

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 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, January 20, 2026, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson Aimee Struffert.

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

Changes to Agenda:

IX. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION IS REQUESTED

- D. Approval of the Nomination of Jennifer Corrow for Reelection to the Resource Training and Solutions Resource Board of Directors for a Term of April 2026 through March 2030 - *addition*

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Grieser, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Committee Reports

- A. *Food Service Negotiations Committee Meeting (12/16) - J. Corrow*
 - 1. *Food Service Negotiations*
 - 2. *Other*
- B. *Reorganizational Board Meeting (1/5) - A. Struffert*
 - 1. *Reorganization of the School Board*
 - 2. *Other*
- C. *Paraprofessional Negotiations Committee Meeting (1/8) - N. Neuhart*
 - 1. *Paraprofessional Negotiations*
 - 2. *Other*

Presentations

No presentations were given.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal: updates were given on the upcoming Sno Dayz Week activities with the theme of Candyland, preparation for 2nd Semester with registration for the 2026-2027 school year in February, continuing READ Act training, and the Minnesota Multi-Tiered Systems of Support being implemented in the high school this school year.

Elementary Principal: updates were given on Winter benchmarking and assessments being conducted, the elementary school language arts team's research of curricula and intervention programs, and the upcoming I Love to Read month in February with a theme of "Reading Race."

Activities Director/Dean of Students: updates were given on Winter Sports including Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball - highlighting the Free Throw-a-thon Fundraiser and youth appreciation night for Youth Basketball teams, and Boys and Girls Wrestling; ticket purchasing options through GoFan were highlighted with online ticket sales going well; participation numbers were also reviewed.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager: an update was given for Community Education on the shortage of Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors which is directly affecting the offering of Swimming Lessons, and a Pre-K and Wrap Around Care update was given for the 2026-2027 school year with information going out shortly. A facility update was given on the shortage of Custodial staffing and a recent random inspection and walk through by MN OSHA.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the January 5, 2026 Reorganizational Board Meeting
- Approval of December checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA/MN Trust to First National Bank: \$600,000.00 on December 1, 2025, \$800,000.00 on December 16, 2025, and \$800,000.00 on December 29, 2025
- Hire Kimberly Yates, Paraprofessional, 23.75 hours per week, \$16.33 per hour, effective January 5, 2026
- Hire Melinda Klein, Paraprofessional Long Term Substitute (Connie Herges), 34.15 hours per week, \$16.33 per hour, effective January 8, 2026 - May 1, 2026
- Accept staff leave requests:
 - Rebecca Wuensch, Elementary ADSIS Teacher, December 19, 2025 - January 30, 2026
 - Deborah Peterson, Elementary SPED Teacher, January 14, 2026 - March 11, 2026
 - Casey Holmgren, Technology Support Specialist, tentative January 6, 2026 - April 1, 2026
 - Caprice Larson, High School Counselor, January 5, 2026 - March 27, 2026
 - Kelly Neubarth, Paraprofessional, November 25, 2025 - February 11, 2026
- Accept the termination of Hunter Glanz, Class 1 Custodian, effective December 17, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Jeffery Raczka, Class 1 Custodian, effective December 16, 2025
- Accept the termination of Matthew Gonzalez, Class 1 Custodian, effective December 22, 2025
- Accept the resignation of Leah Chalberg, Food Server, effective January 13, 2026
- Accept Staff Lane Changes:
 - Mandy Anderson, MA/BA+40 to MA+10, \$79,479.00
 - Jackie Barland, MA+10 to MA+20, \$87,842.50
 - Stephanie Bekius, MA/BA+40 to MA+10, \$75,146.50
 - Julia Danielson, BA+20 to MA/BA+40, \$60,497.00
 - Krystal Forbord, MA/BA+40 to MA+10, \$56.24 per hour
 - Corey Greninger, MA/BA+40 to MA+10, \$83,937.00
 - Sarah Larsen, BA to MA/BA+40, \$52,684.00
 - Rebecca Wuensch, MA/BA+40 to MA+10, \$79,479.00
- Approve the Letter of Assignment with Casey Holmgren, Technology Support Specialist, effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027
- Approve the Revision to the dates of the Approved Overnight Trip for 10th Grade to Washington D.C., from April 9 - 12, 2026 to April 7 - 10, 2026

Motion carried, 6:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 6:0.

Motion by J. Day 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
December 2025	Tee Off for Terry	Milaca High School - Tony Vesledahl	Donation for Building Trades	\$3,600.00
December 2025	American Legion	Milaca High School - Andrew Nelson	Donation for Marching Band	\$2,000.00

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

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to approve the 2025-2027 Food Service Contract. Motion carried, 6:0.

Motion by S. Grieser, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the Nomination of Jennifer Corrow for Reelection to the Resource Training and Solutions Resource Board of Directors for a Term of April 2026 through March 2030. Motion carried, 6:0.

Superintendent Items

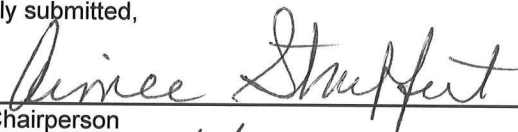
Superintendent Wedin gave an update on the schedule alterations due to winter weather and the two school closure days so far this year. The annual reorganizational school board meeting was held on January 5, 2026 and all of the 2025 school board officers were reelected for 2026 as follows: Chairperson, Aimee Struffert; Vice Chairperson, Sara Herr-Larsen; Clerk, Jennifer Corrow; and Treasurer, Jere Day. Thanks was given to the school board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the annual MSBA Conference which took place on January 14-16, 2026. An update was given on the new School Resource Officer, Deputy Peterson, who started with Milaca Public Schools on January 5, 2026. Some "paw-sitives" including the ribbon cutting for the remodeled gym hosted by the Milaca Area Chamber and Milaca Public Schools Relations Committee, a meeting held with Representative Schultz prior to the legislative session, and a thank you to the ALC staff for their work on a smooth transition into this school year.

Board Member Items

Vice-Chairperson Sara Herr-Larsen shared a compliment that she received on the Milaca 7-12 Online program.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Larsen, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

February 17, 2026

Date


Clerk

February 17, 2026

Date