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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 July 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order at the Swanville Park Building at 7:00pm on July 15, 2026 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Billy Johnson, Luke Peterson, Hannah VanHeel & Chris Gilyard. Also present was Superintendent Todd Lee, Business Manager Deb Sieben, Principal Sheryl Johnson.

Bill Johnson made a motion to Approve the Agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the June 17, 2026 regular meeting. Seconded by Hannah VanHeel. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept the Resignation of Chantelle Frie- Newsletter & Spring play. Hirings of Coaches as follows: Football - Head Coach Jay Loven, Assistant Coaches Adam Gerads, Cody Van Sloten, Aaron Fisher, Paul Urman, Carter Loven, Nick Klug. Junior High - Chris Kircher. Volleyball- Head Coach Marissa Murphy, Assistant Coaches Mackenzie Morris, Lucas Miller. Junior High - Nicollet Optaz. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$919,582.67. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Chris Gilyard made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$218,942.59 on June 20, 2026 and \$52,925.61 on July 5, 2026. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve \$162,491 for the LTFM plan. Seconded by Hannah VanHeel. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

REPORTS

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Sheryl Johnson presented the Principal report. Enrollment is up 4 net new students from the last day of the 2025-2026 school year. We have been unable to find a Spanish teacher for in person or virtual instruction, so we will be unable to offer that as a class. High School registration will begin soon, with communication being sent out via phone & social media.



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ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

No report for July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Construction Committee Report (Chris K, Chris G, Molly G): Playground installation will be happening August 4th -6/7th and a group of volunteers will be needed. Chris G is preparing the ground so it will be ready for installation. Concrete will be poured during installation.

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd provided updates on the follow:

- Title Grants & DIRS Report, and Central Data Grants have been submitted
- Construction Update - All is going well with completion on track. Cleaning will happen at completion of the project

OLD BUSINESS

Molly Gerads made a motion to post a Head Custodian position. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

OTHER

Save the Date: School Open House will be September 2, 2026 from 5pm-7pm with the Dollars for Scholars Spaghetti Feed. More info coming soon!

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for August 19,2026 in the High School Library.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm, seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads
Swanville School Board Clerk/Treasure

