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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486

December 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville High School Library at 7:00 pm on December 18, 2024 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Chris Kircher, Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson, Bill Johnson and Kathy Beckman. Absent was Kyle Thieschafer. Also present were Superintendent Travis Hensch, Principal Sheryl Johnson, Deb Sieben and visitors Chris Gilyard and Ashley Meagher (Schlenner Wenner & Co).

Molly Gerads made a motion to amend the Agenda for the meeting to add 10.2, Superintendent's Contract under New Business. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the November 13, 2024, regular school board meeting. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Motion carried.

Ashley Meagher with Schlenner Wenner & Co. presented the Auditor's Report, reporting an Unmodified (clean) opinion.

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the Resignation of Chad Brever - Driver's Education and Hirings of Barney VanHavermaet as Junior High Boys Basketball Coach and Jordan Sales as Elementary Basketball Coordinator. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$999,557.75. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the electronic transfers for payroll of \$61,996.57 on November 20, 2024, and \$57,859.79 on December 5, 2024. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Truth in Taxation Hearing: Molly Gerads made a motion to set the Levy for Taxes payable 2025 for \$1,370,535.42. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Motion carried.

Kathy Beckman made a motion to defer the Superintendent Contract Renewal date. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Sheryl Johnson presented the Principal Report.

Supt Hensch presented the Activities Director Report:

Special Recognition:

1. Congratulations to our AAA (Academics, Arts and Athletics) winners, Lily Peterson and Ethan Wimmer.
2. Congratulations to our ExCEL winners, Reece Jackson and Brody Kircher. To be eligible for this award, the student must be a junior in high school, have a leadership role in the school and volunteer in the community.
3. Frankie Meagher was named the Morrison County Record Football Player of the Year.
4. Lily Peterson and Avery Douglas were named to the Morrison County Record All-Area Volleyball Team.
5. Brody Kircher was named the Defensive Back of the Year, Frankie Meagher was named the Quarterback of the Year, and Jay Loven was named Coach of the Year for Mid-Northwest District.
6. On Sunday, January 12th, nationally recognized motivational speaker, Scott Welle will be coming to Swanville to talk to students and families about Mental Health and Leadership.

School Board Committee Reports:

Meet and Confer met with board representatives in December.

Superintendent Announcements:

Travis Hensch provided updates on the February 11, 2025, Referendum with two open houses planned for January 8th and January 14th.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion ensued on the Local Operating Referendum; no action taken.

Molly Gerads made a motion to finalize the dissolution of the Girls Tennis Co-op with LPGE. Seconded by Luke Peterson. motion carried.

Kathy Beckman made a motion to close the meeting at 8:21pm. Seconded by Luke Peterson. motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:47pm. Seconded by Molly Gerads. motion carried.

Special recognition for Board Member Kathy Beckman for her last official board meeting after serving for 24 years.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Next School Board meeting is January 22, 2025 7pm in the High School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Gerads

Swanville School Board Clerk