

SWANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES, DISTRICT #486, SWANVILLE, MN.
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The Swanville School Board held its regular meeting on May 17th, 2023 in the Swanville High School Library. Board Members present were Chris Kircher, Kathy Beckman, Luke Peterson and Kyle Thieschafer Jr. Also in attendance, Administrator Travis Hensch and High School 7-12 Principal Sheryl Johnson.

Chair Chris Kircher called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to Approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVE/AMEND LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Thieschafer to approve the minutes of the April 26,2023, board meeting. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion made by Beckman and seconded by Johnson to approve the following Resignations and Hirings.

Resignations:

- Renee Miller – Administrative Assistant
- Chad Brever – Assistant Volleyball Coach

Hirings:

- Chad Brever – Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Luke Peterson – JV Girls Basketball Coach
- Morgan Hauck - Paraprofessional

Motion Carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$116,232.23. Motion carried.

Motion made by Thieschafer and seconded by Beckman to approve electric transfers for payroll of \$51,981.18 on April 20,2023 and \$99,373.99 on May 5, 2023. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thieschafer to approve calling for bids on the ALC Building. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to approve adding 0.5 FTE to the Office Staff beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kircher and seconded by Thieschafer to approve membership into the Minnesota State High School League for 2023-2024 school year. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Beckman and seconded by Peterson to approve Seasonal Placement of all Part Time Employees on Summer Lay-Off status to protect their PERA Status. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

7-12 Principal/Technology Report

Shelly Peterson will be facilitating Credit Recovery.

May ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- May is the busiest month of the year.

- A huge congratulations to Kevin Stueven on his 5-12th grade music concert last week.

The bands played to a full house. Very fun to watch the community enjoy the event, as well as the students and staff.

- A huge congratulations to Diane Schleicher and the rest of the 2K/5K crew. Friday, May

12, was an amazing example of what the school and community can do together. (We

also got lucky that the weather forecast was wrong!)

- There has been great communication down in the elementary as it seems daily there is a

grad gone on a field trip, and yet the cooks, custodians, and paras are seem to be in the loop every step of the way and there really have been any major issues.

Congratulations to our APRIL Elementary Students of the Month

6th grade - Brannon Karjala

5th grade - Owen VanHeel

4th grade - Gabriel Silgjord.

3rd grade - Harper Lindemann

2nd grade - (H) Grant Strandberg (W) Kalison Rocheleau

1st grade - (T) Heston Gerads (W) Harmony Menne

Kindergarten - Laurie Zupko

Music Department - Crosby Peterson (4th)

PE Department Grades K-3 - Sylas Shering Kindergarten

PE Department Grades 4-6 - Rachel Johnson (5th)

Elementary Enrollment Numbers: 183 – No change from last month.

Elementary Upcoming Dates:

May 16 - 2nd grade to Safari North

May 17 - Preschool field trip to the farm 11:45-1:45

May 18 - Elementary Music Concert 1:30PM

May 19 - Preschool Program; parents arrive 1:00; program starts 1:30

May 23 - 1st grade Field Trip to St. Cloud

May 26 - last day with students

8:15-9:00 3rd-6th grade Track & Field Awards ceremony.

9:00-10:00 K-6 End of Year Awards & Video

10:15-11:30 5th vs 6th grade softball game

11:30-11:55 5th & 6th grade lunch

NOON School is dismissed

May ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

May Athletes of the Month: Remember that we didn't have any for April since most activities hadn't had any games or competitions yet.

Track and Field - Girls: Abby Wimmer and Mya Proell

Track and Field - Boys: Andy Notermann and Alex Karnes

Head Coach Pete Swisher, "Abby Wimmer is an eighth grade rookie on the girls' track team. She is an incredibly hard worker who is very willing to try most any event. Abby has really found her role with the team as a leg on our sprint relays. She has run on the 4x100, 4x200, and has done an especially good job on the 4x400. Abby is very encouraging to her teammates and always willing to help them with anything. It has been a pleasure to watch her grow as an athlete this season and we look forward to watching her finish the season strong. Mya Proell is a ninth grade rookie on the girls' track team. It has been fun to watch her push herself and try new things this spring. Mya has competed in the 100, 200, 400, 4x100 relay, and the long jump this season, with the 200 probably being her best event. Mya is quiet, but always has a ready smile for her teammates and coaches. We look forward to seeing the improvements she will continue to make this season. Andy Notermann has played a large role with the track team this season as our only senior. Andy isn't always the most vocal in his leadership, but he is a strong leader by example. Andy works very hard at his craft, but is also always ready with a smile and a joke for his teammates. Andy has the best 100 time on the team and the second best 200 time. He has also competed in the 4x200 relay, discus, and shot put. We are proud of him and look forward to seeing what he can do with the rest of this season. We will miss Andy next year! Alex Karnes is a ninth grade sprinter and jumper on the boys' track team. Alex has shown great strides this year and has become one of our strongest sprinters. He works well with his teammates, which he has shown through consistently being a member of our 4x100 and 4x200 relays. Alex has improved coming out of the starting blocks this year, becoming one of our best 100 and

200 sprinters. He is also one of our better long jumpers. It has been fun to watch Alex grow as a competitor this year and we look forward to watching him finish his season strong.”

