

# School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, March 19, 2007 6:30 pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held at the Milaca Board of Education room on Monday, March 19, 2007, for the purpose of conducting regular Board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairperson, Pat Nelson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

## Public Forum

Barbra Larson, Debby Standaert, Cindy Stellmach and her son, Scott Stellmach, all addressed the Board regarding the proposed budget cut in French III – IV.

## Good Things Happening

Congratulations to Jeremy Marckel who has qualified to compete at the state level of the National Geographic Bee on March 30th at Macalester College.

## Consent Agenda

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- Minutes of Regular and Closed Board Meetings held on February 20, 2007
- Approval of check numbers 616043 through 616274
- Approval of wire transfers:
  - Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$146,000 on 2/8/07, \$310,000 on 2/8/07, \$200,000 on 2/16/07, \$620,000 on 2/22/07
  - Liquid asset transfers to HSA accounts: \$7,542 on 2/9/07, \$7,542 on 2/22/07
- Hire Mindy Zych, Elementary Paraprofessional, 1.25 hours/day, every other day, \$10.00/hour, effective February 21, 2007
- Hire Linda Oeffling, Summer Kids Town, 25 hours/week, \$9.69/hour, effective June 4, 2007
- Hire Michelle Gerads, Summer Kids Town, 20 hours/week, \$6.15/hour, effective June 4, 2007
- Hire Nicole Hartung, Summer Kids Town, 32 hours/week, \$12.03/hour, effective June 4, 2007
- Hire Jennifer Asher, Long Term Substitute for Michelle Meixell, BA, Step 1, FTE 1.0, \$8,979, effective January 23 through April 13, 2007
- Hire Dana Peterson, Elementary Paraprofessional, 33.75 hours/week, \$10.13/hour, effective March 20, 2007
- Hire Heidi Olson, Elementary Paraprofessional, 30 hours/week, \$10.13/hour, effective March 20, 2007
- Correction to Joan Duckworth, Long Term Substitute contract (for Dorothy Jackson), BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$11,801 (was \$11,629)
- Hire Coleen Fitzgerald, Long Term Substitute for Betsy Wall, BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE, \$10,005, effective March 7, 2007
- Hire Joe Bernau, Assistant Jr. High Track Coach, \$1,251, effective March 27, 2007
- Hire Amber Koepl, 8th Grade Softball Coach, \$1,501, effective March 26, 2007
- Hire Joe Wildman, Assistant Track Coach, \$1,766, effective March 12, 2007
- Approve the paternity leave request for Keith Anderson, High School Teacher, effective approximately March 6, 2007 for 5 days (but will cover conferences on March 8, 2007)
- Approve medical leave for Laura Johnson, Van Driver, effective February 28, 2007 through April 15, 2007
- Accept the resignation of Jeannine Bruesewitz, HS English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Thank you, Jeannine, for 27 years of service at Milaca Public Schools!
- Approve maternity leave for Michelle Miller, Food Service, effective approximately March 25, 2007 for approximately 4 weeks
- Approve the medical leave request for Nicole Hartung, Kids Town, March 13 to approximately April 10, 2007
- Approve the Behavior Manager Contract 2007-2008
- Approve the requests for proposals for actuarial study to determine liability for other post employment benefits (OPEB)
- Accept bid for purchase of mini-van in the amount of \$16,600 awarded to Murphy Chevrolet of Foley

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

## Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on the progress of the ALC Math curriculum and the High School Math and Science curriculum change/goals.

The Elementary Principal reported on the progress of Kindergarten registration.

The Community Education Director reported on the summer brochure offerings, preschool registration, budget reductions in community ed based on enrollment and the recertification of the district census.

