

# School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, September 15, 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, September 15, 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: Pat Nelson, Bob Bunger, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson. Those absent: Connie Patnode. Dr. Barbora Zakrajsek was also present.

## Changes to Agenda

### V. Good Things Happening

2. Thank you to Benton Telecommunications Foundation for donation towards preschool milk (addition)
5. Note Mille County Times article on McKenzie Horrigan (addition)

### VI. Approval of the Consent Agenda

#### D. Personnel Items

Employment Approval/Hours Adjusted/Position Creation

4. Hire Jack Palmer, English Teacher Long Term Substitute (addition)

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

4. Accept the resignation of Michelle Gerads, Kids Town Student Helper Lane Changes
9. Michael Rademacher from MA+10 to MA+20

### VIII. Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

- A. Approval of Treasurer's Report – enclosure addition

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

## Good Things Happening

1. Two students, Jack Barsody and Jennifer Studniski, along with teacher Shannon Kral (fifth grade), were cited in the St. Cloud Diocesan newspaper, *The Visitor*, on August 28, 2008. Mrs. Kral was praised for finding ways to make learning fun, for her bright classroom and for her work on helping students with speeches.
2. The Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus (Foreston/Milaca) donated \$650.00 towards our Preschool milk fund. Many of the Knights are retired dairy farmers and were proud to provide milk money for area children. Thank you to Julie Rhoda for her work in obtaining this funding. Also, thanks to Benton Telecommunications Foundation for their generous donation of \$652 to supply the rest of our funding for preschool milk. Thanks to these donations, parents will not have to pay for pre school milk this year!
3. Congratulations to the Milaca FFA Chapter on their third place finish in the Landscape Design and Construction Competition at the Minnesota State Fair.
4. Congratulations to Milaca FFA Member, Shawn Bekius, in finishing seventh in the State at the Safe Tractor Operating contest at the State Fair this year.
5. Note the excellent article on one of our students, McKenzie Horrigan, in the September 11<sup>th</sup> issue of the Mille Lacs County Times, as well as the article in the same issue about our French Students' France trip.

## Consent Agenda

Motion by J. Chambers, second by B. Bunger, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the meeting minutes from the Regular and Closed meetings held on August 18, 2008
- Approval of check numbers 620779 through 620973
- Approval of wire transfers:
  - Liquid asset transfers to checking: \$380,000 on 8/07/08, \$306,000 on 8/14/08, \$558,000 on 8/22/08
- Hire Geneva Cummons, Kids Town Student Worker, 8 hours/week, \$6.55/hour, effective September 3, 2008
- Hire Shareen Hopp, Food Server, 11.25 hours/week, \$10.80/hour, effective September 2, 2008
- Hire Colleen Bell, Co-Prom Advisor for Junior Class (shared with Andrea Mikla), \$360, effective September 4, 2008

- Hire Jack Palmer, English Teacher Long Term Substitute for Megan Vetter, BA, Step 1, \$9,698, effective approximately September 30 – December 19, 2008.
- Accept the maternity leave for Amber Stromberg, Elementary Teacher, effective approximately November 13, 2008 to January 5, 2009
- Accept the maternity leave for Jennifer Burroughs, Social Studies Teacher, effective approximately January 24, 2009 through March 16, 2009
- Accept the resignation of Geri Wild, Co-Prom Advisor for Junior class (shared with Andrea Mikla), effective September 4, 2008
- Accept the resignation of Michelle Gerads, Kids Town Student Helper, effective August 22, 2008
- Lane Changes:
  1. Michelle Fournier from BA+20 to BA+30, \$46,962
  2. Cory Anderson from MA to MA+10, \$52,746
  3. Jeremy Mikla from BA+30 to MA, \$47,541
  4. Dave Grilz from MA to MA+10, \$49,508
  5. Joshua Franklin from BA+10 to MA, \$41,526
  6. Anthony Vesledahl from MA to MA+10, \$57,604
  7. Martin Garber from BA+40 to MA, no increase
  8. Tracy Hass from BA+40 to MA, no increase
  9. Michael Rademacher from MA+10 to MA+20, \$51,473
- Approve Budget Timeline for the 2009-2010 Budget Year
- Approve the Food Service Contract 2008-2010

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

#### Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

The High School Principal reported on the AYP Improvement Plan update and the start of school.

The Elementary Principal reported on the RTI Conference.

#### Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to approve the filing of a letter of approval for a Community Education Director administrative license request for Damian Patnode. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to certify the Pay 09 Levy at the maximum amount. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to approve the annual report on Curriculum, Instruction & Student Achievement Reflecting 2007-2008 Data. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by L. Ramson, to approve the Administration and Compliance Service 403b and 457 Plans Agreement with Educators Benefit Consultants, LLC for October 2008-2009 using option 2, with the cost of plan administration at \$200/month. Motion carried.

Motion A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to adopt the resolution regarding the expulsion of "student 1309". Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: P. Nelson, B. Bunger, A. Struffert, J. Chambers, T. Quaintance, L. Ramson. Those voted against: none. Those absent: C. Patnode. Motion carried.

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

Heard committee reports:

The Superintendent Search Committee updated the board on their progress and was renamed the Superintendent Search Steering Committee.

Connie Patnode arrived at 7:08 pm.

The Superintendent reported on grievances, the status of school district bond refunding, the operating referendum fund balance projections, and the examining 2 additional part time paraprofessional positions.


The Board reviewed the calendar and the student activities report.

Chairperson, P. Nelson, officially appointed T. Quaintance, L. Ramson and J. Chambers to serve on the Superintendent Search Steering Committee.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by T. Quaintance, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

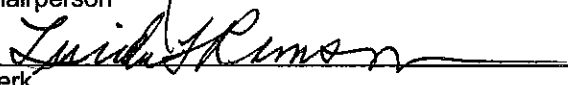
The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairperson

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