Staples-Motley School District

School Board Minutes

Meeting #15 - Monday, March 23, 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, Freeman, Trout and Reese were present, comprising a quorum. Member Reeck was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, Principal Ferdon, Principal Koenigs, Recording Clerk Larson, Staples World Editor Anderson, staff and community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
   b. **Motion** by Frisk, second by Reese, to approve the addition of item 3a to the agenda. **MC**
   Motion by Freeman, second by Reese, to adopt the agenda. **MC**
2. **Chair Wright recognized those in attendance.**
3. **School/Community Forum**
   a. John Dottenwhy spoke
4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approve minutes from the March 2, 2026 Board Meeting/Worksession
   b. Approve the fundraiser request from SMHS Music Department
   c. Approve the hire of:
      i. Aaron Carter, Middle School Musical Director
      ii. Avaya Brandt, Elementary Paraprofessional
      iii. Keri Bendson, MS/HS Food Service
      iv. Brian Sams, Assistant Speech Coach
      v. Heather Sams, Assistant Speech Coach
      vi. Selket Jewett, Assistant Speech Coach
      vii. Kip Hines, Head Speech Coach
      viii. Krista Heldman, School District Nurse
   d. Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Lake Wishuknew LLC
   Motion by Trout, second by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**
5. **Donations and In-Kind Contributions**
   a. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Wright, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of $7,667.41. **MC**
   Thank you to Staples-MotleyMusic Boosters, Staples-Motley Wrestling Boosters, Staples-Motley PTC, Ethan Ellingsen, Staples Lions Club, Special Olympics MN, Central Building Supply, Lakewood Health System, Wadena Dairy Queen, Hospitality MN Education Foundation for your generous donations.
6. **Finance Items** *(Finance Committee Meeting Minutes)*
   a. Financial Report by Business Manager Hill
   b. **Motion** by Trout, second by Freeman, to approve the February disbursements. **MC**

General Fund	$	715,765.27
Food Service	$	49,833.47
Community Service	$	22,965.15
Construction Fund	$	0.00
Debt Service	$	0.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	7,964.42
Fund 45	$	0.00

   c. **Motion** by Frisk, second by Wright, to approve the February receipts. **MC**

General Fund	$	1,233,941.11
Food Service	$	82,504.67

Community Service	$	19,382.19
Construction Fund	$	0.00
Debt Service	$	547.14
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	1,138.20
Fund 45	$	0.00

7. **Cabinet Presentation** by Middle/High School Principal
8. **Policy** *(Policy Committee Minutes)*
    a. **Motion** by Reese, second by Wright, to approve the review of ISD2170 412.1 Credit Card Policy with no changes. **MC**
    b. **Motion** by Reese, second by Wright, to approve the review of MSBA policies with minimal or no changes. **MC**
        - 203.6 Consent Agenda
        - 531 Pledge of Allegiance
        - 533 Wellness Policy
        - 705 Investments
        - 211 Criminal or Civil Action Against SMS SB Member, Employee or Student
9. **Other**
    a. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Frisk, to approve the sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**
10. **Reports**
    a. School Board:
        i. Freshwater
        ii. Sourcewell - 1/20/26 Minutes
    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 Representative Evans
    f. Superintendent - Report by Superintendent Tappe
    g. Other
11. **Motion** by Reese, second by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. **MC**

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

April 3, 2026 - All offices Closed/No School
April 6, 2026 - School Board Meeting/Work Session; District Office @ 6pm
April 14, 2026 - Special Election Day
April 20, 2026 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
May 4, 2026 - School Board Meeting/Work Session; District Office @ 6pm
May 18, 2026 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
May 22, 2026 - Class of 2026 Graduation/Last day of school