

# School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

6:30 p.m.

High School Media Center

The regular and closed meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the High School Media Center on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 for the purpose of discussing Board business and a student expulsion (MN §. 121A.43 to 121A.53)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Herzing.

M. Herzing noted the passing of Herb Claffy, beloved teacher, coach, and Milaca Hall of Fame member.

The Board presented a certificate to Wrestling Coaches Mitch Vedders and Clay Hoeck, for exemplifying and teaching Milaca athletes outstanding sportsmanship and compassion. The Board also presented a certificate and to a wrestler for his display of outstanding sportsmanship and compassion. The wrestler was not present, so the certificate was given to the coaches to deliver.

Upon Roll Call the following members were present: Jeff Larson, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Bryan Rensenbrink, Todd Quaintance, Mark Herzing, Judy Pearson. Superintendent Jerry Hansen, was also present.

## Changes to Agenda:

### V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

#### D. Personnel Items

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted Position Creation:

6. Hire Adam Babos, Class 1 Cleaner

E. Approval of Girls Golf Overnight Trip Request to Attend a Tournament in New London Spicer – cost of trip updated

### VII Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

D. Approval to Hire One Elementary Education Teacher – clarification: Elementary Special Education Teacher

Motion by J. Larson, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the agenda with the above changes. Motion carried.

## Public Forum

Martin Garber, Andrew Nelson, and Laura Odden addressed the Board regarding Music staffing.

Leah Sams, Craig Santema, Jenny Santema and Jason Fulin addressed the Board regarding forming a boys swimming team.

## Consent Agenda

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by L. Larson, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2014 Regular and Reorganizational Board Meeting and the January 31, 2014 Emergency Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 635319 through 635513 and wire transfers
- Approval of the MN Trust Transfers to checking: \$1,000,000 on 1/3/14, \$400,000 on 1/13/14,
- Approval of the MN Trust Transfers to First National: \$522,000 on 1/14/14, \$485,000 on 1/29/14, \$230,000 on 1/31/14
- Hire Allie Johnson, Assistant 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, \$1,236, effective January 13, 2014
- Hire Damian Fish, Homebound Instructor, \$24/hour, 20 hours/maximum, effective February 2 – 28, 2014
- Hire Wendy Anderson, Assistant Track Coach (shared with Spencer Somerlot), \$1,281, effective March 10, 2014
- Hire Anita Baron, 9th Grade Softball Coach, \$1,765, effective March 10, 2014
- Hire Dave Dillan, Homebound Instructor, \$24/hour, maximum 11.25 hours, January 6 – June 4, 2014
- Hire Adam Babos, Class 1 Cleaner, \$10.50/hour + \$0.50/hour for night shift, 2:45 – 11:15 p.m., Monday – Friday, effective February 18, 2014
- Accept the resignation of Andrea Mikla, Prom Co-Advisor, effective February 10, 2014
- Approval of the Girls Golf Overnight Trip Request to attend a tournament in New London Spicer, April 24-27, 2014
- Approve March 25, March 26, and possibly March 27, as weather related make-up days for the ALC
- Approve February 17, March 7, April 17 and June 5, as Teacher Workshop make-up days due to weather related closures

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

#### Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on Ramp Up to Readiness and registration.

The Elementary Principal reported on the teacher request process.

The Activities Director reported on the fee structure, the Wrestling team will compete at the State Tournament on Feb. 27-28, spring activities start March 10, NHS blood drive is scheduled for March 12, and updated the Board on the Softball Co-op with Faith-Christian.

The Community Education Director reported that the Milaca Public Schools District 0912 intends to apply for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 6 Grant, Just For Kix is returning to rent the facilities, and updated the Board on the Trap Shooting Team.

The public has been notified that Milaca Public Schools District 0912 intends to apply for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 6 Grant.

The Business Manager provided the Board with an update on the financial picture of the district.

#### Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Pearson, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Pearson, second by J. Chambers, to create the position and hire an Early Childhood Coordinator and Teacher, \$55,500. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Larson, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, B. Rensenbrink, M. Herzing, J. Pearson. Those voted against: T. Quaintance. Motion carried, 6:1.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to create the position and hire a Director of Student Achievement, \$103,600. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Larson, to hire one Elementary Special Education Teacher, \$27,600. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Larson, second by B. Rensenbrink, to hire one High School Special Education Teacher, \$27,600. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by T. Quaintance, to create the position and hire a Reading Recovery Teacher, \$65,000. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Pearson to purchase Compass-Odyssey, a K-8 web based Reading and Math program, \$15,700. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Pearson, second by B. Rensenbrink, to authorize the High School Principal to assign overloads that increase elective opportunities for students (need based). J. Larson amended the motion to cap the amount at \$75,000. Amendment withdrawn. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Larson, second by A. Struffert, to authorize General Education Funds for facility repairs and maintenance, \$50,000. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Pearson, to authorize funds for Capital/Equipment Expenditures for ECFE, Reading Recovery, \$33,000. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by T. Quaintance to hire an additional Kindergarten Teacher. Cost to be covered by revenue generated. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by A. Struffert, to purchase Marching Band Uniforms in the summer of 2015, \$65,000. Motion carried.

The Board heard committee reports and noted student enrollment.

The Board corrected the Policy Committee to consist of T. Quaintance, J. Chambers, B. Herzing and added B. Rensenbrink to Meet and Confer.

The Superintendent reported that the week for February 17-21 is School Board Recognition week and thanked the members for their service.

The Board reviewed the student activities account.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Larson, to close the meeting for purpose of discussing a student expulsion (MN §121A.43 to 121A.53). Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by J. Larson, second by B. Rensenbrink, to open the closed meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 8:45 p.m.

The Board discussed a student expulsion.

Motion by J. Larson, second by T. Quaintance, to close the closed meeting. Motion carried. Closed meeting closed at 9:12 p.m.

Motion by J. Larson, second by B. Rensenbrink, to open the regular meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 9:13 p.m.

Board Member Jody Chambers introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
EXPULSION OF THE STUDENT IDENTIFIED  
IN THE ATTACHMENTS HERETO AS THE "STUDENT 1414"**

WHEREAS, the Student was proposed for expulsion pursuant to the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121.56; and

WHEREAS, the Student and his parent were served the written notice of the School District's intent to initiate expulsion proceedings, and such notice was accompanied by a copy of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56, as required under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Student and his parent elected to waive the scheduled hearing with the understanding that by such waiver, the proposed terms of expulsion would be submitted for action to the School Board of Independent School District No. 912.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 912 as follows:

The School Board hereby accepts the waiver of hearing executed by the Student's parent, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

By reviewing the record relating to this matter, the School Board hereby finds that, due to the nature of the conduct engaged in by the Student, the terms of the expulsion proposed by the School District are reasonable and appropriate.

The School Board of Independent School District No. 912 hereby orders that the expulsion of the Student be imposed immediately pursuant to the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56. Said expulsion shall be imposed in accordance with the written notice provided to the Student and his parent, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The School Board of Independent School District No. 912 also approves the terms of the agreement with the Student and his parent, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The clerk of the School Board is directed to provide written notice of the expulsion to the Student and his parent in substantially the form as provided in Exhibit D.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Jeff Larson, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jeff Larson, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Bryan Rensenbrink the following voted against the same: Mark Herzing, Judy Pearson

and the following abstained: Todd Quaintance

whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by J. Pearson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie*  
Chairperson

Clerk

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March 17, 2014

Date

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