

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 6:30 pm

Board Room

A regular and closed meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, for the purpose of discussing Board business and negotiations discussion (MN §13D.03).

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairperson, Jeff Larson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Jody Chambers, Jeff Larson, Todd Quaintance, Mark Herzing, Judy Pearson, Aimee Struffert. Superintendent Jerry Hansen was also present.

Changes to the Agenda

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

D. Personnel Items

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted/Position Creation:

5. Increase hours for Bonnie Hathcock (addition)

6. Hire Laura Braun, Home Bound Teacher (addition)

Leave Requests/Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination

2. Correction in resignation date of Brian Noack

G. Approve the Overnight Trip Request for 7th Grade Concert Band (addition)

H. Approve the Overnight Trip Request for Junior High Marching Band (addition)

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Forum

Rose Toebe addressed the board with concerns about computer/internet access and homework.

Consent Agenda

M. Herzing pulled the third reading and approval of Policy 902 – Use of School District Building and Facilities from the consent agenda. Motion by J. Chambers, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the remainder of the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2012
- Approval of check numbers 630587 through 630812 and wire transfers
- Approval of liquid asset transfers to checking: \$565,000 on 2/9/12, \$469,000 on 2/23/12, \$113,000 on 2/29/12
- Correction in the Math Overload for Damian Fish, from 48 days (\$1,974) to 43 days (\$1,851), effective February 13, 2012
- Hire Joe Wildman, ALC Physical Ed, \$24.00/hour, effective November 8, 2011
- Hire Ashley Davis, ALC Careers, \$24.00/hour, effective March 27, 2012
- Hire Jerry Westphal, 9th Grade Girls Softball Coach, \$2,672, effective March 12, 2012
- Increase in hours for Bonnie Hathcock, Food Service, from 2.5 hours/day to 2.75 hours/day, \$13.37/hour, effective March 16, 2012
- Hire Laura Braun, Home Bound Teacher, \$24.00/hour, hours as needed, effective April 1, 2012
- Accept the resignation of Karrie Larson Boman, Food Server, effective February 21, 2012
- Accept the resignation of Brian Noack, Custodian, effective March 7, 2012
- Accept the resignation of Randy Zimmer, Head Wrestling Coach, effective March 5, 2012
- Approve the retirement of Judy Mott, Grade 6 Teacher, effective May 31, 2012
- Approve FMLA for Kevin Johnson, effective February 10, 2012 until released by doctor for return
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for FFA to Attend the State Competition, April 22 – 23, 2012
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for 7th Grade Concert Band for the Duluth Tour, May 4-5, 2012
- Approve the Overnight Trip Request for Junior High Marching Band to Perform in the Rogers Parade and at Valleyfair, June 23-24, 2012

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

After further discussion, M. Herzing made a motion, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the third reading and approval of Policy 902 with amended language defining "Community Education" to include any individual, entity or group providing contracted services through community education (as part of Group I classification). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, M. Herzing. Those voted against: J. Chambers, J. Larson, J. Pearson, A. Struffert. Motion failed, 4:2.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by A. Struffert, to approve the third reading and approval of Policy 902 – Use of School District Building and Facilities. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Chambers, J. Larson, J. Pearson, A. Struffert. Those voted against: T. Quaintance, M. Herzing. Motion carried, 4:2.

J. Larson requested that the policy committee review Policy 902 – Use of School District Building and Facilities.

Principal/Directors/Coordinators Reports

The Elementary Principal reported on Kindergarten and School Readiness Registration.

The Activities Director reported on a possible hockey co-op with Pine City, Mora, Milaca and Hinckley-Finlayson.

The Curriculum Director reported that Grade 6-12 is working with U of MN specialist to evaluate math curriculum.

The Business Manager reported on the financial condition of the district.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

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

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to increase High School activity fees, effective July 1, 2012, as follows: regular \$80, students on reduced lunch \$70, students on free lunch \$60. Football is an additional \$10 per year for equipment costs. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by M. Herzing, to leave activity fees for Junior High Activities at current rates (regular \$65, students on reduced lunch \$55, students on free lunch \$45). Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Larson, T. Quaintance, M. Herzing, J. Pearson. Those voted against: J. Chambers, A. Struffert. Motion carried, 4:2.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by M. Herzing, to increase fine arts activity fees to \$80 for High School students and leave the fee for Junior High at \$65, effective July 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Herzing, second by J. Pearson to change admission fees, effective July 1, 2012, as follows: adults \$6.00, athlete parent \$5.00, student \$3.00, senior citizen \$5.00. M. Herzing withdrew motion.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to change admission fees, effective July 1, 2012, as follows: adult \$6.00, students and senior citizens \$3.00. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: J. Larson, T. Quaintance, M. Herzing, J. Pearson, A. Struffert. Those voted against: J. Chambers. Motion carried, 5:1.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Pearson, to charge \$50/year parking fee, effective July 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve increasing lunch prices by \$0.05 to \$2.15 in the Elementary and \$2.25 in the High School, effective July 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Member Aimee Struffert 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 20, 2011, 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:

1. 0.5 FTE Elementary ECSE Teaching Position

Reduction of one 0.5 FTE Elementary ECSE Teacher due to decrease in caseloads.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Jody Chambers and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jody Chambers, Jeff Larson, Todd Quaintance, Mark Herzing, Judy Pearson, Aimee Struffert

and the following voted against: None.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the revised 2011-2012 Food Service and Community Education budget. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to approve the purchase of a new van. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to make up the February 29, 2012 snow day by changing May 31 and June 1, 2012 to full student contact days and adding June 5, 2012 as a teacher contract day. Motion carried.

The Board heard reports from the committees and viewed the enrollment numbers.

The Board Members discussed the candidates to fill vacancy left by Pat Nelson. Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to appoint Bryan Rensenbrink to fill school board vacancy subject to his formal acceptance and taking oath of office. Motion carried.

The Board heard the second reading of Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy.

The Board sent Policy 510 – School Activities back to the Policy Committee and heard the first reading of Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements.

The Board reviewed the student activities account.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to close the regular meeting. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:37 PM.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by A. Struffert, to open closed meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 8:49 PM.

The Board discussed negotiations.


Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Pearson, to close the closed meeting. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 10:42 PM.


Motion by J. Chambers, second by J. Pearson, to open the regular meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 10:42 PM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson


Clerk

April 17, 2012

Date

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Date