

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, February 5, 2018 6:30 pm

Area Learning Center Meeting Space

A special and closed meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held at the Milaca Area Learning Center meeting space on Monday, February 5, 2018 for the purpose of a Family Ties presentation, Rum River Special Education presentation, facilities discussion and action, and bond referendum discussion and action. The meeting was closed for student expulsion discussions (MN §121A.3 to 121A.53).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Larson.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Brandon Baker, Jere Day, Sarah Ploeger, Todd Quaintance, Bryan Rensenbrink, Aimee Struffert, Jeff Larson. Those absent: none. Superintendent Tim Truebenbach was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

IV. Presentations

1. Families Ties Update – Beth Crook (strike)

Motion by B. Baker, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the agenda with the above change. Motion carried.

Presentation

Tanya Tacker presented on fiscal management options for the Rum River Special Education Cooperation. Options include accessing fiscal services from St. Croix River Education District (SCRED), contracting with another RRSEC member for fiscal host services, continuing to contract with Cambridge-Isanti for fiscal host services, or becoming own fiscal entity. Rum River Special Education Cooperation will pursue becoming its own fiscal entity, which should result in a cost savings to the Milaca district.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Rob Brown, from Nexus Solutions, reviewed the facility project process to date.

The Board had opportunity to comment on the projects:

B. Baker: The value of the project is to retain students.

B. Rensenbrink: He is continually asked why Milaca does not have a field house. He is hopeful if the district builds a field house it will help retain and attract students.

A. Struffert: She is glad the project includes deferred maintenance projects and is appreciative of the increase in space the project will provide.

Mr. Brown commented that according to the community survey, the community supports the career tech ed space.

T. Quaintance: The need for space is long overdue and by increasing space it will take pressure off other learning spaces. For example, Phy Ed would no longer need to hold class in the hallways. This project will benefit everyone in the area.

S. Ploeger: The district is limited in what can be offered to the students due to space constraints.

J. Day: The facility projects would enhance the opportunities currently offered to students and the community.

B. Baker: He recognizes the public has made comments the district has not been transparent on the way money is being spent and how taxes have been raised. He believes that when reviewing the past 2 years the Board has met the mission, vision, and belief statements they developed.

S. Ploeger: The projects would offer education advantages to those not interested in a four-year school.

J. Larson: The projects are not only for current students, but also for generations to come. The investment is huge for the future of the district.

Superintendent Truebenbach: The school system has not drastically changed for decades and this project is for the future of the school and community.

T. Quaintance commented the project is fulfilling needs the district currently has.

Mr. Brown reviewed the project scope and cost. After some discussion, the Board selected moving forward with the following projects:

- Auditorium: 800-seats with fly loft, dressing rooms, scene shop, and lobby at the cost of \$10,765,000
- Field House: 4 stations with elevated jogging track, community room, fitness center, locker rooms, changing rooms, concessions, public restrooms, and 200 added parking spaces at a cost of \$15,350,000
- Baseball Complex with 3 regulation fields (1 with lighting) concessions stand, parking lot, convert existing JV baseball field to softball field, and add lighting to varsity softball field at the cost of \$2,175,000
- Career Tech Ed Remodel: 2,040 ft² addition for large projects bay, Fab Lab, relocate botany and taxidermy and add coolers, and rebuild small engine storage at the cost of \$900,000
- Deferred maintenance projects:
 - o Electronic door control (14) and intrusion alarm integration, elementary camera system upgrade, high school camera replacement and add 12 cameras at the cost of \$395,000
 - o Replace 20-25 year old Ballasted EPDM roofs with 30 year guarantee (40 year life) Garland roofs at a cost of \$3,135,000
 - o Replace 1961 elementary classroom windows at a cost of \$255,000
 - o Pool deferred maintenance needs (re-grouting, tile base, main drain grates, LED lighting, replace interior doors, ADA lift) at the cost of \$65,000

The total project scope of the above projects is \$33,040,000.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of presenting the projects in a one-, two-, or three-question ballot format. Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve moving forward with a one-question ballot for a May 8, 2018 election. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Baker, second by S. Ploeger, to direct Nexus to prepare the review and comment documents for the Minnesota Department of Education. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Baker, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the quotes for noise level reduction in the elementary/middle school band room (S150), in the amount of \$38,793.55. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Baker, second by B. Rensenbrink, to close the special meeting for the purpose of student expulsion discussion (MN §121A.3 to 121A.53). Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by B. Baker, second by T. Quaintance, to open the closed meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 8:56 p.m.

The Board discussed the expulsion of the students identified as 1812 and 1813.

Motion by S. Ploeger, second by T. Quaintance, to close the closed meeting. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:37 p.m.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by S. Ploeger, to open the special meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 9:37 p.m.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolution relating to the expulsion of the student identified in the attachments hereto as the "student 1812." Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: B. Baker, J. Day, S. Ploeger, T. Quaintance, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Larson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the resolution relating to the expulsion of the student identified in the attachments hereto as the "student 1813." Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: B. Baker, J. Day, S. Ploeger, T. Quaintance, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, J. Larson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Baker, second by B. Rensenbrink, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson


Clerk

February 20, 2018

Date

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