

SWANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES, DISTRICT #486, SWANVILLE, MN.

The Swanville School Board held its regular meeting on August 16th, 2023 in the Swanville High School Library. Board Members present were Chris Kircher, Kathy Beckman, Molly Gerads, and Luke Peterson. Also in attendance, K-12 Principal Sheryl Johnson and Superintendent Travis Hensch. Absent was Board Member Kyle Thieschafer.

Chair Chris Kircher called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Peterson to Approve the Agenda for this meeting. Motion Carried.

APPROVE/AMEND LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

Motion made by Beckman and seconded by Gerads to approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2023, board meeting. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Johnson to approve the Resignation from Richard Wimmer, Assistant Robotics coach, Approve the Hirings of Mikayla Novak- 1st Grade Teacher, Samantha Roden – K-12 Art Teacher and Janelle Schultz – Long Term Sub Paraprofessional and Tenure for Jack Peterson – Special Education Teacher. Motion Carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Beckman to pay the bills in the amount of \$135,973.99. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gerads and seconded by Peterson to approve electric transfers for payroll of \$94,904.79 on July 20th, 2023 and \$43,227.01 on August 5th, 2023. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Johnson to approve the 10-yr. LTFM Plan present. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Beckman and seconded by Johnson to approve the High School Student Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to approve the Elementary Student Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gerads and seconded by Peterson to set the Truth in Taxation date to Wednesday December 20,2023 at 6pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gerads and seconded by Beckman to accept the Second Readings of 18 policies proposed, thus adopting them into District Policy. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Gerads to accept the Fall Athletic Coaches listed below for hire. Motion carried.

Football

Jay Loven - Head Coach
Adam Gerads - Assistant Coach
Cody VanSloten - Assistant Coach
Aaron Gapinski - Assistant Coach
Aaron Fisher - Assistant Coach/JH Swing Coach
Carter Loven - Assistant Coach/JH Swing Coach
Chris Kircher - JH Coach
Nick Klug - JH Coach

Volleyball

Luke Peterson - Head Coach
Mikayla Novak - Assistant Coach
Tanya Loven - Volunteer Assistant
Nicollet Gammon-Deering - JH Coach

REPORTS:

K-12 Principal Report:

1. Enrollment is up 5 students as of the meeting
2. Staffing updates -Tara Ramsdell will be covering grade 4-8 for Special Ed, Jack will be doing grades K-3 and two singles from upper grades and Adam will have grade 9-12. Jordan Sales will be teaching STEM to Grade K-6 and also to non-band students in grades 7 and 8. He will also be doing science 6. Mikayla Novak will be the new 1st grade teacher, Lori Hintz in fourth grade. Samantha Roden will be teaching K-12 art, with 2 hours daily devoted to elementary art. We have no one for elementary music. We've also had 0 applicants for the open science position. Joe and Jason will cover science but that has meant pulling some high school electives.
3. Revised the Device Handbook, specifically bullet 6.4
4. Interquest Canine Contract will be renewed
5. Credits and Grades: The high school determines the amount of secondary credit to be awarded upon

successful completion of the PSEO course. From the PSEO Handbook at MDE: According to Minn. Stat. § 124D.09, subd. 12b, “A district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Seven quarter or four semester credits equal at least one full year of high school credit. Fewer college credits may be prorated.” In other words, the conversion of postsecondary college credits to high school credits has to be at least a 4:1 ratio, not any less. Whatever is considered one year of high school credit in a district for a subject area is equivalent to at least four college credits. Example 1: If a high school student takes a postsecondary English course for four college credits, the student would have earned at least one full year of high school English credit. If a student is in a high school where one full year of high school English receives one credit of English, the year of English would be the equivalent of four college credits. Example 2: If a high school block schedule (i.e., 4-5 periods/day) is used whereby a student earns the equivalent of one full year of high school English credit in one semester, the corresponding high school credits earned in the semester would be equivalent to four college credits. Example 3: If a high school traditional schedule (i.e., 6-7 periods/day) is used whereby a student earns the equivalent of one full year of high school English credit in two semesters, the corresponding high school credits would be equivalent to four college credits

Athletic Director Report: Fall sports underway

Superintendent Announcement: Travis Hensch reported that summer maintenance projects will be completed in the next week-two. Bus cameras will all be installed by the end of September.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

Next meeting will be September 20th, 2023, at 6pm in the Swanville High School Library.

Motion made Beckman and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm. Motion carried.