

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, November 17, 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, November 17, 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: Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode and Jody Chambers. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Changes to Agenda

V. Good Things Happening

2. Strike: Percussion curriculum demonstration by Andy Nelson
4. Addition: Thank you is expressed to all the people who worked on the operating referendum

Motion by C. Patnode, second by A. Struffert, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

Good Things Happening

1. Appreciation is expressed to Bruce Hoskins, Doug Olson, Jim Hendrickson and four students: Steph Miller, Scott Stellmach, Leandra Carlson, and Shawn Bekius for their efforts in planting flowers in the front of our school early this summer. The public enjoyed the flowers all summer. We have heard that they have plans to possibly repeat this activity next summer. Our thanks. It added to the positive first impression of our school building for all people entering the complex.
2. Congratulations to Lora Dagel who received a \$500 grant from The ECE Operation Round Up program to support the Reading-Around-Town program. Thanks to East Central Energy and to the many energy customers who participate in the round up program. Interestingly to note, there are many district employees and parents who are a part of this round up program, so our thanks to those groups, in particular.
3. Thank you to all of you who were able to help out at the School Forest! We had a wonderful diverse group of students and staff. It was amazing how much we were able to accomplish in just one hour. It was the first time many people had been to our School Forest Environmental Learning Center! Please check out the new webpage for the School Forest located under "District Info" on the school website. There are site maps, management plans, photos and much more.
4. Thank you is expressed to all the people who worked on the operating referendum on behalf of the district: Andy Nelson, Audrey French, Cindy Zillmer, Doug Olson, Julie Cook, Katherine Granger, Kirsten Neely, Kris Marxhausen, Laura Odden, Leslee Swenson, Mary Krauel, Mary Hastings, Michelle Anderson, Missy Tellinghuisen, Nancy Gully, Pat Chesla, Paul Hoehn, Sara Underhill, Shannon Lepper, Tashia Hobert, Tracy Hass, Trina Olson, Valerie Anderson, Amisa Pollard, Andrea Mikla, Ardy Becklin, Becky Bergstrom, Barbra Zakrajsek, Ben Bakeberg, Charlie Plumadore, Chris Nord, Colleen Bell, Cory Pedersen, David Hahn, Emily Knodle, Jody Chambers, Joe Wenner, Joyce Sundberg, Kelly Swanson, Kristi Mettling, Linda Ramson, Lola Vedders, Monica Eiden, Nicole Hartung, Sarah Ploeger, Sarah Tillotson, Shirley Geurkink, Steve Voshell, Tammy Marudus, Wendy Hoeck, Wendy Anderson, Wendy Hakes, Sarah Marxhausen.

Consent Agenda

B. Bunger pulled the November 10, 2008 Canvassing Meeting Minutes from the consent agenda.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the remainder of the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular and Closed Meetings held on October 20, 2008
- Approval of check numbers 621313 through 621544
- Approval of wire transfers:
Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$230,000.00 on 10/01/08, \$65,000.00 on 10/06/08, \$440,000.00 on 10/09/08, \$63,000.00 on 10/10/08, \$120,000.00 on 10/20/08, \$517,000.00 on 10/23/08, \$275,000.00 on 10/30/08
- Accept the maternity leave for Shannon Kral, Elementary Teacher, approximately January 20 - March 27, 2009 (correction of beginning date from last month's agenda)
- Hire Patti Feters, Targeting Services Tutoring Para, 16 hours total, \$14.10/hour, effective November 3, 2008
- Hire Linda Mickelson, Targeted Services Tutoring Para, 16 hours total, \$14.45/hour, effective November 3, 2008
- Hire Lora Dagel, Targeted Services Teacher, 40 hours total, \$24.00/hour, effective November 3, 2008
- Hire Ann Hoehn, Targeted Services Teacher, 40 hours total, \$24.00/hour, effective November 3, 2008

