

SWANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES, DISTRICT #486, SWANVILLE, MN.
(unofficial)

The Swanville School Board held its regular meeting on January 18th, 2023, in the Swanville High School Library. Board Members present were Chris Kircher, Kathy Beckman, Billy Johnson, Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson and Kyle Thieschafer Jr. Also in attendance, Administrator Travis Hensch, High School 7-12 Principal Sheryl Johnson and a representative from the SEA. Guests included BJ Allen from the Region 5 Economic Development Commission, Stephanie Silgjord, Samantha Cross and Lacy Zupko from Northern Pines Mental Health, and a representative from the Long Prairie Leader.

Vice Chair Kathy Beckman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. New Board Member, Kyle Thieschafer Jr. was officially sworn in.

Motion made by Gerads and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

BJ Allen with the Region 5 Economic Development presented on Solar Energy to Swanville School.

Stephanie Silgjord, Samantha Cross and Lacy Zupko presented on Northern Pines Mental Health in Swanville School.

APPROVE/AMEND LAST MONTHS MINUTES:

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022, board meeting. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Peterson to nominate Chris Kircher for school board Chairperson for 2023. No other nominations were made. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Gerads to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Chris Kircher for school board chairperson for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kircher to nominate Kathy Beckman for school board vice-chairperson for 2023. No other nominations were made. Motion by Gerads and seconded by Peterson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kathy Beckman for school board vice-chairperson for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kircher to nominate Molly Gerads for school board clerk for 2023. No other nominations were made. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Molly Gerads for school board clerk for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peterson to nominate Billy Johnson for school board treasurer for 2023. No other nominations were made. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Billy Johnson for school board Treasurer for 2023. Motion carried.

Dates/Times/Compensation for Board Meetings/Member:

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to have the regular board meeting on the Third Wednesday of each month with a starting time of 6:00 p.m. Any second monthly meeting shall be on the Fourth Wednesday with a starting time of 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Thieschafer to set the compensations for the board meetings at \$50.00 for all regular, special and second monthly meetings. A per-diem of \$150.00 for full days and \$75.00 for partial days when board members are on official attendance at meetings and events. Motion carried.

Motion made by Beckman seconded by Kircher to set annual compensation for the following: Chairperson \$150.00, Vice-Chairperson \$50.00 plus \$20.00 if presides \$250.00 Clerk and \$10.00 for Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Gerads and seconded by Johnson to approve membership in the following Organizations: Region III, CMERDC, and MSBA for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Johnson to designate the Morrison County Record and the Long Prairie Leader as the official newspapers for the publishing of agendas, board minutes, and other legal notices for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Peterson to designate Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney as the official Attorney's for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gerads and seconded by Beckman to designate the First State Bank of Swanville and MN School District Liquid Asset Fund as the official depositories for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Beckman and seconded by Thieschafer to amend the following committee assignments and their compensation for 2023. Motion carried.

- 1) Mid-State Education District: Kathy Beckman, \$50.00 per meeting.
- 2) Minnesota State High School League: Chris Kircher, \$20.00 per meeting.
- 3) Community Education: Bill Johnson, \$20.00 per meeting.

- 4) Meet & Confer: Luke Peterson & Kathy Beckman, \$20.00 per meeting.
- 5) Staff Development: Luke Peterson, \$20.00 per meeting.
- 6) Facilities: Full Board \$20.00 per meeting.
- 7) Harassment/Bullying: Full Board, \$20.00 per meeting
- 8) Technology: Kyle Thieschafer, \$20.00 per meeting
- 9) Safety: Kyle Thieschafer, \$20.00 per meeting
- 10) Finance: Molly Gerads, Kathy Beckman, Billy Johnson, \$20.00 per meeting
- 11) Legislative Liaison: Chris Kircher, \$20.00 per meeting.
- 12) Perkins: Kyle Thieschafer, \$20.00 per meeting
- 13) Teacher Principal Evaluation: Chris Kircher & Molly Gerads, \$20.00 per meeting
- 14) Paired Sports: Molly Gerads & Luke Peterson, \$20.00 per meeting
- 15) Innovative Schools Project: Billy Johnson, \$20.00 per meeting
- 16) Response Team: Chris Kircher Molly Gerads, \$20.00 per meeting
- 17) School Calendar: Luke Peterson, \$20 per meeting

Motion made by Beckman and seconded by Gerads to appoint and approve Office Manager Deb Sieben as the person responsible for making electric transfers. Motion carried.

Board Member Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND
POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE.**

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Beckman and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor of thereof: Chris Kircher, Kathy Beckman, Bill Johnson Luke Peterson, Molly Gerads and Kyle Thieschafer. The resolution was passed unanimously and adopted.

SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION:

Motion made by Peterson and seconded by Johnson to approve changing February 16, 2023, to a Full Day of school and February 17, 2023 to a ½ with students, ½ day in-service day. Motion carried.

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Peterson to change April 6, 2023, to a full student day to make up the January 4, 2023, snow day. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK REVISION:

Motion made by Gerads and seconded by Beckman to revise the High School Handbook on change of program and adding and dropping classes. Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$68,292.10. Motion carried.

Motion made by Thieschafer and seconded by Gerads to approve electric transfers of \$94,595.43 on December 20, 2022, and \$92,096.80 on January 5, 2023. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

7-12 Principal/Technology.

