

Swanville Public Schools No. 486

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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 July 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7pm on July 15, 2025 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Billy Johnson, Luke Peterson, Chris Gilyard, Kyle Thieschafer. Also present was Interim Superintendent Sheryl Johnson and Business Office Manager Deb Sieben. No guests present.

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Kyle Thieschafer made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the June 18, 2025 regular meeting and June 30, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept the hirings of Mackenzie Morris-Elementary Teacher 1.0 FTE, Savannah Goebel-Elementary Teacher 1.0 FTE, Fall Coaching Assignments : Football - Jay Loven - Head Coach, Adam Gerads - Assistant Coach, Cody VanSloten - Assistant Coach, Paul Urman - Assistant Coach, Aaron Fisher - Assistant Coach/JH Swing Coach, Carter Loven - Assistant Coach/JH Swing Coach, Chris Kircher - JH Coach (**Need to hire a 2nd JH coach yet**). Volleyball- Luke Peterson - Head Coach, Hannah Thieschafer - Assistant Coach, Nicollet Gammon-Deering - JH Coach. (Recommending adding a C team coach for the season with a high number of girls out for VB). Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,093,848.90. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$104,333.61 on June 20, 2025 and \$51,953.98 on July 5, 2025. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Sorenson with Josten's presented on School picture services and a staff team building program they offer.

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 READ Act Local Literacy Plan. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson presented information on a bus route for Randall pickup with Stracks Bus. Sheryl and Luke to work through details.

Sheryl Johnson will post for 2 paraprofessional openings to backfill 1 from last year and fill a new position.



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REPORTS

PRINCIPAL REPORT

K-12 Principal Sheryl Johnson presented the Principal's Report.

- Enrollment as of July 15th is at 364 for K-12. Discussion ensued on staffing and classroom space.
- Discussion on make a Careers Course a local requirement for all 9th grade students
- Discussion on Changing High School Handbook to require grade 10 & 11 students to stay in the building when they do not have college courses and are not full time PSEO students.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director Aaron Gapinski Reported: Aaron hosted a coaches meeting that was held on Friday, July 11. We had a lot of good discussions and talking points. Discussion ensued on covering coaches Association membership so that student athletes can be recognized at the State level. Aaron will bring an estimated cost to the August meeting for a vote. July 30 and August 10 are going to be dates for parent/athlete meetings prior to fall activities starting up. Last year, the school waived activity fees for all student athletes. This year, if the school is still going to waive the fees, I recommend that parents must attend one of the 2 sessions or they don't get the activity fee waived. At the coaches meeting, the coaches shared they support this idea to get messages out. The coaches came up with a list of topics to address with parents including: Behavior in stands, protocols, being on time picking up student athletes after practices and games, taking care of equipment, among other topics. Aaron will be attending the National AD convention December 12th - 16th.

School Board Committee Reports

MEET & CONFER: Luke Peterson reported that Meet and Confer met and had several great discussions and are working through some outstanding items.

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Johnson reported thoughts on Staffulty team building with Jotsen's. Klemish tree service to remove the oak tree on the east side of the school. We will open bidding for the large janitor shed on the grounds to be removed by October 31st, 2025. The small sheds will be used on the ball fields. A mini bus was purchased for parades and fun events for marketing - stay tuned for Mrs. Johnson and staff to debut it this summer in town.

OLD BUSINESS:



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Sheryl Johnson reported that thank you to Gene Harthan for assisting with completion of the Title Grant and it was submitted timely. Band Room storage bid came back and the cabinets will be built for the band room remodel.

Open House is scheduled August 27, 2025 from 5-7 with the Dollars for Scholars Spaghetti feed.

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025 at 7pm in the High School Library.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 6-0, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads - Swanville School Board Clerk