The Building and Grounds Facility Manager reported on the restructuring of the custodians.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution for structural balance for the Paraprofessional contract. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to ratify the 2006-2008 Paraprofessional Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to open discussion of changing wording of Milaca District Goal. Motion by C. Patnode, second by B. Bunger, to leave wording of the Milaca District Goal as is. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the resolution relating to the expulsion of the student identified in the attachments hereto as "Student 1307". Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the resolution relating to the expulsion of the student identified in the attachments hereto as "Student 1407". Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to pre approve the French trip for July 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to accept the Johnson Controls quote of \$7,988 for replacement of the summer domestic hot water heater. Motion carried.

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 19, 2006, 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 C. Patnode, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget reduction of targeted services in the amount of \$30,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to approve the budget reduction of in town bussing in the amount of \$14,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of 1 Ag position as teacher moves to counselor in the amount of \$70,617. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to approve the budget reduction of a High School paraprofessional in the amount of \$19,903. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by B. Bunger, to approve the budget reduction 5% of Business Manager to Food Service in the amount of \$4,789. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Ramson, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget reduction of a paid position for taking board minutes in the amount of \$900. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of District Office health insurance for part time position in the amount of \$1,600. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of Resource Training Solutions Membership in the amount of \$4,600. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to not approve the budget reduction of Community Education facilities chargeback in the amount of \$5,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: T. Quaintance, P. Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, approve the budget reduction of paper payroll stubs by switching to electronic payroll in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the budget reduction of cheerleading in the amount of \$3,352. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to split the motion for reduction of High School overloads (PE and World Language) into separate items. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to approve the budget reduction of high school overload in PE. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of high school overload in World Language. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, P. Nelson. Those voted against: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Motion failed.

The Board broke for a break at 7:42 pm and reconvened at 7:52 pm.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of an increase in activity fees and admissions in the amount of \$14,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of an Elementary teacher (reassigned to Kinderplus) in the amount of \$41,766. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by J. Chambers, to approve the budget reduction of 1 hour music (High School) in the amount of \$4,500. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the budget reduction of the Facility Manager in the amount of \$64,893. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by C. Patnode, to approve the budget reduction of the weight room supervisor in the amount of \$3,452. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert. Those voted against: B. Bunger, C. Patnode. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to approve the budget reduction of turning down the heat in the amount of \$4,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget reduction of 2 ½ hours in the Elementary Office in the amount of \$8,383. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by B. Bunger, to approve the budget addition of ITV/College to School Options in the amount of \$4,900. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by L. Ramson, to approve the budget addition of additional time in the District Office in the amount of \$1,500. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: T. Quaintance, B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by A. Struffert, to approve the budget addition of adding a section of Kinderplus in the amount of \$18,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by B. Bunger, to add 1.0 FTE for 5<sup>th</sup> grade 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$42,000. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, B. Bunger. Those voted against: T. Quaintance, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Motion failed.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by B. Bunger, to add 1.0 FTE for 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2007, 2008 school year. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, L. Ramson, B. Bunger. Those voted against: T. Quaintance, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Motion failed.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to discontinue Great Glacier water accounts. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode. Those voted against: none. 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.

#### Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

Heard reports from the Board committees.

The Transportation Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Van #1 and #12 be sold under sealed bid
2. Van #2 become the food service van
3. Purchase one mini van now
4. 2007-2008 school year be the last year of handicapped van transportation done by the school district and van #6 (handicapped van) not be replaced. Transportation of these students contracted out.
5. No van purchase in 2007-2008

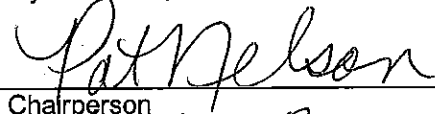
The Superintendent reported on the AASA conference she attended.

The Board reviewed the calendar, the enrollment numbers and the student activity accounts.

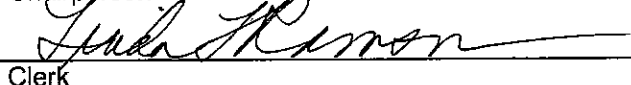
Motion by B. Bunger, second by C. Patnode, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairperson

April 16, 2007  
Date

  
Clerk

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