1. Enrollment Numbers

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
7	32 +1, -1	32	32	32	32				
8	29	29	28	28	28				
9	21	21	21	21	21				
10	27 +1XCH-1 OL	27	27	27	27				
11	15 up 2 from 21/22	15	15	15	15				
12	29	29	29	29	29				

2. Congratulations to Lucas Miller and Allie Bernadot, the December Students of the Month.
3. We will be attending the Career Day at CLC March 10th. We will be taking Grades 9,10,11.
4. Juniors just completed taking the ASVAB test, an interest inventory and career planning tool. The National Guard will be coming on January 30th to interpret the results with them. The Seniors that same day were presented with information on the DFS application process.
5. Congratulations to Chad Brever on being my selection for the Sourcewell Teacher of Excellence.
6. We will be taking approximately 48 students in grades 10-12 to My Fair Lady on Thursday March 23rd at the Ordway. The cost to students is \$15, bus is being compensated by the Ordway.

7. Congratulations to Austin Hollerman and Logan Leyendecker on being selected as the Sourcewell Students of Character.

8. We will be hosting a Mock Car Crash on May 2nd with the backup date of My 4th.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Kindergarten round-up will be Tuesday March 7th, 2023.
- Thank you to our school, community, and Mr. Weisz and Mr. Swisher for collecting \$243 and 224 pounds of food for the Morrison County Food Shelf.
- February 21st and February 27th will be Parent/Teacher Conference Night for Staff.
- Congratulations to Diane Schleicher, the Elementary recipient of the Sourcewell Educator of Excellence Award.

Congratulations to our December Elementary Students of the Month

6th grade – Violet Peterson
5th grade – Rachel Johnson
4th grade – Mabel Hollerman
3rd grade – Allie Giese
2nd grade – Sawyer Vanheel
1st grade – Mavis Theischafer
Kindergarten – Syllas Scherping
Music Department – Mabel Hollerman (4th Grade)
PE Department Grades K-3 – Sophia Raile (1st Grade)
PE Department Grades 4-6 – Crosby Peterson (4th Grade)

Elementary Enrollment Numbers

September 6, 2022

K - 25
1 - 32
2 - 27
3 - 29
4 - 21
5 - 22
6 - 27

TOTAL: 183

January 9, 2023

K - 26
1 - 35
2 - 24
3 - 30
4 - 21
5 - 21
6 - 27

TOTAL: 184 (+ 1 from start)

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

January Athletes of the Month:

Boys Basketball:

V: Head Coach Derek Pfeiffer, "Brody Kircher is the January Athlete of the Month for Boys Basketball. Brody has been thrown into a tough role playing in the post as a 9th grader but has stepped up and played well! He is averaging 10 points, 7 rebounds, blocks, and 2 steals per game in the month of January. Congratulations Brody!"

JV: Head Coach Derek Pfeiffer and Assistant Coach Carter Loven, "Zach Gapinski is the JV January Athlete of the Month for Boys Basketball. Zach's hard work in the off season and in practice has shown in games so far this year. Zach has made great improvements in his shooting and ball handling, along with many other parts of his game. Congrats Zach!"

Girls Basketball:

V: Head Coach Aaron Gapinski, "Senior Lauren Miller is the January Athlete of the Month for Girls Basketball. Lauren is a leader for the team both on and off the court. She puts in a tremendous amount of time working on her game. We count on Lauren to do a lot during a game, and she is always up for the challenge. She also recently scored her 1,000 career point which is a great honor! Congratulations Lauren!"

JV: Head Coach Aaron Gapinski, "Therese Bryce is the JV January Athlete of the Month for girls basketball. Therese has worked hard this year improving her skills. She has become a tough defender and has improved on the offensive end as well. We know that Therese will continue to show up each day working hard and giving her best! Congratulations Therese!"

Wrestling:

Head Coach Simon Waltman, "Ethan Zellers has won 6 matches this year on the varsity at 106 lbs. 4 of these wins have been by pin. Ethan also competed in a middle school tournament in December. He won the 110 lb bracket going 4-0 with 4 pins. Ethan has a great work ethic and is a valuable part of the Little Falls Area wrestling team. Congratulations Ethan!!!"

Special Recognition/Consideration:

We did not have any interest in students being in speech this winter. Chantelle has had quite a few kids inquire about doing another play for the spring. Could we do another play in place of speech? If so, the dates we would like to have for performance would be Sunday, April 30th and Monday, May 1st. With the constantly changing spring activity dates, I would want them on the calendar ASAP so I know not to schedule/reschedule anything on that Monday then.

On February 14, the Girls' Basketball team is organizing a Mental Health Awareness Day/Night at Swanville, where ALL students and staff will receive a FREE t-shirt bringing awareness to this cause. Northern Pines Mental Health and the National Alliance for Mental Illnesses is also contributing efforts that day by offering guest speakers to come into the school to talk about this.

More information to come, but the plan would be to wear these shirts on Tuesday,

February 14th.

Current Coaching Openings:

JH Softball

Assistant Trap Coach - Spring

SUPERINTENDENT'S Announcements:

Administrator Hensch reported that Custodian Bill Zupko will meet with Site Logix for the facility audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

Next meeting will be on February 15, 2023 at 6pm.

Motion made by Kircher and seconded by Gerads to adjourn meeting at 7:55pm. Motion carried.