Staples-Motley School District

School Board Minutes

Meeting #5 - Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 6:00pm - District Office

1. **Meeting was called to order by Chair Freeman at 6:00pm**
    a. Roll call was taken, members Wright, Frisk, Reeck, Trout, Reese and Freeman were present,comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Recording Clerk Larson, Staples World Editor Anderson, students, staff members and community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
    b. **Motion** by Reeck second by Wright, to adopt the agenda. **MC**
2. **Chair Freeman recognized and welcomed those in attendance**
3. **School/Community Forum** - *NONE*
4. **Consent Agenda**
    a. Approve minutes from the October 6th work session/board meeting
    b. Approve the 20 day short-term leave of absence request from Audra Steffen
    c. Approve the resignation of Pat Hoppe, JH Girls Basketball Coach
    d. Approve the hire of
        i. Trevor Lucas, Elementary Custodian
        ii. Selket Jewett, HS Knowledge Bowl co-advisor
        iii. Emili Vieths, HS Knowledge Bowl co-advisor
        iv. Nick Schultz, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
    e. Approve the 25/26 PSEO Contract with Lake Superior State College
    f. Approve the resignation of Nick Schultz, Weight Room Supervisor
    g. Approve the fundraiser request from Dollars for Scholars
    Motion by Trout, second by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**
5. **Donations and In-Kind Contributions**
    a. **Motion** by Wright, second by Reeck, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of $16,715.88. **MC**
    Thank you to Staples-Motley Volleyball Boosters, First International Bank & Trust, Perham Stockyard, Staples-Motley Football Boosters, Sherry Frisk and Motley Lions Club for your generous donations.
6. **Finance Items**
    a. Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill
    b. LTFM planning report presented by Superintendent Tappe and Business Manager Hill
    c. **Motion** by Reeck, second by Wright, to approve the September disbursements. **MC**

General Fund	$	824,3063.87
Food Service	$	56,426.09
Community Service	$	21,538.06
Construction Fund	$	443.60
Debt Service	$	0.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	1,965.03
Fund 45	$	0.00

    d. **Motion** by Trout, second by Frisk to approve the September receipts. **MC**

General Fund	$	1,117,416.65

Food Service	$	11,394.49
Community Service	$	61,416.25
Construction Fund	$	0.00
Debt Service	$	104,717.55
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	6,038.93
Fund 45	$	0.00

e. **Motion** by Wright, second by Reeck, to approve the removal of Bryan Winkels from Mid-Central National Bank and add Ellen Hill and Mary Freeman effective immediately. **MC**

7. **ICS Presentation by Jason Splett**
8. **Cabinet Presentation by Trisha Larson and Staci Headley - Communications/Marketing**
9. **Curriculum / Policy**
    a. **Motion** by Frisk, second by Reese, to approve the revised 25-26 Adventures Handbook. **MC**
10. **Other**
    a. **Motion** by Wright, second by Reeck, to approve the sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**
    **All bids were withdrawn for item #5 Lunch Tables with Benches after board approval*
    b. **Motion** by Trout, second by Frisk, to approve the resolution to nonrenew the coaching contract of Christine Fox, 9th grade girls basketball coach. **MC** *(Roll Call Vote - In Favor: Reeck, Reese, Frisk, Freeman, Wright, Trout - Against: None)*
11. **Reports**
    a. School Board:
        i. Freshwater
        ii. Sourcewell - Minutes 8-19-2025
    b. Elementary Principal - Report from Principal Koenigs
    c. Middle/High School Principal - Report from Principal Ferdon
    d. Activities/Community Ed Director - Report from AD Ahrendt
    e. SMEA - None
    f. Superintendent - Report from Superintendent Tappe
12. **Motion** by Reeck, second by Trout, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. **MC**

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

November 3, 2025 - School Board Work Session; District Office @ 6pm
November 17, 2025 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
December 1, 2025 - School Board Work Session & Truth in Taxation Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
December 10, 2025 - Policy Committee Meeting; District Office @ 7:45am *(Reese, Trout)*
December 22, 2025 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
January 5, 2025 - School Board Meeting/Organizational Meeting; District Office @ 6pm