

# School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, April 16, 2007 6:30 pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held at the Milaca Board of Education room on Monday, April 16, 2007, for the purpose of conducting regular Board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairperson, Pat Nelson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Additions/Changes to agenda:

## V. Good Things Happenings (additions)

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## VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

### D. Personnel Items (additions)

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted/Position Creation:

3. Increase in hours for Darlene Moody

Leave Requests/Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination:

5. Approve the retirement of Bonnie Hogan
6. Approve the retirement of Janet Kossack
7. Approve the retirement of Pete Hydukovich
8. Approve the retirement of Eugene Johnson
9. Approve the retirement of John Palmer

### L. Memorandum Of Agreement for Reconciliation of Vacation Accruals for Custodial Staff

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

## Good Things Happening

1. Thank you to Tammy Stobb, who organized and ran the PTO Family Nights, grade level science camps, the 4th – 6th grade reading reward and the reading reward rodeo event. We appreciate all the time she has volunteered to the district!
2. Congratulations to the Milaca Boy's Basketball Team who was named Section 7 AAA Academic Champions.
3. Congratulations to Alesha Nelson, Lindsey Westphal, Maggie Doty and Dana Hanenburg for being named to the Rum River Girls Basketball All Conference Team!
4. Congratulations to Maggie Doty for being named as Rum River Girls Basketball Player of the Year!
5. Congratulations to Alan Juell, Andy Nystrom, Eric Cronin, Brian Goslinga and Nick Sohre for taking second place in the small school division at the Minnesota Heartland Economics Challenge at St. Cloud State University. Congratulations to Brian Goslinga for having the 4th highest individual score! Excellent job guys!
6. Thank you to Chris Neubauer, Pat Murray and the Japs Olson Company for donating 3 pallets of paper to Milaca Schools. Thank you to Randy Zimmer, Jerry Westphal, Ben Bakeberg, Sara Phillippi, Barbra Zakrajsek, Pryia Zakrajsek and Jenna Zakrajsek for helping unload the paper!
7. We have had a new event this year called Family Reading Night sponsored by our Literacy Coordinator (Americorp volunteer). It hosted a variety of individuals donating their time to read to our children ages preschool through about 2nd grade. Volunteer readers included: Julie Rhoda, Teresa Burns, Barbra Zakrajsek, Steve Bistrup, Missy Tellinghuisen, Kim Lubrant, Lora Dagel, Sherry Lawson, SSG George Daley, Audrey French, Kari Johnson. A special thank you to these people for taking time to do this for our children and to Kari Johnson for organizing the event.

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#### Consent Agenda

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- Minutes of Regular and Closed Board Meetings held on March 19, 2007
- Approval of check numbers 616275 through 616564
- Approval of wire transfers:
  - Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$470,000 on 3/8/07, \$140,000 on 3/16/07, \$650,337 on 3/22/07, \$250,000 on 3/28/07
  - Liquid asset transfers to HSA accounts: \$7,487 on 3/8/07, \$7,444 on 3/23/07
- Hire Colleen Fenlon, Long Term Substitute for Jennifer Burroughs, BA, Step1, 1.0 FTE, \$8,209, effective March 26, 2007 through the end of the school year
- Hire Amanda Steffens, Science Teacher, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$31,126, effective August 22, 2007
- Increase in hours for Darlene Moody, Elementary Paraprofessional, 1 hour, every other day, effective April 16, 2007
- Approve the resignation of Linda Harambasic, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2007. Thank you, Linda, for 37 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the retirement of Karen Baker, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2007. Thank you, Karen, for 37 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Accept the resignation of Audrey Deglmann, Food Server, effective April 2, 2007
- Accept the resignation of Esther Bemis, Food Server, effective April 24, 2007. Esther has been with the district for many years! Thank you, Esther, for 24 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the retirement of Bonnie Hogan, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2007. Thank you, Bonnie, for 35 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the retirement of Janet Kossack, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2007. Thank you for 34 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the retirement of Pete Hydukovich, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2007. Thank you for 37 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the retirement of Eugene Johnson, Custodian, effective May 31, 2007. Thank you, Eugene, for 30 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the retirement of John Palmer, English Teacher, effective June 5, 2007. Thank you for 33 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Appointment of Surrogate Parents for Student
- Approval of the Overnight Trip Request for 8th Grade Band Duluth Trip, May 4 & 5, 2007
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for Junior High Marching Band Valleyfair Trip, June 23-24, 2007
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for Softball to Brooklyn Center Tournament, April 20-21, 2007
- Final Approval of French Trip to France, July 2008
- Approve Continued Membership in the Minnesota High School League for 2007-2008
- Solicit Sealed Bids for Disposal of Excess Equipment
- Memorandum Of Agreement for Reconciliation of Vacation Accruals for Custodial Staff

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

#### Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The Elementary Principal answered questions on lease/rental properties.

The Assistant Elementary Principal reported on the testing progress.

The Community Education Director reported on the summer brochure and Project Wolf.

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

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunker, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to approve year 2007-2008 of the capital expenditure 5 year plan. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Jennifer Asher, a long term substitute. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Joan Duckworth, a long term substitute. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Colleen Fenlon, a long term substitute. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Coleen Fitzgerald, a long term substitute. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to strike the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Michelle Lyrenmann, a long term substitute. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Amber Hedstrom Koepl, a teacher with a variance. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by L. Ramson, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of JoAnn Ortman, a teacher with a variance. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Karen Voss, a teacher with a variance. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Saul Borris, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Ross Berbig, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Ramson, second by J. Chambers, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Melissa Baltes, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by A. Struffert, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teacher contract of Teresa Doebbeling, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolutions relating to the the expulsion of a student. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance. Those voted against: none. Those abstained: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only  
Heard reports from the Board committees.

The Superintendent reported on district visioning.


The Board discussed the facility needs, timelines regarding facility needs and facility options over the next two to three years.


The Board reviewed the calendar, the enrollment numbers and the student activity accounts.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairperson

  
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Clerk

May 21, 2007

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