

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 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 on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, for the purpose of discussing Board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairperson, Pat Nelson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert and Jody Chambers. Superintendent, Jerry Hansen, was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

II. Roll Call

Correction to voting rotation

VI. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted/Position Creation:

8. Hire Cory Pederson (updated contract amount and start date)

Leave Requests/Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination:

Strike #3. Layoff hours for Leah Ronko

VIII. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Approval of Student Expulsion (addition)

D. Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Education Programs and Positions (correction to date in resolution)

Divide a. into 2 action items:

- a. Approve the Budget Reduction of an Elementary Teaching Position
- b. Approve the Budget Reduction of a Second Elementary Teaching Position

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

Public Forum

Zach Halstead and Anne Broberg addressed the Board regarding the potential French cut.

Douglas Larson addressed the board regarding budget cuts.

Joe Wildman addressed the Board, on behalf of the Physical Education Department, regarding concerns of reducing the 7th and 8th Grade Physical Education time.

The Board heard a presentation from Senator Lisa Fobbe

Consent Agenda

Motion by J. Chambers, second by A. Struffert, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2010
- Approval of check numbers 625029 through 625288
- Approval of liquid asset transfers to checking: \$550,000 on 2/10/10, \$200,000 on 2/24/10, \$450,000 on 2/24/10
- Hire Amy Carlson, ECFE/School Readiness Long Term Substitute Teacher, BA, Step 1, \$23.73/hour, effective February 16, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year
- Reduce wage of Bonnie Hathcock from \$13.29/hour to \$13.06/hour, until Level I School Nutrition Certification has been received, effective February 1, 2010
- Hire Kara Barry, Targeted Services Grades 3-4, 18.75 hours total, \$24/hour, effective March 1, 2010
- Hire Mary Jo Vickers, Targeted Services Grades 5-6, 18.75 hours total, \$24/hour, effective March 1, 2010
- Hire Michelle Lyrenmann, Targeted Services Grades 1-2, 17.5 hours total, \$24/hour, effective March 1, 2010
- Hire Donna Olson, Targeted Services Grade 1-2, 10 hours total, \$24/hour, effective March 4, 2010
- Hire Tracy Hass, Targeted Services Grade 1-2, 18.75 hours total, \$24/hour, effective March 1, 2010
- Hire Cory Pederson, Long Term Substitute for Amber Stromberg, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$6,513, effective March 12 – May 7, 2010

- Approve the retirement of Pat Stewart, Paraprofessional, effective May 21, 2010. Thank you, Pat, for 18 years of service to Milaca Public Schools!
- Accept the resignation of Jennifer Taylor, Intermediate Colorguard, effective March 5, 2010
- Approve maternity leave for Jennifer Asher, Title 1 Teacher, effective approximately May 20, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year
- Third Reading and Approval of the Following Policies: Policy 208 – Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies, Policy 401 – Equal Employment Opportunity, Policy 404 – Employment Background Checks, Policy 407 – Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Substances, Policy 409 – Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions and Creations, Policy 412 – Expense Reimbursement, Policy 414 – Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, Policy 415 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, Policy 419 – Tobacco-Free Environment, Policy 420 – Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Disease and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions, Policy 504 – Student Dress and Appearance, Policy 509 – Enrollment of Non Resident Students (new form), Policy 521 – Student Disability Nondiscrimination, Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, Policy 526 – Hazing Prohibition, Policy 603 – Curriculum Development, Policy 609 – Religion, Policy 614 – School District Plan and Procedure, Policy 615 – Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students, Policy 616 – School District System Accountability, Policy 618 – Assessment of Standard Achievement, Policy 713 – Student Activity Accounting
- Name Steve Voshell as LEA Representative 2010-2011 in Filling Application Under Public Law 107-110
- Approval of the distributed generation and load curtailment program agreement with East Central Energy
- Approval of the overnight trip request for the 7th grade band tour to Duluth, April 30 – May 1, 2010
- Approval of the overnight trip request for Jr. High marching band to the Rogers parade and Valleyfair, June 26-27, 2010

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The Elementary Principal reported on the student handbook and kindergarten registration.

