

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, June 16, 2025 6:00 pm
ALC

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota, was held in the ALC on Monday, June 16, 2025, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Aimee Struffert.

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

Changes to Agenda:

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

D. Personnel Items

New Positions / Change in Assignment / Replacement

52. Accept the continued assignment of Melissa Tellinghuisen, District Literacy Lead. The stipend for the 2025-2026 school year is \$3,750.00. The position and stipend will be reviewed on an annual basis due to evaluating need and legislative requirements - *addition*

Motion by S. Lange, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Committee Reports

1. *Committee of the Whole (6/2) - A. Struffert*

- a. *Policies*
- b. *Budget Discussion*
- c. *2024-2025 Reflection*
- d. *Staff of the Year*
- e. *Learning Update*
- f. *Other*

Presentations

A presentation was given of the 2024-2025 Revised Budget and 2025-2026 Original Budget by Christina Wordes, Business Manager.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal: updates were given on staffing for the 2025-2026 school year with the Agriculture Teacher position filled by Ms. Brooke Converse, the School Counselor position filled by Ms. Amanda Otto, the Physical Education and Health position filled by Mr. Peter Schommer, the English position filled by Ms. Julia Danielson, the Special Education position filled by Ms. Stephanie Bekius, the Interventionist position filled by Ms. Angela Helle, the ALC Lead position filled by Ms. Samantha Stuckey, and still needing to fill a Social Studies Teacher position; updates on Graduation, with a thank you to all who helped to make it a success; information was also given on the implementation of Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

Elementary Principal: an update was given on staffing for the 2025-2026 school year with a Physical Education position filled by Ms. Ashley Pool, an Art position filled by Ms. Rita Ganley, a Speech Language Pathology position filled by Renee Lejonvarn, and still needing to fill positions for a Social Worker, Interventionist Teacher, and Paraprofessionals; updates were also given on Elementary summer programming, completion of the READ Act data submission, ADSIS Plan, and Federal Grants due at the end of the month of June.

Activities Director/Dean of Students: gave updates on the end of the spring sports season including Track and Field, Baseball, Softball, and Boys and Girls Golf; an update was also given on participation numbers.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager: updates were given for Community Education on summer programming and Voluntary PreKindergarten. A facility update was given on the project in the Main Gym and summer projects dealing with lighting and concrete work at the main entrance.

Business Manager Report: gave an update on the financial picture of the district.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by C. Eggen, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA/MN Trust to First National Bank: \$800,000.00 on May 1, 2025, \$800,000.00 on May 14, 2025, and \$600,000.00 on May 29, 2025
- Hire Craig Talberg, 7th Grade Baseball Coach (replacing John Calhoun), \$3,240.41, effective March 25, 2025
- Hire Kyle Shepard, ALC Summer Teacher, up to 65 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Nicole Hoffman, Summer ESY Teacher, up to 48 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Dave Grilz, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 59 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Mary Strohmayr, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 59 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Marty Eggen, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 55 total hours, \$16.87 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Tracy Schmitz, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 55 total hours, \$17.60 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Sandy Dahler, Summer ECSE Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$19.87 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Coryann Bockoven, Summer ECSE Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$19.87 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Christine Torkelson, Summer ECSE Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$16.33 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire LeeAnn Petty, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$16.33 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Kristie Steffenson, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$19.87 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Hailey Larsen, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$16.33 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Kayla Miller, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 68.75 total hours, \$16.87 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Hailey Steffenson, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$16.33 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Tricia Volonnino, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 60.5 total hours, \$18.39 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Sarah Aderman, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Cory Anderson, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Krystal Forbord, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Krystal Forbord, School Readiness Summer Camp Instructor, up to 52 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective July 22, 2025 - August 7, 2025
- Hire Corey Greninger, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Roberta Kightlinger, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Sasha Koenig, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Michele Leom, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Derrick Lepper, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Shannon Lepper, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025