- Hire Missy Tellinghuisen, Targeted Services Teacher, 40 hours total, \$24.00/hour, effective November 3, 2008
- Hire Mary Jo Vickers, Targeted Services Teacher, 40 hours total, \$24.00/hour, effective November 3, 2008
- Hire Donelle Welch, Targeted Services Teacher, 40 hours total, \$24.00/hour, effective November 3, 2008
- Recall from layoff Leah Ronko, Paraprofessional, 18.75 hours/week, \$10.51/hour, effective November 6, 2008
- Hire Karen Muchow, JV Girls' Basketball Coach, \$2776, effective November 17, 2008
- Hire James Taylor, 9th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, \$3,413, effective November 17, 2008
- Approve FMLA for Laurie Maurer, Paraprofessional, effective October 24th through December 8th, 2008
- Approve the resignation of Michael Rademacher, Baseball Coach, effective November 17, 2008
- Approval of the change order with IEA for indoor air quality testing in the amount of \$700
- Approval of the Jostens contract for the 2008-2009 yearbook
- Approval of the SAR Committee (Curriculum and Student Achievement Committee) membership roster
- Approval of the Native American Parent Committee resolution

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

After further discussion, A. Struffert made a motion, second by J. Chambers, to approve the November 10, 2008 Canvassing Meeting minutes.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The Elementary Principal reported on Wolves News.

The Business Manager updated the Board on the financial picture of the district.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by C. Patnode, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by L. Ramson, to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of certificates of election and directing school district clerk to perform other election duties. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to adopt the resolution entering into a student teacher agreement with Southwestern Minnesota State University. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers. Those voted against: none. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the recommendation to reduce the Food Service area expenditure budget for 2008-2009 by \$111,000. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the recommendation to implement reductions in Food Service expenditures. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by C. Patnode, to not approve bonding for OPEB at this time. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: T. Quaintance, B. Bunger, C. Patnode. Those voted against: L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, J. Chambers. Motion failed.

The following resolution was presented by Member L. Ramson who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. _____ RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$3,945,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAXABLE OPEB BONDS, SERIES 2009A

BE IT RESOLVED By the School Board of Independent School District No. 912, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota (the "District") as follows:

1. It is determined that:

- (a) the District is authorized under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 and Section 471.6175) (the "Act") to issue its general obligation taxable bonds for the purpose of funding the District's actuarial liabilities to pay other post-employment benefits ("OPEB");
- (b) the amount of the District's unfunded actuarial accrued liability ("UAAL") as of January 1, 2008 is \$3,559,452, according to the District's final actuarial study dated June 9, 2008;
- (c) it is necessary that the Board utilize the provisions of the Act to provide funds to meet the District's UAAL and to issue its OPEB bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,945,000; and
- (d) the District staff and financial advisers have determined that proceeds of the OPEB bonds will be held in a _____ trust in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

2. To provide financing for the UAAL, the District will therefore issue and sell its General Obligation Taxable OPEB Bonds, Series 2009A (the "Bonds") in the total principal amount of \$3,945,000. The Bonds will be issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Official Statement and related sale documents to be prepared for the sale of the Bonds by Ehlers & Associates, Roseville, Minnesota, as the District's authorized financial adviser. The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist Ehlers & Associates in the preparation of such documents for the sale of the Bonds on December 15, 2008, or alternate later date as reasonably determined by Ehlers & Associates based on market conditions, and to bring the results of the sale of the Bonds before the Board on such date.
3. The law firm of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, as bond counsel for the District, is authorized to act as bond counsel and to assist in the preparation and review of necessary documents, certificates and instruments relating to the Bonds. The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist Kennedy & Graven, Chartered in the preparation of such documents, certificates, and instruments.
4. The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 (the "State Payment Law") which provides for payment by the State of Minnesota in the event of a potential default of a school district obligation. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of the State Payment Law, the provisions of the State Payment Law shall be binding as long as any Bonds remain outstanding.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member J. Chambers, and upon vote being taken thereon the following members voted in favor of the motion: L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers

and the following voted against: T. Quaintance, B. Bungler

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The Board heard reports from the committees.

The Superintendent reported on a school board member area of the website and on \$2,296 if roof repairs that have been approved and ready to be completed.

Dave Leom updated the Board on the Hall of Fame Committee process of creating bylaws and procedures to begin a Milaca Hall of Fame.


Heard second readings of the following policies: Policy 503 – Student Attendance, Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety Policy.

Reviewed the calendar and the student activities accounts.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson

December 15, 2008

Date



Clerk

December 15, 2008

Date