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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 April 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7:01pm on April 8, 2026 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Billy Johnson, Luke Peterson, Hannah VanHeel & Chris Gilyard. Also present was Superintendent Todd Lee & Principal Sheryl Johnson.

Bill Johnson made a motion to Amend the Agenda for the meeting to add 1.1 Long Term Sub Gavin Sawyer under Consent Agenda items.. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the March 18, 2026 regular meeting. Seconded by Hannah VanHeel. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept the Hiring of Long Term Sub Gavin Sawyer. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$\$107,254.65. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$77,553.77 on March 20, 2026 and \$74,398.90 on April 5, 2026. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Molly Gerads made a motion to renew the following teacher contracts: Hannah Benkowski, MS/HS SPED, not tenured with renewal. Mikayla Novak, Elementary, not tenured with renewal. Tara Ramsdell, Elementary, tenured with renewal. Jordan Sales, Elementary, tenured with renewal. Danielle Wallace, K-12 Art, not tenured with renewal. Mackenzie Morris, Elementary, not tenured with renewal. Gracie Schultz, Ag/Science, not tenured with renewal. Lucas Miller, Elementary, not tenured with renewal. Maureen Miller, PreK, tenured with renewal. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Hannah VanHeel made a motion to non-renew the following teacher contracts: April Legatt, K-12 music, Anthony Sobiech, Elementary and Savannah Goebel. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the Yard Barber Lawn Care Quote. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote 6-0, motion carried.



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REPORTS

Sheryl Johnson presented the Principal Report. Enrollment remained the same since the March meeting. There are new students/families touring.

School Wide Celebrations:

- Hair Hero's - Launching April 20th in our school - see Swanville MN Hair Hero's on Facebook.

High School Celebrations

- FFA competition and chartering - attending the State Convention
- Congratulations to Noah VanHeel and Ali Barthel, March Students of the Month
- Trying a new photographer for softball and track.

K-Schleicher	Jaxon Poegel
K-Morris	Camden Lange
1 Waltman	Felix Bonrud
2 Wimmer	Calvin Crosby
2 Miller	Gideon Murphy
3 Novak	<i>Hannah Romero</i>
3 Sales	Kaiden Harden
4 Wimmer	Keagan Welle
4 Ramsdell	Sev Seelen
5 Swisher	Piper Murphy
5 Sobiech	Jenny Lopez Ojeda
6 Gapinski	Griffey Allen
PE K-3	Archer Boecker
PE 4-6	Logan Miller
Art K-3	Carson Cash
Art 4-6	Ava Maciej
Music K-3	Mackenzie Prather
Music 4-6	Harper Lindemann



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SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd provided updates on the follow:

- Construction update - Ground Breaking ceremony on April 9th at 1:30, all welcome.
- Kitchen Construction meeting on 4/17
- Summer Programming update
- Sourcewell's Educators of Excellence Recognition Banquet is May 6, 2026 at 5:30pm.
- 2K/5K is May 8, 2026, all are welcome
- Graduation is May 22nd - School Board is grilling for students and family prior to the ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Molly Gerads made a motion to move to a closed meeting pursuant to Minn.stat. 13D.05, Subd. 2(a) at 7:51pm. Seconded by Hannah VanHeel. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to end the closed sessions and reopen at 9:30pm. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 7pm in the High School Library.

Bill Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm, seconded by Chris Kircher. Vote 6-0, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads
Swanville School Board Clerk/Treasure

