

# School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, April 21, 2008 6:30 pm

DAHLAGER THEATER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the Dahlager Theater on Monday, April 21, 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, Bob Bunker, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson. Those absent: none. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

## Changes to Agenda

### VII. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes (revised enclosure)
- D. Personnel Items – Strike hire of High School Principal

### IX. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

### XI. Superintendent and Board Members Items

- A. Superintendent Report
  - 4. Update on water pipe problem (addition)

Motion by L. Ramson, second by J. Chambers, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.  
Motion by B. Bunker, second by T. Quaintance, to amend the approval of the agenda to include the above changes as well as item IX, D2 Reconsideration of French Reduction. Motion carried.

## Public Forum

Kevin McLeod, Myron Carlson, Laurie Bellard and Tony Hass addressed the Board regarding the Hockey Co-op with Princeton.

Doug Larson, Lori Shir and Sophia Shir addressed the Board regarding the French program. Sophia Shir presented the Board with a petition of 120 kids who wanted the French Program be added back into the curriculum.

## Consent Agenda

The Board pulled the following items from the consent agenda: approval of the March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; change in assignment for Damian Patnode; termination of Anne Pearson; termination of 2008 8<sup>th</sup> grade Softball contract with Amber Hedstrom-Koepel; termination of the contract with Shirley Hoskins; elimination of the Transition room teacher position and creation of Transition room Paraeducator position.

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

- Approval of check numbers 619677 through 619842
- Approval of wire transfers:
  - Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$470,000 on 3/10/08, \$550,000 on 3/21/08, \$550,000 on 3/24/08
  - Liquid asset transfers to HSA accounts: \$8,296.20 on 3/10/08, \$7,973.28 on 3/25/08
- Hire Peter Balmer, ALC Health Teacher, \$24/hour, effective April 1, 2008
- Hire Sara Underhill, CE Lifeguard \$6.75/hour, Head Lifeguard \$7.00/hour, Aide \$8.25/hour, WSI \$11.00/hour, effective May 1, 2008 for summer 2008
- Hire Ashley Westphal as Swim Coordinator (\$350 per session), WSI \$10.00/hr, Lifeguard \$7.25/hr, Aide \$8.25/hr, Head Lifeguard \$7.50/hr, effective 5/1/08 for summer work 08
- Approve the revised maternity leave for Allison Marker, ECFE Coordinator, effective June 20, 2008 through September 22, 2008 (this is a change from the March agenda where the return date was August 1, 2008)
- Approve the retirement of Pat Wilken, High School Secretary, effective June 30, 2008. Thank you Pat, for 32 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve the Overnight Duluth Trip Request for 8th Grade Band, May 9-10, 2008
- Approve the Overnight Valleyfair Trip Request for Jr. High Marching Band, June 20-21, 2008
- Approval of the Distributed Generation and Load Curtailment Program Agreement with East Central Energy
- Approve Continued Membership in the Minnesota High School League for 2008-2009
- Approval of the Contract with Rum River North Cleaning Services for 2008-2009
- Approve the Contract with rSchool Today for Activities Scheduler Software
- Approve Agreement for Teacher Education Candidate Placements Between Milaca and SCSU 2008-2009

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

After further discussion the Board made the following motions on the items pulled from the consent agenda:

Motion by C. Patnode, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from the March 24, 2008 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes from the April 7, 2008. Motion carried

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to approve the change in assignment for Damian Patnode: 3 hours Curriculum Director, remainder as teaching math, effective August 26, 2008.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by L. Ramson, to approve the termination of Anne Pearson for Special Olympics after the current season. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the termination of 2008 8<sup>th</sup> grade Softball contract with Amber Hedstrom-Koepel with proration of pay for two weeks. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the termination of the contract with Shirley Hoskins for cleaning of ALC and ECFE facilities, effective May 30, 2008. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to approve the elimination of the Transition Room Teacher position and create Transition Room Paraeducator position. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

#### Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The Interim High School Principal presented on the grading scale proposal, reported on the April 4<sup>th</sup> skipping of class impact on the seniors last day of school, and on prom.

#### Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by C. Patnode, second by A. Struffert, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger to defer the approval of the Hockey Co-op with Princeton to the May meeting. No second. Motion failed. Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the Hockey Co-op with Princeton for the 2008-2010 school years assuming the dissolution agreement with BBL RCS is agreed upon. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: B. Bunger, A. Struffert. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned for a break at 7:52 pm and reconvened at 8:05 pm.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to approve the elimination of the Business Manager position and the contracting with SMS for business management services for a cost savings of \$25,000 for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, L. Ramson. Those voted against: C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by C. Patnode, to approve the engagement letter with the Watson Consulting Group. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger to maintain the French program as is. No second. Motion failed.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Rebecca Wallin, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Josh Wimmer, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by L. Ramson, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Joanna Latterell, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Jackie Kuehn, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Kathryn Kritzeck, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the extended media contract of Kari Erickson. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Ramson, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Kylee Thomas, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

The Board tabled the motion to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the contract of Carla Pederson, a probationary employee under Minnesota Statute 122A.40.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by L. Ramson, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Michelle Nelson-Hall, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Lisa Becker, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Jennifer Erhard, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by L. Ramson, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Geri Wild, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of JoAnn Ortman, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Amber Hedstrom-Koepl, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Joan Duckworth, a probationary teacher. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the 5 year Capitol Expenditure Plan with emphasis on year 1 (2008-2009). Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, that the dollar amount we fall short from the \$615,000 expenditure reduction come out of fund balance. Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to table the motion. Motion to table the motion carried.

Heard reports from the Board committees.

Mary Ruprecht from Rum River Special Ed Co-op was present to answer follow-up questions regarding the Joint Powers Agreement and introduced her replacement, Paulina Bangma.

The Superintendent updated the Board on background checks for volunteers, noted that notification the District is in compliance on the Pay Equity requirement had been received and thanked Mary Plante for her work on done on this, and updated the Board on a water pipe problem.

The Chairperson reported on a meeting that she and the Superintendent had with the Ogilvie School Board Chairperson..

The Board reviewed the first reading of the following policies: Policy 202 – School Board Officers and Policy 606 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials.

The Board reviewed the calendar and the student activity account.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to begin the Superintendent evaluation process. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson	Date
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Clerk	Date