Staples-Motley School District

School Board Minutes

Meeting #11 - Monday, January 20, 2026 @ 6:00pm - District Office

1. **Meeting was called to order by Chair Wright 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, Business Manager Hill, Principal Ferdon, Principal Koenigs, Staples World Editor Anderson, students, staff and community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
   b. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. **MC**
2. **Chair Wright recognized and welcomed those in attendance**
3. **School/Community Forum** - *None*
4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approve minutes from the December 22nd, 2025 Board Meeting
   b. Approve minutes from the January 5th, 2026 Organizational Board Meeting
   c. Approve the MOA student teaching agreement with MSUM
   d. Approve the lane change requests from:
      i. Heather Wiegand - MA to MA15
      ii. Staci Schultz - BA to BA15
      iii. Jake Kuehl - BA30 to BA45
      iv. Rebeka Kappedal - BA30 to MA
      v. Emily Benson - BA to BA30
      vi. Selket Jewett - MA to MA15
      vii. Kasey Odden - MA15 to MA30
      viii. Dawn Weite - MA to MA30
   e. Approve the resignations of:
      i. Melissa Richards, MS/HS Food Service effective 2/13/26
      ii. Avery Amerud, Elementary Paraprofessional effective 1/27/26
   f. Approve the fundraiser request from the Debbie Ferdon, Middle/High School Principal
   g. Approve the hire of:
      i. Trevor Wentworth JH Boys Basketball Coach
      ii. Kevin Trierweiler, JH Boys Basketball Coach

   Motion by Trout, second by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**
5. **Donations and In-Kind Contributions**
   a. **Motion** by Reeck, second by Wright, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of $5,991.40. **MC**
6. **Finance Items**
   a. Financial Report by Business Manager Hill
   b. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Trout, to approve the December disbursements. **MC**

General Fund	$	736,750.83
Food Service	$	57,938.92
Community Service	$	12,572.97
Construction Fund	$	26.30
Debt Service	$	0.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	3,457.61

Fund 45	$	0.00

c. **Motion** by Frisk, second by Reeck, to approve the December receipts. **MC**

General Fund	$	1,231,563.75
Food Service	$	71,296.32
Community Service	$	48,382.64
Construction Fund	$	0.00
Debt Service	$	174,630.98
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	2,416.95
Fund 45	$	0.00

7. **Cabinet Presentation by Health Services Director Cindy Denning**
8. **Personnel**
   a. **Motion** by Reeck, second by Trout, to accept the retirement of Laurie Paskewitz, Elementary Teacher, effective May 26, 2026. **MC**
   Thank you Laurie for your 25 years of service to the Staples-Motley School District.
   b. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Frisk, to accept the retirement of Laurie Trout, Middle School Teacher, effective at the end of the 25/26 contract year. **MC**
   Thank you Laurie for your 11 years of service to the Staples-Motley School District.
9. **Reports**
   a. School Board:
      i. Freshwater - none - meets next week
      ii. Sourcewell - none
   b. Elementary Principal - Report by Principal Koenigs
   c. Middle/High School Principal - Report by Principal Ferdon
   d. Activities/Community Ed Director
   e. SMEA - Report by Jill Kneisl
   f. Superintendent - Report by Superintendent Tappe
   g. Other
10. **Motion** by Reeck, second by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. **MC**

Upcoming Meetings & Events:
February 2, 2026 - School Board Meeting/Work Session; District Office @ 6pm
February 17, 2026 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
March 2, 2026 - School Board Meeting/Work Session; District Office @ 6pm
March 23, 2026 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm