

School Board Meeting Minutes  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912  
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353  
Monday, April 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, April 20, 2026, 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, Sara Grieser, Sara Larsen, Nathan Neuhart, Aimee Struffert. The Superintendent, David Wedin, was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

VI. PRESENTATIONS

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Discussion - *addition*

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

D. Personnel Items

New Positions/Change in Assignment/Replacement

8. Hire Trent Pratka, Jr. High Girls Track Coach (replacing Nicole Hoffman), \$2,370.83, effective March 24, 2026 - *addition*

IX. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION IS REQUESTED

F. Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of Rum River Special Education Cooperative - *addition*

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by C. Eggen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Presentations

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Discussion - Regarding the American Indian Education Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the minutes from the March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- Approval of March checks and wires
- Approval of transfer from PMA/MN Trust to First National Bank: \$400,000.00 on March 2, 2026, \$750,000.00 on March 11, 2026, \$250,000.00 on March 23, 2026, and \$1,000,000.00 on March 27, 2026.
- Hire Emily Arens, Paraprofessional (Long Term Substitute for Kelly Neubarth), 33.75 hours per week, \$16.57 per hour, effective March 24, 2026 - May 26, 2026
- Hire Brent Jergens, 9th Grade Baseball Coach (replacing Alex Peterson), \$3,081.85, effective March 16, 2026
- Accept change in assignment with Craig Talberg, from 7th Grade Baseball Coach to 8th Grade Baseball Coach (replacing Brent Jergens), \$3,337.61, effective March 13, 2026
- Hire Brooke Converse, Assistant FFA Advisor (replacing Leanne Pietrzak), \$2,634.25, effective September 2, 2025
- Hire Wesley Johnson, Part Time Class 1 Cleaner (replacing Stephanie Riely), 12 hours per week, \$16.43 per hour, effective April 1, 2026
- Hire Jeramie Peterson, 7th Grade Softball Coach (replacing Beth Sumner), \$2,370.83, effective March 24, 2026
- Hire Ryan DeBoer, 7th Grade Baseball Coach (replacing Craig Talberg), \$2,370.83, effective March 24, 2026
- Hire Trent Pratka, Jr. High Girls Track Coach (replacing Nicole Hoffman), \$2,370.83, effective March 24, 2026
- Accept staff leave requests:
  - Lisa Greninger, Paraprofessional, 2025-2026 school year
- Accept the resignation of Brent Jergens, 8th Grade Baseball Coach, effective March 12, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Christine Nelson, Assistant Director Color Guard, effective March 16, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Charles Cooper, Assistant Director Percussion, effective March 16, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Brody Hoskins, Kids Town Student Aide, effective March 30, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Annabelle Foote, Wrap Around Care Aide/Kids Town Aide, effective May 1, 2026
- Accept the retirement of Andrew Nelson, High School Band, effective July 10, 2026. Thank you, Andrew, for 23 years of service!
- Accept the resignation of Andrew Nelson, Jazz Band Director, effective July 10, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Andrew Nelson, High School Summer Marching Band Director, effective July 10, 2026
- Accept the resignation of Andrew Nelson, Pep Band Director, effective July 10, 2026

- Accept the resignation of Andrew Nelson, Senior Class Advisor, effective July 10, 2026
- Third Reading of New Policies:
  - Policy 507.5 - School Resource Officers
- Name Steve Voshell as LEA (Local Education Agency) Representative 2026-2027 in Filling Application Under Public Law 107-110

Motion carried, 7:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

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

Motion by C. Eggen 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 |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| March 2026 | Initiative Foundation         | Milaca High School - Science Department | Energy Grant                 | \$1,400.00   |
| March 2026 | American Legion Gambling Fund | Milaca High School                      | Milaca Travels               | \$2,000.00   |
| March 2026 | Gabe Erickson and Family      | District Office                         | Golf Cart for District Use   |              |

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by J. Corrow and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Grieser, 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 resolution to designate an Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management designating David Wedin, david.wedin@milaca.k12.mn.us, EDIAM user ID: david.wedin, to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Milaca Public Schools (ISD #912). The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by J. Day and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Grieser, 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 resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teacher contract of Roberta Kightlinger, a probationary teacher. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by C. Eggen and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Grieser, 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 resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teacher contract of Deborah Winkler, a probationary teacher. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by S. Grieser and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Grieser, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

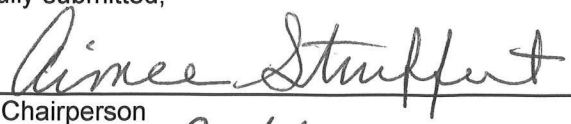
Motion by N. Neuhart to adopt the resolution approving Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of Rum River Special Education Cooperative. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by J. Day and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Grieser, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Board Member Items

Board Chairperson, Aimee Struffert, provided information on ECMECC to board members.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by N. Neuhart, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 7:0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairperson

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May 18, 2026

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Clerk

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