

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, December 15, 2008 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 Monday, December 15, 2008, 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, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Changes to Agenda

V. Good Things Happening

1. Deferred to January Meeting: Percussion curriculum demonstration by Andy Nelson
3. Addition: Congratulations to the Volleyball Team which was awarded Team Academic Excellence

VI. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items:

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

7. Change to the resignation date of Shareen Hopp
11. (Addition) Resignation of Dana Salk-Scheler

VIII. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested.

- H. (Addition) Approval of the Flexible Benefits Plan with EBC
- I. (Addition) Consideration of Community Director Work Completed and in the Future
- J. (Addition) Approval of the agreement with Educators Benefit Consultants for 403b & 457 Plans

X. Superintendent and Board Member Items

- C. Update on Legislative Meeting Held Dec. 11 with New Legislators and the Princeton and Foley School Boards

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

Good Things Happening

1. Thank you is expressed to Jerry Westphal and Sarah Ploeger who applied to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for money to cover the athletic fees for free and reduced students. The response to their request was a check for \$1,731 to the district to cover the fees that these students did not pay.
2. Congratulations to the Volleyball Team which was awarded Team Academic Excellence by the MN State High School League.

Consent Agenda

Motion by C. Patnode, 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, 2008 and the Special Meeting held on December 1, 2008
- Approval of check numbers 621545 through 621760
- Approval of wire transfers:
Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$350,000.00 on 11/07/08, \$90,000.00 on 11/17/08, \$690,000.00 on 11/24/08, \$75,000.00 on 11/26/08
- Hire Leah Ronko, Paraprofessional (High School), 27.5 hours/week, \$10.51/hour, effective November 19, 2008 (recall rights ended)
- Hire Shirley Geurkink, Targeted Services – School Year, 40 hours total, \$24/hour, effective November 3, 2008.
- Hire Melissa Powers, Elementary Long Term Substitute for Shannon Kral, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$8,108.61, effective approximately January 20-March 27, 2009
- Hire Rachel Bakker, Elementary Long Term Substitute for Kara Barry, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$9,354.27, effective approximately January 8 – March 27, 2009
- Hire Cale Cripe, Social Studies Long Term Substitute for Jennifer Burroughs, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$10,155.04, effective approximately December 8, 2008 – March 13, 2009
- Adjust the maternity leave for Jennifer Burroughs, Social Studies Teacher, effective November 17, 2008 through approximately March 16, 2009

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

and the following voted against the same: P. Nelson, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, L. Ramson

whereupon said resolution failed.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to approve the above resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and position and reasons therefore with the amount of reductions set at \$1,000,000. Those voted in favor: A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: P. Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by C. Patnode, to approve the FY 2007-2008 audit. Motion carried.

The Board broke for a break at 7:33 pm and reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the 2009 Payable 2010 Levy to be certified for a total amount of \$1,981,769.54. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Ramson, second by J. Chambers, to proclaim January 19-23, 2009 as our Milaca Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by C. Patnode, to approve the changes to the High School Classes for registration 2009-2010. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the flexible benefits plan with Educators Benefit Consultants. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Ramson, second by T. Quaintance, to approve Community Education Director compensation for \$3,500 for the school year 2008-2009. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve agreements with Educators Benefit Consultants for 403b and 457 Plans. Motion carried.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The Board heard reports from the committees.

The Superintendent reported on a special MDE education report, updated the Board on Q Comp and a stimulus package letter/proposal.

The Board discussed the process they will use to appoint a new school board member, the meeting with the newly elected legislators that was held on Dec. 11th and heard a report from the Superintendent Search Consultants.

The Board heard the first reading of the following policies: Policy 104 – School District Vision Statement, Policy 201 – Legal Status of the School Board, Policy 205 – Open Meetings and Closed Meetings, Policy 206 – Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations, Policy 213 – School Board Committees, Policy 401 – Equal Employment Opportunity, Policy 404 – Employment Background Check, Policy 408 – Subpoena of a School District Employee, Policy 414 – Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, Policy 417 – Chemical Use and Abuse, Policy 418 – Drug Free Workplace / Drug Free School, Policy 419 – Tobacco-Free Environment, Policy 425 - Staff Development, Policy 501 – School Weapons Policy, Policy 504 – Student Dress and Appearance, Policy 505 - Distribution of NonSchool Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees, Policy 508 – Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs, Policy 512 – School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities, Policy 513 – Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design, Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition Policy, Policy 515 – Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, Policy 516 – Student Medication, Policy 520 – Student Surveys, Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, Policy 532 – Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds, Policy 608 – Instructional Services – Special Education, Policy 610 – Field Trips, Policy 701 – Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget, Policy 706 – Acceptance of Gifts, Policy 707 – Transportation of Public School Students, Policy 708 – Transportation of Nonpublic School Students, Policy 709 - Student Transportation Safety Policy, Policy 710 – Extracurricular Transportation, Policy 805 – Waste and Reduction and Recycling, Policy 906 – Community Notification of Predatory Offenders, Entrance Age Policy, Credit Card Use Policy.

Reviewed the calendar and the student activities accounts.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by C. Patnode, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

January 20, 2009
Date


Clerk

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