

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, February 25, 2019 6:30 pm

Area Learning Center Meeting Space

A special 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 Monday, February 25, 2019, for the purpose of budget reductions and additions.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Larson.

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

Changes to Agenda:

V. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

B. Approval of the Rum River Sno Riders Snowmobile Trail Landowner Permit (addition)
Lettering of action items following the addition of this item were adjusted as necessary.

P. Approval of Rescheduling the March 18, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting (addition)

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

Public Forum

No one spoke at public forum.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by A. Struffert, to allow students to drive snowmobiles to school grounds with permit.
Motion carried.

Motion by J. Day, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the Rum River Sno Riders snowmobiles trail landowner permit.
Motion carried.

The board recessed at 6:44 p.m. to wait for the arrival of G. Plumadore. G. Plumadore arrived and the board reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by R. Nelson, second by J. Day, to approve budget reductions in supplies/fees/and other areas, totaling \$234,600, including:

Supplies	11,000
Curriculum Supplies	30,000
SCSU Classes	6,600
Chiller Adjustments-cost avoidance	8,000
Transition Program-RRSEC	100,000
Board minutes summary in newspaper	4,000
Level III Program-RRSEC	55,000
Tracks/tales frequency-1 time/month	8,000
District Calendar Costs	2,000
One less student day-Transportation	10,000
	\$234,600

and pull the following items to be discussed individually:

Reduction in number of events	5,400
Bus Route reduction	84,000

Motion carried.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to approve the budget reduction in the number of events (\$5,400). G. Plumadore requested the item be moved to the end of the agenda for consideration once all reductions have been considered. B. Rensenbrink amended his motion to move the item to the end of the agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the budget reduction of bus routes (\$84,000). S. Larsen asked for clarification and G. Plumadore is not comfortable making the reduction without giving families opportunity to voice concerns. Friendly amendment by A. Struffert, second by B. Rensenbrink, to table the motion until the next board meeting. Motion carried to table.

The board recessed to fix the sound at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by R. Nelson, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve budget adjustments to increase revenue, totaling \$211,000, including:

Gate Fees	40,000
Activity Fees	51,000
Technology Sell Back	10,000
Land Sales-Right of Way	8,000
Food Service Indirect Fee	30,000
HS Student Parking Fees	6,000
ALC Seat Program	40,000
Donation Interest	26,000
	\$211,000

Motion carried.

Motion by G. Plumadore, second by J. Day, to approve budget adjustments to be subsidized, totaling \$91,520, including:

ACT Testing	4,000
Band Rental Fees	5,890
Student iPad Fees	5,500
Student Activity Fees	6,130
Counselor	70,000
	\$91,520

and pull the new student support position (\$70,000) for consideration at the end of the agenda. J. Larson clarified the subsidy would come from an anonymous community member donation. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by R. Nelson, to approve the budget reduction of three elementary teachers (\$165,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Day, R. Nelson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Larson. Those voted against: S. Larsen, G. Plumadore. Motion carried, 5:2.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget reduction of technology support hours (\$27,500). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: R. Nelson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Day, J. Larson. Those voted against: S. Larsen, G. Plumadore. Motion carried, 5:2.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the budget reduction of three elementary paraprofessionals (\$75,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: R. Nelson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson. Those voted against: G. Plumadore. Motion carried, 6:1.

Motion by R. Nelson, second by J. Day, to approve the budget reduction resulting from the restructure of ADSIS (2 teachers, 1 paraprofessional) (\$134,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Day, R. Nelson, J. Larson. Those voted against: G. Plumadore, S. Larsen. Motion carried, 5:2.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget reduction of a high school social studies teacher (\$55,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson, J. Larson. Those voted against: S. Larsen, G. Plumadore. Abstained: J. Day. Motion carried, 4:2:1.

Motion by R. Nelson, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the budget reduction of a high school instructional coach (\$4,000). Motion carried.

Motion by J. Day, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the budget reduction of high school interventions programs (\$15,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: A. Struffert, J. Day, S. Larsen, R. Nelson, B. Rensenbrink, J. Larson. Those voted against: G. Plumadore. Motion carried, 6:1.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the budget reduction of curriculum writing salaries (\$15,000). Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the budget reduction of the Curriculum & Instruction Coordinator (\$114,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Larson. Those voted against: J. Day, S. Larsen, R. Nelson, G. Plumadore, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert. Motion failed, 6:1.

Motion by J. Day, second by G. Plumadore, to approve the budget reduction of fewer board study sessions (\$5,700). Friendly amendment by J. Day to approve the budget reduction of no board member compensation for study sessions. Motion carried to approve the budget reduction of no board member compensation for study sessions.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to approve rescheduling the March 18, 2019 regular board meeting to March 27, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Day, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget reduction in the number of events (\$5,400). Friendly amendment by S. Larsen, accepted by J. Day, to table until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget adjustment to be subsidized by a donation of a new student support position (\$70,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: S. Larsen, G. Plumadore, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Day. Those voted against: R. Nelson, J. Larson. Motion carried, 5:2.

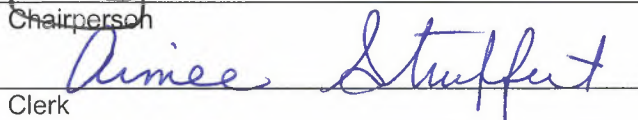
B. Rensenbrink inquired about a March work session. The board scheduled a work session for March 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

G. Plumadore commented that over the past month and half of being on the board, she has heard from the community about the difficulty of the process, and wanted fellow board members to know that her strategy going through the lists was not to be an obstructionist, but to ask questions, so she would feel comfortable making decisions that are in the best interest of the kids. The process has been difficult, and she feels she did not have as much information as she would have liked, which resulted in many of her votes against the motions. She is looking forward to working with the board in the future.

J. Larson thanked the staff, administration, and the board for their role in the difficult process of making reductions. He appreciates the fact the process is especially hard for new board members and looks forward to learning how to work together.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Day, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson
Clerk

March 27, 2019

Date

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