

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 6:30 pm

BOARD ROOM

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, for the purpose of discussing Board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson, Pat Nelson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance and Linda Ramson. Superintendent, Jerry Hansen, was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

VI. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items

Leave Requests/Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination

4. Accept the resignation of Donald Fетters, Groundskeeper (addition)

Motion by J. Larson, second by J. Struffert, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Public Forum for Truth in Taxation

No one spoke at Public Forum for Truth in Taxation.

Consent Agenda

P. Nelson pulled the MOU with the Title 1 Teachers from the consent agenda.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the remainder of the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 17, 2009
- Approval of check numbers 624403 through 624564
- Approval of liquid asset transfers to checking: \$408,000 on 11/9/09, \$130,000 on 11/18/09, \$200,000 on 11/24/09, \$400,000 on 11/24/09, \$100,000 on 11/30/09
- Hire Jenny Sommerlot, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, \$1,562, effective January 4, 2010
- Hire Megan Olson, WSI/Private Swim Lessons, \$9.25/hour, effective December 28-31, 2009
- Hire Vanessa Johnson, WSI/Private Swim Lessons, \$9.25/hour, effective December 28-31, 2009
- Hire Miranda Rawley, WSI/Private Swim Lessons, \$9.25/hour, effective December 28-31, 2009
- Hire Kris Marxhausen, Targeted Services Teacher (shared with Rachel Arens and replacing David Wedin), 12.75 hours total, \$24/hour, effective November 30, 2009
- Increase in hours for Shirley Guerink, Targeted Services Teacher, from 33 hours total to 41.5 hours total, \$24/hour, effective November 30, 2009
- Increase in hours for David Wedin, Targeted Services Teacher, 29.25 hours total (3.75 hours Oct. 12 – Nov. 23, 25.5 hours Nov. 30 – April 29), \$24/hour, effective November 30, 2009
- Hire Leslie Ploeger, Long Term Substitute for Jessie Mortensen, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$6,406, effective approximately January 4 through February 24, 2010
- Approve the maternity leave for Sarah Marte, High School Special Education Teacher, effective March 23 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year
- Approve paternity leave for Matt Follmuth, Elementary Teacher, effective approximately January 1, 2010 for 5 days
- Approve medical leave for Sharon Nelson, Cook, effective December 18, 2009 through approximately February 15, 2010
- Accept the resignation of Donald Fетters, Groundskeeper, effective January 29, 2010
- Approval of the third reading of Policy 610 - Field Trips
- Approval of 2009 – 2010 Milaca Public Schools Calendar
- Approval of Contract with LifeTouch for 2010-2011 Pictures

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

After further discussion, L. Ramson made a motion, second by J. Chambers, to table the MOU with the Title 1 Teachers. Motion carried.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on the handbook revisions.

The Elementary Principal thanked everyone involved in the Deep Portage trip for making it a good experience for the students.

The Activities Director presented to the Board a request to reinstate the Jr. High Wrestling Coach, discussed a new conference and a football co-op with Faith Christian School.

Motion by L. Ramson, second by A. Struffert, to reinstate a Junior High Wrestling Coach. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

The Business Manager provided the Board with an update on the financial picture of the district and presented on Truth in Taxation.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

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

Member Aimee Struffert introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS
THEREFORE.

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

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

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce Expenditures and, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Jackie Struffert and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance and Linda Ramson

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Larson, to certify the 2009 Payable 2010 in the amount of \$1,968,270.58. Motion carried.

MOTION BY Linda Ramson to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Honoring Paraprofessionals January 18-22, 2010

WHEREAS, we recognize the work performed by paraprofessionals within our school system within but not limited to the area of educational assistance, pupil support, special education, tutoring, job coaching, lunchroom and playground supervision, hall monitoring, media center assistance, lunch room ticket selling and monitoring, and health services,

WHEREAS, we appreciate the services rendered to both Milaca staff and students,

WHEREAS, we recognize that the State of Minnesota is also recognizing paraprofessionals during the week of January 18-22, 2010,

WE DO DECLARE the week of January 18-22, 2010 Paraprofessional Week within the Milaca School District and we extend our appreciation to all those paraprofessionals who are a part of our system.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Jackie Struffert, and upon a roll call vote being taken, thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance and Linda Ramson

and the following voted against the same: none

Signed on behalf of the Milaca School Board on December 15, 2009.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by Jackie Struffert, to approve and implement Project Lead the Way pending the approval of the Kern Family Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the changes in the High School handbook for registration 2010-2011. Motion carried.

Superintendent and Board Member Items


The Superintendent discussed a background check form revision, reviewed the Board work session, proposed to start community round table meeting beginning February 2010, discussed developing a parent, student and community survey for the board to review and Race to the Top.

Reviewed the calendar and the student activities accounts.


Motion by J. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson



Clerk

January 19, 2010

Date

January 19, 2010

Date