

Swanville Public Schools No. 486

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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486

November 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville High School Library at 7:00 pm on November 13, 2024, by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Chris Kircher, Molly Gerads, Luke Peterson, Kyle Thieschafer, Bill Johnson and Kathy Beckman. Also present were Superintendent Travis Hensch, Principal Sheryl Johnson, Deb Sieben and visitors Chris Gilyard, Jodie Zesbaugh & Jen Chapman.

Jodie Zesbaugh & Jen Chapman with Ehler's presented the board with information on the Operating Referendum & discussion on the renewal of the expiring referendum.

Molly Gerads made a motion to amend the Agenda for the meeting to add 12.2, Nurse's Contract under Old Business. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Kyle Thieschafer made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the October 9, 2024 regular school board meeting. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the Hirings listed below. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

- Stacy Jackson - 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant
- Chad Brever - GBB Head Coach
- Luke Peterson - GBB Assistant Coach
- Jason Lee - GBB Junior High
- Derek Pfeiffer - BBB Head Coach
- Brandon Moore - BBB Assistant Coach
- Barney VanHavermaet - BBB Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Jason Lee - Robotics Head Coach
- Kris Bellefeuille - Robotics Assistant Coach
- Chantelle Frie - Theater Director

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$634,569.46. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the electronic transfers for payroll of \$97,114.49 on October 20, 2024, and \$57,739.13 on November 5, 2024. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Beckman introduced a resolution to approve the Issuance of School Building Bonds, Changing the Authorized Use of Bond Proceeds, and calling an election thereon. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Roll Call Vote - All in favor, Motion

carried.

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the 2024-2026 Sports Co-op Agreement with Upsala. Seconded by Kyle Thieschafer. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Molly Gerads made a motion to Canvass and Approve November 5, 2024 School Board Elections. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve adding a Junior High Knowledge Bowl Program at Swanville School. Seconded by Bill Johnson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

REPORTS

Sheryl Johnson presented the Principal Report.

School Wide Celebrations:

- Successful Volleyball and Football Seasons! Congrats!
- Parking lot paved and striped-added 40 new spots! Much more parking for events now!
- Presentation on Internet Safety from a BCA presenter, 2 presentations- grades 3 and 4, and 5-12 was completed.
- Elementary Music Concert is December 17th at 1:15
- 6-12 Band Concert is December 10th at 7 p.m.

Elementary:

- Club's Choice delivery November 18th
- 5th/6th grade football game went well
- Deep Portage will happen May 5-7, 2025 and October 27-29, 2025.
- Elementary students of the month were recognized

	October
K	Henley Weeres
1	Belinda Martinez Juarez
2	Adelia Boecker
3A	Heston Gerads
3S	Gideon Czech
4	Lawrence Coleman
5S	Matthew VanHeel
5W	Simon Kunz
6	Thunder Jones
STEM K-3	Caden Cash
STEM 4-6	Piper Murphy

PE K-3	Austin Veldkamp
PE 4-6	Piper Murphy
Art K-3	Archer Dickinson
Art 4-6	Ashley Sanchez-Lopez
Music K-3	Ava Maciej
Music 4-6	Mabel Hollermann

High School:

- The Fall Play is Nov. 16th and 17th
- Congratulations to Ethan Wimmer and Ali Barthel, October Students of the Month
- Blood Drive was November 12th, 49 units collected
- FFA announcement - we have partnered with Little Falls FFA Chapter - 15 kids joining from Swanville.

Activities Director Report:

November Athletes of the Month:

Volleyball:

JV: Head Coach Luke Peterson, “Sophomore Abby Wimmer is our November JV Athlete of the Month for Volleyball. Abby worked hard in practice all year and really helped the varsity girls in scrimmages during practice. She also played well on the court and was a leader for the JV team! Congratulations Abby!”

V: Head Coach Luke Peterson, “Junior Reese Jackson is our November Athlete of the Month for Volleyball. Reese was a strong server for us throughout the season. She played several positions for us this season. Reese is a very versatile athlete on the court! Congratulations Reese!”

Football:

V: Head Coach Jay Loven, “Senior Zachariah Johnson is the November Athlete of the Month. Zac has played defensive end for the Patriots for the past 2 seasons. Zac brings endless energy every play of every game. He had a great season, and an exceptional playoff run. He recorded multiple sacks and big plays during the playoffs this season. Congratulations Zachariah!”

JV: Head Coach Jay Loven, “Sophomore Macallister Van Zee is the November JV Athlete of the Month. Macallister played fullback and linebacker. He is a very aggressive football player and will be a key player in the future success of the Patriots. Congratulations Macallister!”

Winter Seasons:

Girls Basketball - practice began on Monday, November 11 with their first game Thursday, 11/21/2024 @ Pierz.

Gymnastics - practice began on Monday, November 11 with the first meet TBD

Boys Basketball - practice begins on Monday, November 18 with their first game on Tuesday, 12/3/2024 vs Maple Lake.

Wrestling - practice begins on Monday, November 18 with the first varsity match on Thursday, 12/5/2024 in Little Falls vs Alexandria and Moorhead

Robotics - Jumpstart Event is on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at St. Cloud State. The season begins January 6th and goes through April.

Special Recognition:

-Volleyball finished the year with a 23-4 record, advancing to the sub-section finals. The girls were exciting to watch all season! Earning All Conference honors were Lily Peterson, Avery Douglas, and Reese Jackson. Honorable Mention

went to Addison Hudalla. **Lily Peterson was named MVP player in the conference.** Also, Lily Peterson and Abby Morris were Academic All-State and the team earned an Academic Gold from the MSHSL and Coaches Association. -The USA football team finished with a 10-1 record, advancing to the State Tournament at Rock Ridge High School. The boys were also exciting to watch all season! Earning All-District honors were Jack Primus, Brandon Mugg, Frankie Meagher, Ethan Barthel, Brody Kircher, and Caden Beseman. Honorable Mention went to Hunter Moore, Calvin Leners, Carson Primus, and Beau Ripplinger. Jack Primus was named *Wide Receiver of the Year and the District Player of the Year*. Brandon Mugg was named *Offensive Lineman of the Year*. Brody Kircher was named *Defensive Back of the Year*. Frankie Meagher was named *Quarterback of the Year*. Cody VanSloten was named Assistant Coach of the Year. **Jay Loven was named Coach of the Year.** Ethan Wimmer, Beau Ripplinger, Brody Kircher, Brayden Leners, Isaac Gapinski, Macallister Van Zee, Ethan Ashbrook, Nolan Kuepers, Sam Laliberte, Calvin Leners, Nicholas Young, Brenden Mack, Skyler Landowski, Evan Pippenhagen and Dalton Welinski were all named All-District Academic. The team earned Academic Silver from the MSHSL and Coaches Association.

Superintendent Announcements

Travis Hensch provided updates on the SiteLogIQ IAQ project that is wrapping up in the building. MSBA Conference is January 16-17 2025. The school received a roughly \$18,000 rebate from MN Power from the IAQ project we have completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Johnson made a motion to award Snow Removal bid to Dozer Excavating. Seconded by Kyle Thieschafer. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the School Nurse Contract.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Seconded by Kathy Beckman. Vote 6-0, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next School Board meeting is December 18, 2024, 7pm in the High School Library starting with the Truth in Taxation meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Gerads

Swanville School Board Clerk