- Hire Melissa Tellinghuisen, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire MaryJo Vickers, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Lisa Greninger, Summer Targeted Services Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Chuck Henkemeyer, Summer ESY Speech Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Chuck Henkemeyer, Summer B-5 Speech, up to 108 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Sarah Larsen, Summer ESY Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Meghan Hermanson, Summer ESY Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Christine Hostrawser, Summer ESY Teacher, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Christine Hostrawser, Summer ECSE Evaluations, up to 60 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Heather Rassler, Summer ECSE Evaluations, up to 60 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Betsy Wall, Summer B-2 Home, up to 12 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Betsy Wall, Summer ECSE Evaluations, up to 60 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Becky Haukos, Summer B-2 Home, up to 240 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Andrea Swenson, Summer B-2 Home, up to 48 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Kim Wendt, Summer ECSE Evaluations, up to 60 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Kim Wendt, Summer B-2 Home, up to 324 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 2, 2025 - August 24, 2025
- Hire Kayla Feters, Summer Targeted Services Nurse, up to 64.5 total hours, \$30.00 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Thomas Leom, Seasonal Summer Cleaner, up to 40 hours per week, \$14.00 per hour, effective June 9, 2025 - August 15, 2025
- Hire Seema Bemboom, Summer ESY Paraprofessional, up to 44 total hours, \$16.33 per hour, effective June 3, 2025 - June 26, 2025
- Hire Brandon Kiel, Head Boys Basketball Coach (replacing Sam Hasz), \$6,200.26, effective June 1, 2025
- Hire Michele Leom, 1/3 Elementary Mentor Teacher, \$1,200.15, effective 2024-2025 school year
- Hire Michelle Stupar, 1/3 Elementary Mentor Teacher, \$1,200.15, effective 2024-2025 school year
- Hire Deb Gerrard, 1/3 Elementary Mentor Teacher, \$1,200.15, effective 2024-2025 school year
- Hire Stephanie Bekius, High School Special Education Teacher, MA, Step 10, \$71,379.00, effective August 19, 2025
- Hire Ellianna Schendel, Summer Preschool Classroom Assistant, up to 33.75 total hours, \$12.00 per hour, effective July 22, 2025 - August 7, 2025
- Accept the continued assignment of Melissa Tellinghuisen, District Literacy Lead. The stipend for the 2025-2026 school year is \$3,750.00. The position and stipend will be reviewed on an annual basis due to evaluating need and legislative requirements
- Accept staff leave requests:
 - Caprice Larson, School Counselor, anticipated September 2, 2025 - November 25, 2025
 - Tim Gruba, Head Custodian, May 27, 2025 - June 10, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Michelle Stupar, School Social Worker, effective May 29, 2025
- Accept the retirement of Juliana Haen, High School World Language Teacher, effective May 28, 2025. Thank you, Juliana, for 15 years
- Accept the resignation of Molly Schwartz, Paraprofessional, effective May 30, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Brandon Kiel, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective June 2, 2025
- Accept the resignation of John Hodson, 0.5 Assistant Boys Track Coach, effective May 27, 2025
- Accept the resignation of John Hodson, Junior High Cross Country Coach, effective May 27, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Corey Greninger, 0.5 Assistant Boys Track Coach, effective June 2, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Anthony Rosenthal, Custodian Class 1, effective June 30, 2025
- Scheduled Review of Policies:
 - Policy 101 - Legal Status of the School District
 - Policy 101.1 - Name of the School District
 - Policy 103 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons

- Policy 416 - Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing
 - Policy 417 - Chemical Use and Abuse
 - Policy 418 - Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
 - Policy 420 - Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions
 - Policy 421 - Gifts to Employees and School Board Members
 - Policy 422 - Policies Incorporated by Reference
 - Policy 423 - Employee-Student Relationships
 - Policy 424 - License Status
 - Policy 427 - Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers
 - First Reading and Approval of Policies with minor/legal changes in compliance with legislative updates:
 - Policy 102 - Equal Educational Opportunity
 - Policy 104 - School District Mission Statement
 - Policy 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction
 - Policy 509 - Enrollment of Nonresident Students
 - Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
 - Approval of the 2025-2026 Minnesota School Board Association Membership, \$6,975.00
- Motion carried, 7:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by S. Lange, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by N. Neuhart 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
May - 2025	Federated Coops	Milaca High School - Student Services	Scholarship	\$2,000.00
May - 2025	American Red Cross	Milaca High School - National Honor Society and Damian Fish	Scholarship	\$1,500.00

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, C. Eggen, S. Lange, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by N. Neuhart to adopt the 2025-2026 resolution for membership in the Minnesota State High School League. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by S. Larsen and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Lange, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by C. Eggen, second by S. Lange, to approve the revised FY25 Budget. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to approve the FY26 Budget. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by C. Eggen to adopt the resolution certifying the population estimate for the 2025 payable 2026 levy of Independent School District #912. 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, C. Eggen, S. Lange, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Items

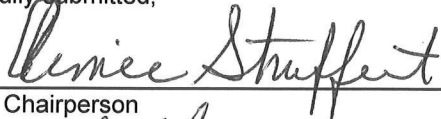
Superintendent Wedin gave an update on varying office hours for summer in the High School Office, Elementary School Office, District Office, and Community Education Office. Information was given on free summer meals offered from June 2, 2025 - July 31, 2025. Updates were also given on summer programming happening including Summer School, July Jamboree, and Community Education events.

Board Member Items

Board member, Nathan Neuhart, suggested some ideas for sharing positives that are happening at Milaca Public Schools. Chairperson, Aimee Struffert, shared her pride in the marching band throughout the years for its inclusiveness to all students.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Lange, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried 7:0.

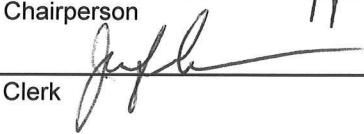
Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson

July 21, 2025

Date



Clerk

July 21, 2025

Date