,000 on 1/24/19
- Hire Ryan DeBoer, Assistant Grade 8 Boys Basketball Coach, BA+20, Step 1, \$1,677.44, effective February 1, 2019 through the 2019 season
- Change in hours for Teresa Nelson, Paraprofessional, 32.50 hours/week, \$17.38/hour, effective January 22, 2019 (previously 37.5 hours/week)
- Hire Donna Olson, Long Term Substitute Teacher for Cassandra Smith, MA+20, Step 15, \$31,913.70, effective February 4 – May 28, 2019
- Hire Ellen Johnson, JV Softball Coach (replacing Cory Ploeger), BA+20, Step 2, \$2,935.52, effective March 11, 2019
- Hire Wendy Hakes-Anderson, Assistant Girls Track Coach (replacing Amy Mertz), BA+20, Step 9, \$3,658.48, effective March 11, 2019
- Change in assignment for Cally Haukos, School Readiness Care Student Aide (in addition to Kids Town Student Aide), not to exceed 25 hours/week, \$9.86/hour, effective February 19, 2019
- Notice of assignment for Cally Haukos, Kids Town Student Aide (effective September 17, 2018) and School Readiness Care Student Aide (effective February 19, 2019), not to exceed 25 hours/week, \$9.86/hour
- Change in hours for Coryann Bockoven, Paraprofessional, 27 hours/week (previously 30 hours/week), \$16.62/hour, effective February 19, 2019
- Accept the resignation of Shelly Fournier, Grade 8 Softball Coach, effective February 10, 2019
- Accept the resignation of Jeremy Mikla, Head Grade 9 Football Coach, effective February 14, 2019
- Leave requests:
 - o Joel Foss, January 28 – March 12, 2019 (approximately)
 - o Cassandra Smith, February 4 – May 28, 2019 (Revised. Previously approved: April 5 – May 28, 2019)
- Third reading of policies: Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity, Policy 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings, Policy 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
- Approve the overnight trip request for the grade 7 band Duluth trip, April 12-13, 2019
- Approve the overnight trip request for the Robotics team to compete in the regional tournament in Duluth, March 7-9, 2019

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on 2019-20 student registration; thanked student council, Ms. Quaintance, and volunteers who helped with Sno Days Week; representatives from Foley and Pierz school districts toured the flexible seating/space and Media Center.

The Elementary Principal reported if students meet their “I Love to Read Month” reading goal hours, they earn an “Interest Day” where staff will teach students a hobby or interest; thanked Shannon Lepper, Lisa Greninger, volunteers, and attendees for making PTO bingo night a huge success; met with fourth grade language arts teachers to analyze errors and reading achievement focus discussions.

The Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator provided a winter testing update and the spring testing schedule; Milaca hosted Morlaca Professional Development Collaboration on February 15; continuing instruction meetings with focus area discussions and winter testing data review; the American Indian Concurrence was delayed due to weather and will be on the March board agenda.

The Assistant Principal of Student Activities reported One Act Play were the Sub-Section Champions and finished third at Sections; hosted team wrestling finals in February; girls and boys basketball playoffs are about to begin.

The Community Education Director/Facilities Manager reported the Student Positive Community Norms survey was administered to grades 6-12 and the results will be available in April; Pathway II Scholarship for early learning programs has been renewed and the district will receive \$37,500/year for two years; the extreme cold weather required natural gas and electricity curtailments.

The Business Manager was not present but provided a written report: continuing to work on FY20 budgets to be approved at the June meeting; revised budgets for FY19 are being finalized and will be approved at the March or April meeting; ACA tax information for employees is being finalized and should be available soon; presented the financial picture of the district.

The board broke for a break at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by A. Struffert, second by G. Plumadore, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Day, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the weather related student make-up day on April 22, 2019. Roll call. Those voted in favor: J. Day, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Larson. Those voted against: S. Larsen, G. Plumadore. Those absent: R. Nelson. Motion carries.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to postpone the approval the Interagency Family Facilitator Service Agreement until the March Board Meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the enrollment numbers.

Superintendent and Board Member Items

Superintendent Truebenbach provided an updated budget reduction list for board review and discussion.

From around the district, School Board Recognition Week was February 18-22. Superintendent Truebenbach recognized and thanked the board members for their service to the district.

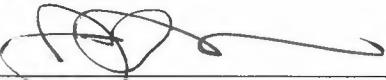
Board Member Items:

The board reviewed the Student Activities Accounts.

J. Larson expressed that being a school board member is a difficult job. He explained that part of his role as chairperson is to set the board agendas with the superintendent. If any board members have questions or concerns they would like to discuss, or items they would like to be considered for addition to board meeting agendas, he welcomed them to contact him.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

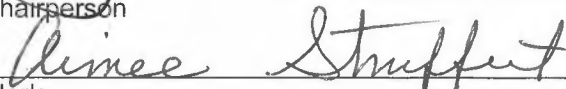
Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson

March 27, 2019

Date



Clerk

March 27, 2019

Date