

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, December 21, 2020 6:30 pm
High School Media Center

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the High School Media Center and by tele/videoconference on Monday, December 21, 2020, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Rachelle Nelson.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Jennifer Corrow, Jere Day, Sara Larsen, Bryan Rensenbrink, Aimee Struffert, Rachelle Nelson. Jeff Larson attended via videoconference. Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

IX. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Required

- E. Approval of the Mass Dispensing Site Agreement with Mille Lacs County Community and Veterans Services, Community Health Unit – Strike

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by S. Larsen, to approve the agenda with the above changes. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke at Public Forum.

Committee Reports

B. Rensenbrink reported the Building and Grounds Committee met on December 8 to discuss the school forest and Milaca trail system, a construction update, and a nightly cleaning/custodial shift update.

B. Rensenbrink reported the Finance Committee met on December 10 to review the audit, to review the Truth In Taxation presentation in preparation for the December 14 Public Hearing, and an update on the CARES Act.

R. Nelson reported on December 14 the Committee of the Whole met for the Truth in Taxation presentation and to discuss the superintendent search.

Presentations

No presentations.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal report: developing the 2021-22 Course Registration Guide and the registration process depending on the learning model at the time; applied for the Youth Skills Training Grant; working with Amy Nord to develop a Milaca Scholarship Foundation Donor Recognition Project.

Elementary Principal report: distance learning update; waiting for the details of when/how state assessments will be administered; planning for 2021-22 Deep Portage trip may include 2020-21 sixth graders; developing reintegration plan for shift to hybrid/in-person learning.

Activities Director report: congratulated ExCEL Award winners Max Roelofs and Ericka Kotsmith and AAA Award winners Avery Herbst and Aiden Mikla; reviewed the MSHSL membership dues, Participation Task Force's recommendations for winter activities, and activities registration during virtual pause; activity fee financial assistance for families in need; baseball and softball dugouts nearly completed; activities registration update.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager report: Kids Town update; fall ECFE wrapping up; registration open for winter/spring ECFE; preparing for winter/spring youth and adult programming; state inspector approved bond construction work; few punch items on the construction project; MDH will inspect concession stand once work is completed; monitoring which rooms are used daily for cleaning.

Business Manager report: audit complete; budget updates; presented the financial picture of the district.

Consent Agenda

Motion by J. Day, second by J. Corrow, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes from the November 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of check numbers 650880 to 651054 and wires

- Approval of transfers from PMA to First National: \$900,000 on 11/10/20, \$700,000 on 11/27/20; LA transfers to First National: \$5,450 on 11/9/20, \$440,508.14 on 11/13/20, \$26,538.78 on 11/30/20
- Hire Ellie Schindeldecker, Lifeguard (\$10.00/hour) and Swim Lesson Instructor (\$10.75/hour), hours vary, effective December 14, 2020 – June 30, 2021
- Level 2 Certification, Conni Freudenberg, First Cook, \$20.52/hour (\$20.22 + \$.30 = \$20.52), effective November 16, 2020
- Notice of Assignment for Tracy Schmitz, Food Server, \$14.92/hour, not to exceed 14 hours/week, effective July 1, 2020
- Correction to the Notice of Assignment for Tonnie Huonder, Food Server, \$14.92/hour, not to exceed 14 hours/week, effective July 1, 2020 (correction in hourly rate: \$14.67/hour to \$14.92/hour)
- Change in hours for Ashley Fussy, Paraprofessional, from 31.25 to 31.65 hours/week, \$15.29/hour, effective November 1, 2020
- Change in hours for Deb Gadacz, Paraprofessional, from 33.75 to 37.5 hours/week, \$18.40/hour, effective December 14, 2020
- Change in hours for Molly Schwartz, Paraprofessional, from 40 to 35.5 hours/week, \$16.62/hour, effective December 14, 2020
- Change in hours for Peg Peltier, Paraprofessional, from 31.25 to 23.75 hours/week, \$18.05/hour, effective December 7, 2020
- Hire Kim Lubrant, COVID-19 Coordinator, \$1,250/quarter, effective November 9, 2020. This position is based on need per quarter through June 30, 2020 and may be adjusted or eliminated.
- Hire Dave Leom, Grade 9 Girls Basketball Coach (replacing Jerica Ploeger), BA+20, Step 15, \$4,132.96
- Accept the resignation of Eric Tye, Grade 7 Baseball Coach, effective November 6, 2020
- Accept the resignation of Jerica Ploeger, Grade 9 Girls Basketball Coach, effective December 4, 2020
- Accept the resignation of Jody Meixell, Paraprofessional, effective January 1, 2021
- Staff Leave Requests
 - o Heather Rassler, March 2 – May 24, 2021
- Second Reading of Policies: Policy 607 – Organization of Grade Levels, Policy 601 – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals, Policy 522 – Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, Policy 516 – Student Medication, Policy 419 – Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction
- Approve the 2021-2022 Budget Timeline
- Approve the 2020-2021 World's Best Workforce Plan

Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried, 7:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by S. Larsen to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 states the School Board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 912 accept with appreciation the following gifts/donations and permit their use as designated by the donor(s).

Date	From	Site	Item/Nature of Donation/Gift	Value/Amount
11/17/20	Milaca Youth Football	Football	Monetary to pay for volunteer coaches	\$2,200

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by J. Day and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by J. Day, second by A. Struffert, to certify the 2020 payable 2021 levy in the amount of \$4,136,473.74. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried, 7:0.

Caroline Stutsman, from KDV, presented the audit. Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Larson, to approve the FY20 Audit. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by J. Day, second by B. Rensenbrink, to approve the 2020-2021 Minnesota State High School Membership Fees. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, B. Rensenbrink, R. Nelson. Against: J. Larson, A. Struffert. Motion carried, 5:2

Motion by A. Struffert, second by S. Larsen, to approve the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election. Roll call vote. In favor: J. Corrow, J. Day, S. Larsen, J. Larson, B. Rensenbrink, A. Struffert, R. Nelson. Against: none. Motion carried, 5:2.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The board reviewed the enrollment numbers.

Superintendent and Board Member Items

Superintendent Wedin reported preparing for a learning model change in response to Governor Walz's latest update. According to the update, the week of January 18, elementary students can return to school for in-person learning. The updated MDE Safe Learning Plan allows for three elementary grade levels to return at a time at two week intervals. At this time, Superintendent Wedin and administration are developing a plan for the return of students that meet the guidelines MDE and Governor Walz have set.

Superintendent Wedin reported receiving an offer on the school land. He will work with the Finance Committee to review the offer the determine the next steps.

Superintendent Wedin reported the district received \$8,500 from Mille Lacs County through their CARES funding. These funds were used to for internet hot spots and hot spot data plans to assist with increasing connectivity for families within our school community.

Superintendent Wedin reported that meal bundles are available to families twice weekly. The intent was to make it more convenient for families to pick up meal bundles twice weekly, versus daily. Participation will continue to be monitored.

Superintendent Wedin thanked Bryan Rensenbrink for 9 years of service and Jeff Larson for 12 years of service on the Milaca School Board. Their experience and leadership will be missed.

Board Member Items

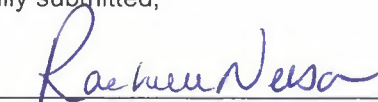
J. Larson thanked the community for allowing him to work on the board. He thanked the teachers and the staff for all their hard work though the positive times and the difficult times. The staff has amazed him and helped raise his kids. He feels the district is in good hands with the current board, staff, and administration.

B. Rensenbrink is grateful for having worked with a great staff, community, and students. He believes we have a great school and hope things continue to improve. He wishes the new and current board members luck moving forward.

Board members expressed their gratitude to J. Larson and B. Rensenbrink for their service to the Milaca School Board.

Motion by B. Rensenbrink, second by J. Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson



Clerk

January 19, 2021

Date

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