

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912**

*MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353  
Monday, January 4, 2010, 6:30 PM.  
BOARD ROOM*

**I. CALL TO ORDER - SPECIAL REORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.**

*Chairperson:*

**II. ROLL CALL - CLERK**    Those present:                      Those absent:

*Voting Rotation: Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson*

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION IS REQUIRED**

**A. Reorganization of School Board**

**1. Election of School Board Officers**

Chairperson (The new chair will preside over the meeting once he/she is elected)

Vice Chairperson

Clerk

Treasurer

**2009 Officers:**

Chairperson: Pat Nelson

Vice Chairperson: Aimee Struffert

Clerk: Linda Ramson

Treasurer: Jackie Struffert

Discussion

The election has, according to Robert's Rules of Order, been done by ballot. The result of whom you vote for is part of the public record. Nominations are in order followed by the ballot vote.

**2. Board Compensation and Expenses**

Last year the board member meeting compensation was set at \$35.00 for meetings under 4 hours and set at \$75.00 for meetings in excess of 4 hours per day with no annual pay for officers.

Discussion

**A motion is in order to approve the rate of pay at**

**3. Designate Official Newspaper**

In the past, the Mille Lacs County Times has been designated as the newspaper for all official school business. A summary of board minutes has been published in the Mille Lacs County Times each month after the board meeting. The official minutes are approved at the next regular school board meeting.

Discussion

**A motion is in order naming Mille Lacs County Times as the official newspaper.**

**4. Designate School Attorney**

The firm of Kennedy-Graven has been legal counsel for the district.

Discussion

**A motion is in order to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as legal counsel for the district.**

**5. Financial Transactions Authorization**

Authorize Superintendent and/or Business Manager to make short-term investments, deposits, transfers, withdrawals and electronic funds transfers from savings to other financial institutions. Authorize the Superintendent and/or

Business Manager to make wire transfers of school district funds to approve financial institutions. Authorize the Business Manager to use facsimile signatures for all school district checks and orders. Authorize the Superintendent to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the general budget categories pursuant to MS 123.37.

Discussion

**A motion is in order to adopt the above.**

**6. Designate Local Depository for School Funds**

The following financial institutions should be designated as depositories for school funds and investments: Greater MN Credit Union, Milaca; First National Bank, Milaca and Bremer Bank, Milaca. At the March 2009 board meeting, the board designated Bremer Bank for school funds until December 31, 2013 and then begin the rotation as follows: Greater MN Credit Union, Milaca; First National Bank, Milaca and Bremer Bank, Milaca. The time period of rotation is five years.

However, from January – November 2009, we have been charged \$2,113 from Bremer Bank in finance charges. The Superintendent would like to send out request for proposals to Greater MN Credit Union, Milaca; First National Bank, Milaca and Bremer Bank, Milaca and based on the proposals received; make a determination as to how to proceed.

Discussion

**A motion is in order to direct the Superintendent to send out request for proposals to Greater MN Credit Union, Milaca; First National Bank, Milaca and Bremer Bank, Milaca.**

**7. Approval of Agenda Format/Consent Agenda for Board Meetings**

Please review the agenda and the consent agenda format.

Discussion

**A motion is in order to adopt the agenda and consent agenda format.**

## **8. Committee Assignments**

The Board Chair has the right to assign committee members. The following are the present committees that the board has established as standing committees. Please express your preferences to the Chair.

### ***Committee Name***

- a. *Building and Grounds*
- b. *Teacher Negotiations*
- c. *Budget Committee*
- d. *Clerical, District Office*
- e. *Paraeducators*
- f. *Food Service*
- g. *Transportation Committee*
- h. *Custodial*
- i. *Activity Director, Business Manager, Technology Coordinator, Computer Technician, Superintendent, Food Service Manager, Principals, Community Ed Director*
- j. *Superintendent Evaluation*
- k. *Policy Committee*
- l. *Teacher Meet and Confer*
- m. *Title One*

