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## Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 February 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7pm on January 17, 2024 by Chair Chris Kircher. Members present were Kathy Beckman, Molly Gerads, Billy Johnson, Luke Peterson, and Kathy Beckman. Also present was Superintendent Travis Hensch. Absent was director Kyle Thieschafer.

Public Forum: Lonny & Michelle Hutchins presented an update on the city and SAB clearing brush on the brush near the walking trail by the field, this will be completed when the weather cooperates. Interest in pairing on all sports with Upsala School to provide the best athletic opportunity for our kids, and expressed desire for Girls Gymnastics pairing with Albany.

Kathy Beckman made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Billy Johnson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the January 17, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept resignation for Kayla Barthel- Early Childhood, Hiring of Travis Hensch - Assistant Softball Coach, Maternity Leave for Carly Andres in May. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Billy Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$285,011.09. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the Electronic transfers of \$52,521.85 on January 20, 2024 and \$50,969.05 on February 5, 2024. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Chris Kircher made a motion to approve the bid for Climate Makers for Temperature Controls Bid for 2024 Summer IAQ Project. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the Seniority List for 2024. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Chris Kircher made a motion to make February 6th a full day with students and February 15th moving to an early dismissal for students so staff could participate in staff development. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Billy Johnson made a motion to increase the Substitute Teacher pay from \$120 to \$140 effective March 6, 2024. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.



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Molly Gerads made a motion to increase the Substitute Paraprofessional pay from \$12 to \$14.36 hour to align with the base pay year 1 on the paraprofessional pay scale, effective March 6, 2024. Seconded by Billy Johnson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the hiring listing for a 1.0 FTE SLP for 2024-2025 School Year. Seconded by Billy Johnson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Superintendent Travis Hensch reported on the Pre-K-12 Principal report. Enrollment is holding steady. Chantelle, Diane and Sheryl attended HRS Summit in San Antonio at the end of January. Diane Schleicher reported on a great experience and new items they plan to work on. Kindergarten Round up was held today, 19 kids attended. March 12th will be a High School showcase evening.

Activities Director Report: Athlete's of the Month were recognized. There is interest in Girls Gymnastics, the District is in the early stages of exploring co-op options. Athletic Director Aaron Gapinski will be providing detailed information on co-op options with Little Falls and Albany at the March 20, 2024 meeting.

Billy Johnson made a motion to approve Spring Coaches listed below. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Baseball : Head Coach Adam Gerads, Assistant Coach Charlie Kurowski, JV Coach Pete Suska, Volunteer Brock Cichon, JH Coach Jason Lee, JH Coach Darin Gerads

Softball: Head Coach Mike Chuba, Assistant Coach Travis Hensch, JH Coach Jordan Sales

Track and Field: Head Coach Pete Swisher, Head Coach Jim Drill, JH Coach Gage VanRisseghem

Trap: Head Coach Chris Kircher, Assistant Coach Chris Gilyard

Theater: Chantelle Frie.

Superintendent Announcements: Travis Hensch reported he attended the AASA National Conference Feb 13-17, in San Diego. The Community Task force will be sending a survey to community members and presenting to the board at the March meeting. Administrative Assistant Hannah will attend ED-FI Training in Duluth in March. Innovative school program is in the process of awarding over \$11,000 to our school for the program. In the 5 years this program has been in effect they have donated over \$70,000 to our school.

Old Business: We have received the payment from the ALC building.



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The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 7pm in the High School Library.

Kathy Beckman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Molly Gerads  
Swanville School Board Clerk

