

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, February 17, 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, February 17, 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: Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Changes to Agenda

V. Good Things Happening

6. List members of the One Act Play

VI. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items:

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted/Position Creation:

5. Revision to Maryrose Barse, Long Term Sub Contract

10. Hire Jennifer Gross, Elementary Paraprofessional

G. Revised Paraprofessional Contract Enclosure

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

- B. Revised Enclosure for Investment Policy for OPEB Trust Account

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

Good Things Happening

1. Congratulations to Lindsey Westphal who reached her 1,000th point at the Girls Basketball Game on Jan. 20, 2009.
2. Thank you to those who helped make the sixth grade Deep Portage trip a reality. Chaperones: Jason Horrigan, Mark Riebel, Randy Katke, David Totzke, Laurie Gahm, Jody Chambers, Ross Chambers, Pam Ruis, Jandee Meister, Marvin Mickelson, Dean Reineccius, Sherri Jenkins, Todd Quaintance. Class accountant: Amy Horrigan. Teacher in charge of the trip: Michael Rademacher.
3. The kindergarten teachers have, through Dr. Lora Dagel's leadership, created a Professional Learning Community. Thank you to these teachers who are another example of sound instructional improvement in our school system.
4. In early February, a Board Member noted a situation that seems to be a typical early morning scenario in our elementary. There was a rush of kids in through the front doors, when one little boy fell down and was in danger of being trampled. Thanks to paras: Jeannie Manthie, Darlene Moody, Teresa Nelson, and others who stopped the crowd and prevented the student from being trampled. Thank you to these paras and to all of our para's who have helped with similar situations.
5. Congratulations to the AAA Award Winners Lindsey Westphal and Jerad Sikkink.
6. Congratulations to the One Act Play who won section 4A championships and will compete at the State level competition. Members of the cast and crew include: Jonah Ellison, Tyler Haugen, Reice Golden, Elle Golden, Deanna Christianson, Bronte Dohm, Amber Dorr, Austin Bauer, Carl Cronin, David Farmer, Spencer Slade, Dustin Beehler and Audrey French (Director/Advisor).

Consent Agenda

The Board pulled the approval of the World Language Plan from the consent agenda.

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

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2009
- Approval of check numbers 621989 through 622233
- Approval of wire transfers:
 - Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$50,000.00 on 1/5/09, \$410,000.00 on 1/08/09, \$180,000.00 on 1/21/09, \$500,000.00 on 1/22/09, \$425,000.00 on 1/29/09
- Correction to the hours of Leah Ronko, paraprofessional, from 27.5 hours/week to 25 hours/week, \$10.51/hour, effective November 19, 2008
- Hire Amanda Stewart, JV Girls Basketball Coach (shared position with Don Pautz), \$546, effective January 27, 2009
- Hire Don Pautz, JV Girls Basketball Coach (shared position with Amanda Stewart), \$479, effective February 2, 2009

- Hire Jeannie Manthie, Paraprofessional, 31 hours/week, \$10.90/hour, effective January 29, 2009
- Hire Maryrose Barse, Elementary Long Term Substitute for Leslee Swenson, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$7,574.76, effective approximately February 17 through April 24, 2009
- Hire Jane Kaufmann, Concert Supervision, \$28.50/3 hours per event, effective February 19, March 9, April 16, May 7, 2009
- Hire Teresa Nelson, Concert Supervision, \$28.50/3 hours per event, effective February 19, March 9, April 16, May 7, 2009
- Hire Jeannie Manthie, Concert Supervision, \$28.50/3 hours per event, effective February 19, March 9, April 16, May 7, 2009
- Revision to the hire of Lisa Lommen, ALC Math Teacher, \$24.00/hour, 7 hours/week (previously approved at 6 hours/week), effective January 27, 2009 through the 2008-2009 school year
- Hire Jennifer Gross, Elementary Paraprofessional, 22.65 hours/week, \$10.39/hour, effective February 17, 2009
- Approve the maternity leave request for Geri Wild, EBD Teacher, effective approximately May 18, 2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year
- Approve the maternity leave request for Jennifer Wiener, High School Para, effective approximately April 8, 2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year
- Accept the resignation of Karen Muchow, JV Girls Basketball Coach, effective January 9, 2009
- Approve the resignation of Megan Vetter, Assistant Varsity Speech Coach, effective December 16, 2008
- Accept the resignation of Robert Nickerson, Paraprofessional, effective January 30, 2009
- Accept the resignation of Jeannine Manthie, Paraprofessional, 22.65 hours/week, effective January 29, 2009 (to accept 31 hour/week position)
- Approve the maternity leave request for Andrea Pelikan, Special Ed Teacher, effective approximately May 20, 2009 through the end of the school year
- Approve the resignation of Richard Rhoades, former High School Principal, effective February 28, 2009
- Approval 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.
- Approve the 2008-2010 Paraprofessional Contract

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

After further discussion, J. Larson made a motion, second by L. Ramson, to accept the World Language Plan. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, J. Larson, J. Struffert. Those voted against: T. Quaintance, P. Nelson, A. Struffert. Motion carried.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The Business Manager updated the Board on the financial picture of the district, effect of lunch princes on participation levels and the tax impact of OPEB bonding.

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.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to approve the investment policy for the OPEB trust account with Wells Fargo. Motion carried.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The Board heard reports from the committees.

The Superintendent reported that February 23-27, 2009 is School Board Recognition Week, clarified the job responsibilities of D. Patnode and J. Westphal with regards to Community Education, provided information regarding tax status of banks and credit unions, and had a review and comment update.

The Board heard the second readings of the following policies: Policy 624 – Online Learning Options, Policy 604 – Instructed Curriculum, Policy 618 – Assessment of Student Achievement, Policy 620 – Credit for Learning.

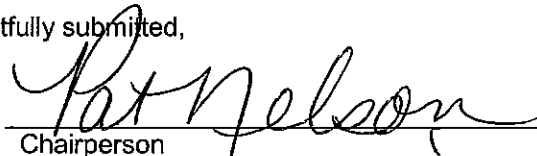
The Board heard the first reading of the following policies: Policy 506 – Student Discipline, Policy 601 – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals, Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements.

Reviewed the calendar and the student activities accounts.

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

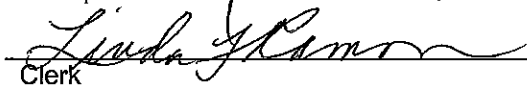
The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

March 17, 2009

Date


Clerk

March 17, 2009

Date