

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

The Swanville School Board held its regular meeting on October 25, 2023, in the Swanville High School Library. Board Members present were Chris Kircher, Kathy Beckman, Molly Gerads, Bill Johnson, Luke Peterson and Kyle Thieschafer Jr. Also in attendance, K-12 Principal Sheryl Johnson, Superintendent Travis Hensch and special guest, Jodie Zesbaugh & Jen Chapman from Ehler's.

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

**Visitors/Public Forum** Jodie Zesbaugh & Jen Chapman from Ehler's provided the pre-sale report for Bonds. Virtual presentation from Andrew Fields from SitelogIQ.

**Motion** made by Peterson and seconded by Johnson to Amend to add 9.3 under New Business for the First Reading to the Agenda for this meeting. Motion Carried.

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

**Motion** made by Thieschafer and seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, board meeting. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Beckman to approve the Resignation from Carter Loven- JV Boys' Basketball Coach, Approve the Hirings of Dana Dempsey- Paraprofessional, Ryan Golombecki Sr.- Paraprofessional, Colten Kruzell- JV Boys' Basketball Coach, Approve Winter Coaching Assignments- Head Boys' Basketball Derek Pfeiffer, JH Boys' Basketball Coach Barney VanHavermaet, Head Girls Basketball Coach Chad Brever, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Luke Peterson, Head Robotics Coach Jason Lee, Assistant Robotics Coach Kris Bellefeuille and Elementary Basketball Coordinator Colten Kruzell. Motion Carried.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Gerads to pay the bills in the amount of \$192,180.45. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Thieschafer to approve electric transfers for payroll of \$49,178.78 on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and \$102,309.78 on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion** made by Gerads and seconded by Beckman to change November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 to a ½ day with students, ½ day Teacher in-service. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Peterson and seconded by Beckman to Nominate Chris Kircher for the Sourcewell Board of Directors. Motion carried.

**First Reading of Policy 791:** Post Insurance Debt Compliance was read.

**REPORTS:**

**K-12 Principal Report:**

- Reported Enrollment is staying steady in K-12.

**K-12:**

- Update on the READ Act, to be implemented beginning January 1st, 2024.
- End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fall Parent/Teacher conferences were attended and reviews provided.

**Elementary:**

- 5th/6th Football Game October 16th
- PBIS Reward Day October 18th
- Book Fair wrapping up
- Club's Choice delivery is Monday November 13th, beginning right after school
- Knights of Columbus coat drive is going on.

**High School:**

- Robotics Competition October 27th in Babbitt, MN
- November 2nd Group to Alex Tech for industrial arts facility tour
- New shop equipment purchased.
- The Fall Play will be Nov. 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Congratulations to Colton Villnow and Hannah Kruchten, September Students of the Month
- Blood Drive November 9th

Items for discussion-esports and drone racing

**Athletic Director Report:**

October Athletes of the Month:

Volleyball:

JH: Amelia Reece and Isabella Miller - JH Coach Nicollet Gammon-Deering, "Swanville Volleyball is selecting Amelia Reece and Isabella Miller as the October JH Athletes of the Month. Amelia is a positive, supportive and level headed individual. This is her first year in volleyball and she excelled at her position as setter. She treats her teammates/coaching staff with respect and compassion. Isabella holds an important leadership role on the JH volleyball team. She is always willing to mentor/guide the younger girls on the team. She can be seen filling the captain like role for our JH volleyball team and for that we are

appreciative of her. Congratulations Amelia and Isabella!”

JV: Allison Bernadot - Head Coach Luke Peterson, “Swanville Volleyball is selecting Allie Bernadot as the October JV Athlete of the Month. Allie leads the JV team on the court. She helps the girls get into rotation and is an all around player for our team filling many roles on it.” Congratulations Allie!!

V: Avery Douglas - Head Coach Luke Peterson, “Swanville Volleyball is selecting Sophomore Avery Douglas as the October Varsity Athlete of the Month. Avery recently reached her 1000th career dig. She is a leader on the court and runs the defense in the back row. She is a great competitor and always gives 100%.” Great Job Avery!!!

Football:

JH: Dawson Hasse - JH Coach Chris Kircher, “Dawson Hasse is the October Junior High Football player of the month. Dawson is courteous, respectful, and does whatever is asked of him on and off the field!!!

Dawson is a consistent and hard working player helping his 7th grade team go 7-1 on the season....

Congratulations Dawson!”

JV: Asher Johnson - Head Coach Jay Loven, “Congratulations to Asher Johnson, the USA Patriot JV Player of the Month for October. Asher has been a consistent hard worker that will do whatever is asked of him.

He plays receiver and linebacker for the JV team, and has shown constant improvement. Asher has been a big contributor to the JV’s 4-1 record this season. Congratulations Asher!”

V: Ethan Barthel - Head Coach Jay Loven, “USA football would like to recognize Ethan Barthel - Head Coach Jay Loven, “USA football would like to recognize Ethan Barthel as their Varsity Athlete of the Month for October. Ethan is a starter on the offensive line and is a linebacker on defense for the Patriots this season. He is the leading tackler for the team with 42 total tackles, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 interception. Ethan made a sacrifice this year. He has been a running back throughout his young career, but has helped his team and excelled by becoming an offensive lineman. Congratulations Ethan.”

Winter Coaches: BBB: Head Coach Derek Pfeiffer Assistant Coach Colten Kruzel JH Coach Barney VanHavermaet GBB Head Coach Chad Brever Assistant Coach Luke Peterson JH GBB - need to hire yet Robotics Head Coach Jason Lee Assistant Coach Kris Bellefeuille Elementary Basketball Coordinator Colten Kruzel

Special Consideration/Recognition: -The MSHSL Foundation Form B is due on November 15th. Any thoughts on what we could apply for? Last year, I filled out the grant request and was able to secure 2 AEDs for our building and athletic programs. Here is the criteria: ● The Form B Grant process allocates funds to assist member schools, school districts and related conferences or regions with costs in three specific areas including health and safety, leadership initiatives and transportation that reduces barriers to participation. Also, if you want more information on the Foundation: <https://www.mshslfoundation.org/>  
-Avery Douglas reached 1000 digs in volleyball as a sophomore!

-I was approached by a few students/families about what it might take to allow Swanville students into our games for free. Is this something we would want to consider? Maybe just 7-12?

-Congratulations to the football team on finishing the season with a 7-1 record and earning the #2 seed. We will host a playoff game on Saturday, October 28th.

-Congratulations to the volleyball team on finishing the season with a 13-10 record and earning the #3 seed. We will host a playoff game on Friday, October 27th. 11/6/23, 9:23 PM Page 2 of 3 and earning the #3 seed. We will host a playoff game on Friday, October 27th.

Current Coaching Openings: JH GBB - starts January 2nd and ends February 22nd

**Food Service Inspection Report:** Travis Hensch provided a report was great, no correction orders issued.

**Superintendent Announcement:** Travis Hensch reported on Artificial Intelligence and how it can be used in school, as well as plans for future trainings for staff. Updated on SiteLogIQ and the roof repairs.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ALC Building Removal:** No date for removal yet.

**FFA:** Gerads reported that Little Falls Alumni are working on a way to potentially pair with their chapter.

**Next meeting** will be November 15, 2023 at 6pm in the Swanville High School Library.

**Motion** made Beckman and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Motion Carried.