The Activities Director presented guidelines for hiring additional coaches and reported there is a possibility of a new conference.

The Curriculum Director provided a math purchase update.

The Business Manager provided the Board with an update on the financial picture of the district.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Chambers, second by J. Larson, to approve the resolution relating to the expulsion of the student identified as "Student 1310". Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert, A. Struffert, J. Chambers. Those voted against: none. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by J. Struffert, second by J. Larson, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the lease for summer school space with Pease Community Christian School. Motion carried.

Member Aimee Struffert introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution Authorizing Capital Account Transfer

WHEREAS, the 2009 Legislature has adopted legislation providing that on June 30, 2010, a school district may transfer money from its reserved for operating capital account to its undesignated balance in the general fund; and

WHEREAS, the amount transferred may not exceed \$51 times a school district's adjusted marginal cost pupil units for fiscal year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the legislation provides that the transfer may only occur after the adoption of a written resolution by the school board stating the amount of the transfer and declaring that the school district's operating capital needs are being met.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 912, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines that the amount not to exceed \$107,559 (2,109 x \$51) may be transferred from the District's reserved for operating capital account to its undesignated balance in

the general fund on June 30, 2010. The Board has been advised by the Superintendent or the Director of Finance that the amount transferred does not exceed an amount equal to \$51 times the District's adjusted marginal cost pupil units for 2009.

2. The Board has reviewed the District's ongoing capital needs, including obligations and liabilities such as leases, capital facility bonds and executed contracts, to be paid from the reserved for operating capital account. The Board hereby determines that the District's operating capital needs are being met and will continue to be able to be met after the transfer of the specified amount.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Jackie Struffert. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson, Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers

and the following voted against: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Board Member (see individual motions) introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 912 adopted a resolution on December 15, 2009, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, and

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the school board,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 912, as follows:

That the following programs and positions, or portions thereof, be discontinued:

Motion by J. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the reduction of an Elementary teaching position (approximately \$60,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert, A. Struffert, J. Chambers. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the reduction of a second Elementary teaching position (approximately \$45,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, J. Struffert, A. Struffert, T. Quaintance. Those voted against: L. Ramson, J. Larson, J. Chambers. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Struffert, to approve the reduction of Family and Consumer Sciences Classes (approximately \$41,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, T. Quaintance. Those voted against: J. Larson, J. Struffert, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, L. Ramson. Motion failed.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Struffert, to approve the reduction of the FCCLA program (approximately \$3,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Struffert, T. Quaintance, P. Nelson. Those voted against: J. Larson, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, L. Ramson. Motion failed.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the reduction of 2 hours of High School Art (approximately \$11,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Struffert, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson. Those voted against: J. Larson. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the reduction of one section of French (approximately \$26,700). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: A. Struffert, T. Quaintance, P. Nelson, J. Struffert. Those voted against: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, J. Larson. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Struffert, second by L. Ramson, to approve the reduction of 1 Science overload (approximately \$8,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, A. Struffert. Those voted against: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert. Motion failed.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the reduction of 1 Spanish overload (approximately \$9,000). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, A. Struffert. Those voted against: L. Ramson, P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert, J. Chambers. Motion failed.

Motion by J. Larson, second by A. Struffert, to approve the reduction of removing the pay phone (approximately \$450). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: L. Ramson, P. Nelson, J. Larson, J. Struffert, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance. Motion carried.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member (see individual motions) and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: (see individual motions)

and the following voted against: (see individual motions)

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The Board heard reports from committees and noted the enrollment.

Superintendent and Board Member Items

The Superintendent updated the Board on the construction project.

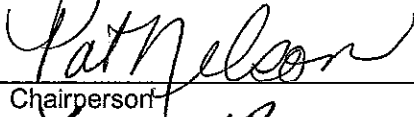
The Board reviewed the first reading of the following policies: Policy 515 – Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, Policy 515 – Public Notice.

Reviewed the student activities accounts.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

April 20, 2010

Date


Clerk

April 20, 2010

Date