Softball - Varsity: Samantha Sobiech and Lauren Miller Head Coach Mike Chuba, “Sam Sobiech is our May Athlete of the Month for softball. Sam is a junior and is currently leading the team in batting average .525, Hits 21, and 16 RBI's. Sam has learned another new position this year as one of our catchers. We needed a catcher this year and Sam stepped up and has worked really hard to better herself at that position. Sam is a true teammate and is willing to play wherever needed to make the team better. Congrats Sam!! Lauren Miller is our May Athlete of the Month for Softball. Lauren is a Senior Captain and is an infielder for the Bulldogs. Lauren currently has a Batting Average of .417, has 15 hits, 10 RBI's and 7 stolen bases. Lauren is a quiet, positive leader that all of our younger athletes look up to and is a great role model for them as well. Lauren doesn't only excel on the field but also in the classroom. Congrats Lauren!!!!”

Softball - JH: Allison Bernadot and Amelia Reece Junior High Coach Jordan Sales, “Allison Bernadot has been chosen for Junior High Athlete of the Month for her efforts on and off the field. Allison is always in a great mood and almost always is the first to greet me and ask how my day has been going. Allison is the rock that the team leans on when playing the field. She has an even headed mind and never gets down on herself or her teammates, but is always cheering them on when they do something good. I'm excited to see where Allison's athletic career takes her in the future. Congratulations Allison! Amelia Reece has been chosen for Junior High Athlete of the Month for the strides she has made on and off the field. Amelia is constantly asking what she can do to help the team whether that's in the game or during practice. When asked to do anything, she is always willing to do it, and most times does it with a smile. Amelia's confidence has grown significantly from where it started at the beginning of the season, and she will have continued success in her future. Congratulations Amelia!”

Baseball - Varsity: Riley Johannes and Hunter Moore Head Coach Adam Gerads, “Riley Johannes is the baseball athlete of the month. Riley is a key cog in the Patriots lineup where he bats clean-up. Riley is batting .357 on the season driving in 9 runs and scoring another 9. The team can always count on Riley to have a quality at-bat. Congratulations Riley! Hunter Moore is the baseball athlete of the month. Hunter is asked to play just about every position in the field and wherever he is playing, he plays very solid defense. At the plate, Hunter is batting .357 on the year with 5 rbi and scoring 8 runs. He also has 7 sb on the season. Hunter is also a pitcher for the team where he has thrown 12 innings on the season so far and has a very good 2.33 era. Congratulations Hunter!”

Baseball - JH: Isaac Gapinski and Alex Johnson Junior High Coach Jason Lee, “Isaac is a great team player. He comes to practice and games with a positive attitude, and is always looking to perform and improve. Ike is an excellent pitcher, and his defensive fielding is very reliable. I look forward to seeing him play more baseball in the following years. Alex is a hard worker behind the plate. He has taken it upon himself to improve immensely since the start of the season, and is now an excellent catcher for the team. Alex is always looking to improve on other aspects of his play as well. He is making strides in his pitching and hitting this season, too. I am excited to see his continued growth as a baseball player for the rest of this season and next year.”

Trap: Lexi Hanson Head Coach Chris Kircher, “Junior Lexi Hanson is our choice for Athlete of the Month for the Bulldog Trap Team. Lexi shows up every week with a positive attitude and always wanting to work on improving her scores. She is a great teammate and our biggest supporter on and off the field!! Congratulations Lexi, thank you for always pushing to make our team better!!!”

SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Hensch provided the following updates:

- Frisbee Golf Update
- Graduation grilling will start at 5:45.
- Senior breakfast at 7:30am on May 26th
- Bus Cameras are purchased and will be installed this summer.

Summer Projects - Superintendent Hensch updated on the projects:

- Fix Garage doors at bus garage
- Improve parking lot on the west side of the building with short term parking spots
- Improve outside loading area by kitchen
- Re-Create office space (elementary copier room)
- Cut trees down by shop
- Improve High School Bathrooms near the shop
- Update pumphouse building down 3rd base line of the baseball field.

OLD BUSINESS

- School Tractor was discussed, looking into a cab for plowing snow.
- School Vehicle Discussed
- SiteLogIQ – discussed next steps
- Dates for Negotiations with SEA discussed

Next meeting will be June 21st, at 6pm in the Swanville High School Library.

Motion made by Kircher and seconded by Beckman to adjourn meeting at 7:08pm. Motion carried.

