

Swanville Public Schools No. 486

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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 August 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7:05pm on August 13, 2025 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson, Chris Gilyard. Absent were Bill Johnson & Kyle Thieschafer. Also present was Superintendent Todd Lee, Principal Sheryl Johnson and Business Office Manager Deb Sieben. No guests present.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the July 15, 2025 regular meeting and July 23, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Gilyard made a motion to accept the hirings of Todd Lee - Superintendent 1.0 FTE, Lucas Miller - Teacher 1.0 FTE, Sherry Johnson - Paraprofessional 1.0 FTE and Tara Gliniany- Paraprofessional 1.0 FTE. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Molly Gerads made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$431,405.77. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$99,380.46 on July 20, 2025 and \$46,751.47 on August 5, 2025. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Gilyard introduced the following Resolution and Moved its Adoption: Resolution Authorizing Superintendent Todd Lee to be the Identified Official with Authority for MDE purposes. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to accept the Stony Creek milk bid. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept the Pan-O-Gold bread bid. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to accept the Elementary Handbook and High School Handbook with changes reviewed. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to set the Truth in Taxation meeting to December 17, 2025. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.



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Chris Gilyard made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Distance Learning plan. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Chris Kircher reported there will be no Student Activity fees for any athletics for 2025-2026 if the athlete and a parent attend the mandatory meetings AD Aaron Gapinski is holding.

REPORTS

PRINCIPAL REPORT

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

- Enrollment as of August 11, 2025 is 366 Students in K-12
- The shed has been listed on Facebook, bids are due to chair Chris Kircher by September 15, with removal by October 31, 2025.
- April is looking for guidance on what to do with the choir robes that are in the music room. They have not been used for over 15 years and are taking up valuable space. - These will be listed for free on Facebook.
- NEW Pawzitivity Patrol: we have formed a volunteer committee to rebrand our school a bit and incorporate fun and pride activities into the school day for students and staff. We are having some dress up days for staff. Tuesday Dress UP Day-Last fling of summer-dress either as a day of mourning or beach fun, your choice. Prizes for best costume! Thursday Dress UP Day-You will be partnered up with random staff to twin for the day, creativity encouraged! Prizes again! We also will throughout the week be doing a Splash and Dash. That one is top secret for now. We also met with Jostens to develop a survey-this will be pushed out during open house and to all students on the first day of school!
- Sports photos will be done by Gina Christopherson for Basketball
- Bulldog Club: not profitable and will be closing the program.
- New this year-would like to do a school wide 1st day to recognize ALL of our new school members

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

AD Aaron Gapinskin reported:

Football numbers: 9th-12th = 57 and 7th-8th = 28. JH could add more when school starts

Volleyball numbers: 9th-12th = 29 and 7th-8th = begins on 8/25/2025

Special Considerations: Thank you to SAB for the \$4000 donation towards athletics. Aaron made a recommendation to approve an updated chain of command for athletic concern and to pay for all coaches association fees if the coaches turn them in for reimbursement.



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SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Lee & Chris Kircher shared a brief update on the SiteLogiQ project. The design phase is almost 100% completed and we are on track to go for bids in October. Discussion ensued regarding options for traffic flow with the building addition. No determination was made, discussion will ensue during the August 14th workshop with SiteLogiQ. August 28, 2025 the School Board will be putting on a welcome back lunch for staff with a guest speaker from 12:30-2.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Gilyard made a motion to approve the TechCheck Contract for network maintenance and support. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 4-0, motion carried.

Sheryl Johnson reported that the band room is coming back together after the paint and carpet updates. Students to assist to move cabinets back in the week of August 18th.

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2025 at 7pm in the High School Library.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 4-0, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads - Swanville School Board Clerk

