

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

The Swanville School Board held its regular meeting on September 20, 2023 in the Swanville High School Library. Board Members present were Chris Kircher, Kathy Beckman, Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson and Kyle Thieschafer Jr. Also in attendance, K-12 Principal Sheryl Johnson, Superintendent Travis Hensch and special guest, Dr. Paul Drange and Aaron Sinclair – Sourcewell.

Chair Chris Kircher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Visitors/Public Forum:** Dr. Paul Drange and Aaron Sinclair from Sourcewell present on the services they offer.

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

**APPROVE/AMEND LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:**

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Gerads to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023, board meeting. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Motion** made by Beckman and seconded by Peterson to approve the resignation from Brooklyn Koetter, Paraprofessional, approve the Hirings of Cindy Casillas, C Squad Volleyball Coach and Chantelle Frie, Fall Play Director. Motion Carried.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$248,575.10. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Gerads and seconded by Thieschafer to approve electric transfers for payroll of \$47,155.25 on August 20, 2023 and \$44,094.22 on September 5, 2023. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion** made by Beckman and seconded by Gerads to approve the maximum preliminary Levy for taxes payable in 2024. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Thieschafer to approve call for bids for the sale of up to 3 school buses. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Peterson and seconded by Gerads to approve MOU between SEA and ISD#486: One Time exception to combine classes per section 12.1 of Master Agreement. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Beckman and seconded by Thieschafer to approve MOU between SEA and ISD#486: Adopt Alternative Career Pathways (ACP) Agreement for 2023-2024. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Gerads and seconded by Johnson to approve forgiving SAB outstanding debt. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Beckman and seconded by Peterson to approve Lane Advancement for Jason Lee from BA to BA+15. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Gerads and seconded by Beckman to approve moving October School Board Meeting to October 25th, 2023 at 6pm due to the home football game on October 18th. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Thieschafer to consider adding one Paraprofessional to assist in student management. Motion Carried.

## **REPORTS:**

### **K-12 Principal Report:**

- Motivational Monday-Each Monday a theme is announced for students and a separate one for staff.

- PBIS

- Stencil provided by Morrison County Public Health about not texting and driving  
Elementary:

- Friday Fun Day held on Friday September 8th

- Club's Choice kick off September 18th

- Kindergarten Fingerprinting October 12th

- MN Power Show on Safety October 4th

High School:

- 7th 8th Ag Day Thursday September 21st, CLC and farm

Students will travel to the Central Lakes College (CLC) Staples Campus for a showcase of the many career opportunities in agriculture such as robotics and drone operation. Farmers and ranchers from across the region will be invited to facilitate a tabletop conversation with students at the provided lunch about the many realities and benefits of working within the agriculture economy.

Students will then travel to farm field trips in their county to learn about innovative production methods such as deep winter greenhouse farming, soil building, hydroponic, aquaponic/aeroponic as water stewardship farming techniques, as well as other advanced agriculture production practices from farms in our region.

Following the ACRE tour day, student groups from the attendee ACRE day schools will be invited to submit a "project idea" that reflects their ACRE day learnings. Examples of project ideas could include launching a school garden program or to purchase kitchen equipment that would allow procurement of commodities from local farms, or to purchase equipment that could be used in the classroom to offer additional learning

experiences, or several other creative project ideas that expand exposure to the agricultural production, technology, and science. The 7th/8th grader student-driven proposed project ideas will be reviewed by CLC Agriculture Program students who shall choose up to three finalist groups to be awarded up to \$5,000.00 to complete the selected projects.

- College Fair Wednesday September 27th SCSU for juniors and seniors
- Homecoming Activities-coronation Sunday Oct 1@7 p.m., activities all week including dress up days and Olympics.
- Discussion on early graduation

### **Athletic Director Report:**

September Athletes of the Month:

Volleyball:

JH: Ayla Sandelin - JH Coach Nicollet Gammon-Deering, "Swanville Volleyball is selecting Ayla Sandelin as the September JH Athlete of the Month. Ayla is a positive, encouraging, and humble member of our team. Ayla is excelling at her role of being a team player and role model for the Junior High Volleyball team. Ayla's constant effort and hustle does not go unnoticed." Congratulations Ayla!!

JV: Lexi Hanson - Head Coach Luke Peterson, "Swanville Volleyball is selecting Lexi Hanson as the September JV Athlete of the Month. Lexi has become a leader for the young girls on the JV team. She pushes herself to get better every day and has a never give up attitude!" Congratulations Lexi!!

V: Kennedee Chuba - Head Coach Luke Peterson, "Swanville Volleyball is selecting Senior Kennedee Chuba as the September Varsity Athlete of the Month. Kennedee has solidified the setter spot for us. She works hard in practice and games. She has filled a role that we needed her to and has excelled at it." Great Job Kennedee!!!

Football:

JH: James Kraska - JH Coach Chris Kircher, "USA Patriots Junior High Athlete of the Month for September is James Kraska. James works hard every day in practice. He not only pushes himself to improve, but he also encourages his teammates each day. James does whatever is asked of him and we are thankful he decided to give football a try!" Congratulations James!

JV: Isaac Gapinski - Head Coach Jay Loven, "Isaac Gapinski is the USA Patriots JV player of the month for September. Isaac is the QB for the JV team and has flourished in his leadership role. The JV team has had quite a bit of playing time

the past couple of weeks, and Isaac has taken control and led his group to 3 touchdowns, most against the other teams varsity.” Congratulations Isaac!!

V: Franky Meagher - Head Coach Jay Loven, “USA football would like to congratulate Franky Meagher, September Athlete of the Month. Franky is a sophomore QB/LB this year for the Patriots. Franky has completed 18/23 passes for 306 yards and 6 touchdowns through the first 2 games. He also has 9 rushes for 47 yards and 3 touchdowns. Franky has really stepped up in the leadership role that is required from the QB position.” Congratulations Franky!!

Athletic seasons are off to an excellent start. Theater will begin as well at the end of September with the fall play scheduled for November 19th and 20th. Play Director Chantelle Frie is anticipating around 25 students.

### **Participation Numbers**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Football (Swanville participants)</b>
6	5	
7	7	16 (7)
8	11	14 (8)
9	8	20 (8)
10	5	11 (5)
11	4	11 (7)
12	5	8 (4)
TOTAL	45	80 (39)

Home football games next year:

8/30/2024 vs Pine River-Backus

9/13/2024 vs ACGC

9/20/2024 vs Browerville/Eagle Valley (Homecoming in Swanville)

10/11/2024 vs Benson (Game in Upsala - 1:30 or 2:00)

Special Recognition:

-Thank you to all the volunteers that spent countless hours this summer again improving our facilities. A lot of work was done on the football locker room and the softball fields among other projects.

-The Patriots football team visited the patients at Highland Senior Living which was a tremendous experience for all.

-The Bulldog volleyball team ordered warmups this year with TB on the back and an orange cancer ribbon in honor of Tom Beseman.

-In back to back games, Lily Peterson reached two milestones in volleyball. She had her 500th kill against Upsala on 9/12/2023 and her 500th assist on 9/14/2023 against LPGE.

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**Current Coaching Openings:**

Assistant Robotics Coach: starts January

JH GBB - starts January 2nd and ends February 22nd

**Superintendent Announcement:** Travis Hensch reported on facility project updates, purchase of 2 school buses, paraprofessional training and security camera updates.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ALC Building Removal:** Scheduled for MEA Weekend

**Next meeting will be October 25, 2023 at 6pm in the Swanville High School Library.**

Motion made Kircher and seconded by Beckman to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. Motion Carried.