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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486

March 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7pm on March 20, 2024 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Kathy Beckman, Molly Gerads, Bill Johnson, Luke Peterson, and Kyle Thieschafer. Also present was Superintendent Travis Hensch. Guests present were the Community Task Force - Mandy Barber, Leigha Janey, Chris Gilyard, Stephanie Silgjord, Haliegh Kruzell, Jay Loven, Tanner Koetter, and SiteLogIQ.

The Community Task Force (a citizen based group of district residents that serve in an advisory capacity to the Administration and School Board) presented a presentation on Understanding the Future of Swanville Public School. Discussion ensued on the future of our school.

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

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the February 21, 2024 regular school board meeting. Seconded by Kyle Thieschafer. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Molly Gerads made a motion to accept the Hirings of Kim Lindemann - Bulldog Club Coordinator (full-time), Avery Jackson - Bulldog Club Worker (full-time), MacKenzie Morris - Bulldog Club Worker (full-time) and Karlee Peterson - SLP (full-time), the Extended Leave for Tracy Hannah April 22nd- end of May and Deb Johnson February 27-end of May, and Lane Advancement for Samantha Roden from BA+30 to BA+45. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$168,497.09. Seconded by Kyle Thieschafer Jr. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the electronic transfers for payroll of \$55,623.65 on February 20,2024 and \$99,212.36 on March 5, 2024. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.



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NEW BUSINESS

The 2024-2025 School Calendar was presented. Kyle Thieschafer Jr. made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Calendar as presented. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to move the April School Board Meeting to April 24, 2024 at 7pm due to the Sourcewell Students of Character Banquet on the original meeting date. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote 5-0, motion carried

REPORTS

Superintendent Travis Hensch reported on the K-12 Principal report. Enrollment is holding steady across all grades with no changes from last month, but new students are scheduled to start soon. Student of the Month for Elementary and High schools were recognized. End of the quarter is Friday March 22nd. We will be having two authors visiting our school in April and May. MCA testing will start soon. Jump Rope for Heart is going well so far. April 17th is BizTown for grades 4-6. ACT testing is April 9th.

Activities Director Report: Current coaching opening is for JV Volleyball.

Superintendent Announcements: Travis Hensch reported the annual 2K/5K will be Friday May 10, 2024 at 12:35pm. The Midstate Education District is considering adding Little Falls to the co-op. SiteLogIQ is working with Travis on the summer Indoor Air Quality project planning, and we are on track to start work the day after students are out of school. Our Solar panel project is set to be completed by June 30, 2024 . There is an ANGST Presentation at the school on March 21, 2024 at 7pm, on anxiety in teens, all are welcome to attend. The presentation will then be shown to students in grades 7-12.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Kircher presented a discussion on maintaining the grass around the track. Bids will be obtained for mowing.

Classified Personnel Discussion - Luke Peterson made a motion to pay ParaProfessionals for the day of school that was canceled for the FargoDome football game in October 2023. Seconded by Kyle Thieschafer Jr. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Facilities Improvements - Discussion ensued regarding updates to our building and information presented from the



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Community Task Force presentation. No board action was taken.

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024 at 7pm in the High School Library. Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote: 5-0, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Gerads

Swanville School Board Clerk