### ***Board Representatives / Agencies***

- a. *Legislative Report*
- b. *MN State High School League*
- c. *ECMECC (Cable TV)*
- d. *Economic Development*
- e. *Community Education*
- f. *Calendar Committee*
- g. *ALC Rep*
- h. *Wellness*
- i. *E Team/Safety/Drug Free*
- f. *Rum River Special Ed Co-op*

### ***2009 Committee Members***

#### ***(lead is underlined)***

*J. Larson, A. Struffert, T. Quaintance, Superintendent*

*J. Struffert, J. Larson, P. Nelson, Superintendent*

*Committee of the Whole*

*J. Chambers, J. Struffert, Superintendent*

*J. Struffert, L. Ramson, Superintendent*

*P. Nelson, T. Quaintance, Superintendent*

*J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, Superintendent*

*P. Nelson, A. Struffert, Superintendent*

*P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert, Superintendent*

*J. Chambers, J. Struffert*

*J. Larson, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, Superintendent*

*J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, Superintendent*

*A. Struffert, J. Chambers, Superintendent*

### ***2009 Representative***

*J. Larson*

*T. Quaintance*

*A. Struffert, Superintendent*

*P. Nelson, Superintendent*

*L. Ramson*

*T. Quaintance, J. Struffert*

*L. Ramson, P. Nelson*

*J. Chambers, M. Zens*

*J. Larson, J. Struffert, T. Quaintance*

*L. Ramson*

***Committee Name******2010 Committee Members***

a. Building and Grounds	<hr/>
b. Teacher Negotiations, Meet and Confer	<hr/>
c. Budget Committee	<u>Committee of the Whole Board</u>
d. Clerical and Dist. Office	<hr/>
e. Paraeducators	<hr/>
f. Food Service	<hr/>
g. Transportation Committee	<hr/>
h. Custodial	<hr/>
i. Administration, Activity Director, Business Manager, Technology negotiations, Supt., Food Service Manager, Facility Manager, Principals, Community Ed Director	<hr/>
j. Superintendent Evaluation	<hr/>
k. Policy Committee	<hr/>
l. Teacher Meet and Confer	<hr/>
m. Title One	<hr/>

***Rep. to Board / Agencies******2010 Representative***

a. Legislative Report	<hr/>
b. MN State High School League	<hr/>
c. ECMECC (Cable TV)	<hr/>
d. Economic Development	<hr/>
e. Community Education	<hr/>
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h. Wellness	<hr/>
i. E Team/Safety/Drug Free	<hr/>
l. Rum River Special Ed Co-op	<hr/>

## **9. Schedule Regular Board Meeting Dates**

You have established the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. as your official meeting date and time. Here is a tentative meeting calendar.

Mon. Jan. 4, 2010	6:30 pm	Reorganizational Meeting-Board Room
Tues. Jan. 19, 2010	12:30/1:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
<i>The High School will make a board presentation of information at 12:30 on this day. The official meeting will begin at 1:30 pm.</i>		
Tues. Jan. 19, 2010	Following board mtg.	Public Hearing re: budget reductions--Board Room
Tues. Feb. 16, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. March 9, 2010	5:00 pm	Public Hearing re: budget reductions – Board Room
Tues. March 16, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. April 20, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. May 18, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. June 15, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. July 20, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. Aug. 17, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. Sept. 21, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. Oct. 19, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. Nov. 16, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room
Tues. Dec. 21, 2010	6:30 pm	Regular meeting--Board Room

NOTE: Levy meetings will be set later after information comes to us from the state.

Discussion

**A motion is in order to approve the above meeting schedule.**

## **B. Discussion and Decision to (or not to) enter a Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in the Race to the Top**

Discussion

**A motion is in order....**

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

### *1. Construction Update*

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

### ***So, How Are The Children?***

*This is a traditional greeting among the African Masai Tribe acknowledging the high value that the Masai place on their children's well-being. Even warriors with no children of their own give the traditional answer. "All the children are well." Meaning, that peace and safety prevail, that the priorities of protecting the young, and the powerless are in place, and that we have not forgotten our reason for being, our proper functions and responsibilities. "All the children are well" means that life is good.*

*Speech by Rev Patrick T. O'Neill*