

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, October 20, 2008 6:30 pm

BOARD ROOM

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the Board Room on Monday, October 20, 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: Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Bob Bunker and Aimee Struffert. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Changes to Agenda

VI. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- E. Approve Contract with IEA for Carpet Sampling (addition)

VII. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

- E. Approve Contract with BKB Superintendent Search Firm (addition)
- F. Approval to Seek Voluntary Membership in the Multi District Integration Collaborative (addition)

X. Superintendent and Board Member Items

- A. Superintendent Report
 - 10. 2009 MSBA Annual Leadership Conference (addition)
 - 11. Q Comp Study Session (addition)

Discussion of Policy 501 – School Weapons Policy (addition)

Motion by B. Bunker, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

Good Things Happening

1. The preschool milk funding, which was noted at the September school board meeting, was made possible by the efforts of several of our staff members. Candy Jacobson, Amy Milbradt and Teresa Nelson, as well as Julie Rhoda, were involved in the request process. Our thanks to them.
2. Congratulations to Randy Johnson, who was nominated for the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota "Outstanding Science Teacher Award" by former student, Jill Goslinga
3. Thank you to Lora Dagel, who applied for and received a grant from Target in the amount of \$2,000 for support of Reading Around Town.
4. The Superintendent received a Leadership and Service award from the Minnesota Association of School Administrators at their annual banquet. Dr. Zakrajsek served as the member services chairperson for this state organization during the 2007-2008 school year.
5. Congratulations to Austin Baers, who participates in Cross Country, and Emily Swanson, who participates in swimming, for recently being named performers of the week.
6. Commend staff for focusing on the positives during the recent national crisis, etc.

Consent Agenda

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by B. Bunker, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular and two Closed Meetings held on September 15, 2008
- Approval of check numbers 620974 through 621312
- Approval of wire transfers:
 - Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$430,000 on 9/09/08, \$660,000 on 9/24/08
- Call back Sara Scherer from layoff, Paraprofessional, 31.25 hours/week, \$10.51/hour, effective September 24, 2008
- Hire Rachel Bakker, Long Term Sub (Michelle Lyrenmann), BA, Step 1, \$7,053, effective September 30 through December 1, 2008
- Revision to Jack Palmer's Long Term Sub Contract (Megan Vetter), BA, Step 1, \$9,342, October 2 through December 19, 2008
- Hire Emily Knodle, Mock Trial Advisor, \$1,215, effective November 2008
- Accept the resignation of Barb Witchen, Paraprofessional, effective September 15, 2008
- Accept the maternity leave for Kara Barry, Elementary Teacher, approximately January 8 – March 27, 2009

- Accept the maternity leave for Shannon Kral, Elementary Teacher, approximately January 9 – March 27, 2009
- Approve contract with IEA for carpet sampling in rooms E141, E123, E121, E119 and E117 in the amount of \$2,700 to be done as soon as possible

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on the Math Task Force, on homecoming and the Senior to Sophomore program.

The Elementary Principal reported on Reading Around Town (RAT) program.

The Activities Director reported on "IMPACT" head injuries; two new programs set up by Kathy Fitschen: Peer Helpers, Teen City; and reviewed the use of outside vendors selling things at football games, etc.

The Food Service Director updated the Board on meal counts.

The Business Manager presented revenue budget update information, fund balance information and discussed options.

The board broke at 7:35 pm for a break and reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

The Board discussed Policy 501 – School Weapons Policy.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by A. Struffert, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to adopt the resolution regarding the expulsion of "student 1409". Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: C. Patnode, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, A. Struffert. Those voted against: B. Bunger. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by C. Patnode, to grant the custodial grievance. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: C. Patnode, J. Chambers, L. Ramson, P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert. Those voted against: T. Quaintance. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by B. Bunger, to table the decision to direct the administration to proceed with the bond election for OPEB as allowed by the legislature. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Quaintance, second by J. Chambers, to approve the contract with BKB Superintendent Search Firm. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by C. Patnode, to approve seeking voluntary membership in the Multi District Integration Collaborative out of St. Cloud and directing the Superintendent to write a formal letter to the MDE and to St. Cloud Schools requesting consideration of this matter. Motion carried.

Items of Information and/or Discussion Only

The Board heard a report on building and grounds updates and the decision from ECE regarding generator fines from July 20, 2007 in the amount of \$3,675.

The Superintendent reported on the professional learning concept beginning in Milaca, the district health insurance January 1, 2009 renewal, set a date for the meeting to canvas election results, showed an informational clip on the principal academy, updated on integration revenue, compensatory revenue and Q Comp revenue, updated the Board that the Community Education Director waiver approval for Damian Patnode was received, updated on school pictures 2009-2010, alerted the Board to the 2009 MSBA Annual Leadership Conference in January 2009, and discussed the Q Comp study session.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by L. Ramson, to recommend the Principal Academy. Motion carried.

The Board considered a letter to the Editor, but no decision was made.

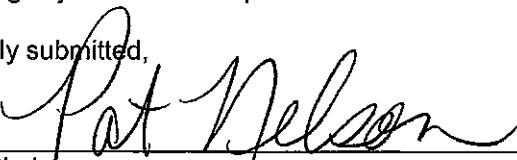
Heard first reading of the following policies: Policy 503 – Student Attendance, Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety Policy.

Reviewed the calendar and the student activities accounts.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson

November 17, 2008

Date



Clerk

November 17, 2008

Date