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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 November 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7:00pm on November 19, 2025 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson, Chris Gilyard. Absent were Bill Johnson & Kyle Thieschafer. Also present was Superintendent Todd Lee. No guests to be added to the agenda.

Chris Gilyard made a motion to amend the Agenda for the meeting to add 7.5a. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the October 20, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Gilyard made a motion to accept the Resignations of Luke Peterson Head Volleyball Coach & Hannah Thieschafer Assistant Volleyball coach. Hirings of Carrie Reece -Partime Kitchen Help, Jason Lee - Head Robotics Coach, Kris Bellefeuille - Assistant Robotics Coach & Marissa Murphy - Head Volleyball Coach. Lane changes for Adam Gerads from BA 15 to BA 30 & Pam Czech from BA 30 to BA 45. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Molly Gerads made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$232,599.34. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$66,844.76 on October 20, 2025 and \$122,873.97 on November 5, 2025. Seconded by Kyle Thieschafer. Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Gilyard made the motion to Accept the sole bid - Dozer Excavating for Snow Removal. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

REPORTS

PRINCIPAL REPORT -

Todd Lee, Superintendent updated no report.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

November Athletes of the Month:



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Volleyball:

V: Head Coach Luke Peterson, "Sophomore Addison Hudalla is our November Athlete of the Month for Volleyball. Addison improved continuously throughout the season. She was dominant for us in the playoffs, helping lead us to the section finals. In the sub-section finals game, she had 13 blocks and 20 kills! Congratulations Addison!"

Football:

V: Head Coach Jay Loven, "The USA Patriot football team would like to recognize Ethan Barthel as their November Athlete of the Month. Ethan is a 3 year starter and perennial defensive leader. Since suffering an elbow injury that kept him out most of the season, Ethan came back at the end of the season to help the Patriots to their 2nd consecutive section title and state tournament appearance. Ethan was the "swiss army knife" for the Patriots, playing offensive line, running back, and linebacker, as well as some kicking duties. Congratulations Ethan."

Coaches:

Volleyball

Marissa Murphy - I am recommending hiring Marissa Murphy as head coach. It is early, but we have someone who is interested and she can start building the program how she wants it during the offseason.

Winter Seasons:

Girls Basketball - practice began on Monday, November 10 with their first game Friday, 11/21/2025 @ Pine River - Backus.

Gymnastics - practice began on Monday, November 10 with the first meet on Thursday, December 4th @ Little Falls

Boys Basketball - practice begins on Monday, November 17 with their first game on Tuesday, 12/2/2025 vs Pierz.

Wrestling - practice begins on Monday, November 17 with the first varsity match on Thursday, 12/4/2025 @ Minnewaska

Robotics - Jumpstart Event is on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at St. Cloud State. The season begins January 5th and goes through April.

Special Recognition:

-Volleyball finished the year with a 24-3 record, advancing to the section finals. The girls were exciting to watch all season! Earning All Conference honors were Avery Douglas, Reese Jackson, Delaney Chuba and Addison Hudalla. Honorable Mention went to Morgan VanHeel and Ali Barthel. **Avery Douglas was named MVP in the conference.** Also, Reese Jackson was Academic All-State and the team earned an Academic Gold from the MSHSL and Coaches Association.

-The USA football team finished with a 9-2 record, advancing to the State Tournament at Becker High School. The boys were also exciting to watch all season! Earning All-District honors were Frankie Meagher, Ethan Barthel, Brody Kircher, Brayden Leners, Cal Leners, and Carson Primus. Honorable Mention went to Jake Leners, Noah Zinniel, Noah Ripplinger and Sam Laliberte. Brody Kircher was named *Wide Receiver of the Year* and the **District Player of the Year**. Cal Leners was named *Linebacker of the Year*. Frankie Meagher was named *Quarterback of the Year*. Jay Loven was named District Coach of the Year. The team earned Academic Gold from the MSHSL and Coaches Association.



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-Luke Peterson and Jay Loven were recognized by the Prairie Conference at our annual Coaches Banquet on Wednesday, November 5th as Coaches of the Year! Congratulations Luke and Jay!

-Senior Wide Receiver Brody Kircher has been invited to play in the Minnesota High School All Star Game. He will leave on Wednesday, 12/10/2025 for 3 days of practice with the game on Saturday, 12/13/2025. Congratulations Brody!!

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Lee shared an update on the SiteLogiQ project. Bid opening is set for December 2, 2025 at 2pm in the Auditorium. Weekly meetings will be set near the construction start. A ground breaking and communication plan is in the works. The MSBA conference is January 15-16, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

EXTRA MOTIONS/ITEMS:

None

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025 at 7pm in the High School Library starting with the Truth in Taxation meeting. The public bid opening meeting is December 2, 2025 at 2pm in the Auditorium.

Molly Gerads made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 4-0, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads - Swanville School Board Clerk

