

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday October 15, 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, October 15, 2007, for the purpose of conducting regular Board business.

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

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

Student Presentations to the Board

Kari Erickson, the Student Council Advisor and Student Council Members Sam Hemmerich, Vice President, and Justin Bertram, President, presented to the Board on Homecoming activities.

Additions/Changes to agenda:

VI. Good Things Happening

4. Congratulations to the FFA Horse Judging Team who placed first in the University of MN invitational
5. Congratulations to the FFA Dairy Judging Team who placed eighth in the University of MN invitational

VII. Consent Agenda

C. Personnel Items

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted/Position Creation:

11. Hire Jennifer Gross, Paraprofessional
12. Hire Michael Warner, Jr. High Speech Coach

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

3. Approve FMLA leave for Brenda Ruckert, Paraprofessional

H. Approve 2007-2009 Contract with Food Service Director

XI. Superintendent and Board Member Items

6. Softball Spring Training Trip 2008
7. Properties off site for possible use 2008-2009 vs. portables

Motion by L. Ramson, second by J. Chambers, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

Good Things Happening

1. Martin Garber, seeing the new music rooms for our elementary music staff and noting the amount of equipment they had, without adequate room storage, went ahead and built four shelving units on his own time. A thank you to him for this effort for our music staff and the district.
2. Congratulations to Randy Johnson, who was nominated as the KSTP High School Coach of the Week.
3. Comment from the Foley School Board: The Board commented on the good sportsmanship, both on the field and in the stands, shown by fans, coaches, and players of the Milaca-Foley football game. Both teams are to be commended for their sportsmanship, conduct, and enthusiasm.
4. Congratulations to the FFA Horse Judging Team who placed first in the University of MN invitational. Jessica SanCartier coached the team who consists of Jordan Kuntz (who placed 1st in individuals), Ashley Peterson (who placed 6th in individuals), Mandi Eisenbraun and Anna Davison. The team progresses to the MN State FFA Convention in April.
5. Congratulations to the FFA Dairy Judging Team who placed eighth in the University of MN invitational. Team members are Laura Weisz (who placed 17th individually out of 202 competitors), Anthony Weisz (who placed 20th individually), Davida Gross and Melanie Windhauser. The team progresses to the MN State FFA Convention in April.
6. Congratulations expressed to Jill Goslinga for your outstanding test score on the PSAT test.

Consent Agenda

The Board pulled the approval of the sixth grade environmental overnight trip to Deep Portage and the 2007-2009 contract with the Food Service Director from the Consent Agenda.

Motion A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the remainder of the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the September 17, 2007 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 617894 through 618234
- Approval of wire transfers:
Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$500,000 on 9/10/07, \$560,000 on 9/24/07, \$125,000 on 9/26/07
Liquid asset transfers to HSA accounts: \$7,271.66 on 9/10/07, \$7,415.87 on 9/25/07

- Hire, as needed, Michelle Gerads, Kids Town Youth Worker, \$6.40/hour, 8 hours/week, effective September 24, 2007
- Hire Geri Wild, co-Prom Advisor (with Andrea Mikla), \$436, effective September 21, 2007
- Change in assignment for Andrea Mikla from Prom Advisor to co-Prom Advisor (with Geri Wild), \$349, effective September 21, 2007
- Change in assignment for Michelle McDonald, Paraprofessional, from 5.75 hours/day to 6.33 hours/day, \$11.55/hour, effective September 13, 2007
- Hire Dustin Naumann, 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 26, 2007
- Hire Doug Reetz, JV Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 26, 2007
- Change in assignment for Leah Ronko, Paraprofessional, from 20 hours/week to 22.5 hours/week, \$10.39/hour, effective October 8, 2007 (2.5 hours of general para assistance needed in ASD program)
- Change in assignment for Denise Helmen, Paraprofessional, from 12 hours/week to 30.75 hours/week, \$10.39/hour, effective October 8, 2007 (Reduced one whole para last year but now need 1/2 of that back. This was not projected into the budget reductions for last year)
- Change in assignment for Karie Boman, Elementary Food Server, from 12.5 hours/week to 28.75 hours/week, \$10.80/hour, effective October 8, 2007
- Hire Krystal Wilson, Paraprofessional, 33.75 hours/week, \$10.39/hour, effective October 10, 2007 (Replacement for para who left to do Americorp job.)
- Hire Jennifer Gross, Paraprofessional, 30 hour/week, \$10.39/hour, effective October 15, 2007 (New student. Tried 30 day para and now need to continue that.)
- Hire Michael Warner, Jr. High Speech Coach, \$1,516, December 1, 2007
- Accept the resignation of Doug Reetz, 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective October 3, 2007
- Accept the resignation of Mary Krauel, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective October 3, 2007
- Approve FMLA leave for Brenda Ruckert, Paraprofessional, November 14 – December 21, 2007
- Approve One Year Contract with Community Education Director
- Approve 2007-2009 Contract with Activity Director

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

After further discussion J. Chambers made a motion, second by A. Struffert, to approve the sixth grade environmental overnight trip to Deep Portage, December 8-12, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers to approve the 2007-2009 Contract with the Food Service Director. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by L. Ramson, to approve the Johnson Controls comprehensive facility plan. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, L. Ramson, P. Nelson. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Those absent: T. Quaintance. Motion carried.

Later in the meeting J. Chambers made a motion, second by L. Ramson, to rescind the Johnson Controls comprehensive facility plan proposal. Motion carried.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on October 17th early release workshop and updated the Board on the School Forest Project.

The High School Assistant Principal reported on discipline and AYP.

The Elementary Principal presented to the Board on RTI.

B. Bunger arrived 7:15 pm.

T. Quaintance arrived at 7:35 pm

The Community Education Director reported on the spring festival, budget success, and updated the board on the fall classes.

The Food Service Director reported on National Hot Lunch Week.

The Board broke at 8:10 for a break and reconvened at 8:25 pm.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Heard reports from the Board committees.

The Superintendent set a Special Board meeting for November 7th to canvass the election results, updated the Board on the potato patch, duties for chaperones for overnight trips, email legalities, the 2008 softball spring training trip, and properties off site for possible use in 2008-2009 versus portables.


The Board moved the discussion item of the School Board Member Communication Code to the November 7th board meeting.

The Board reviewed the calendar and the student activity accounts.


Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson



Clerk

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