Staples-Motley School District

School Board Minutes

Meeting #18 - Monday, May 18, 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, Staples World Editor Anderson, staff and community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
   b. **Motion** by Reese, second by Trout, to approve the addition of agenda items 4i, 8a and 9c. **MC Motion** by Trout, second by Freeman, to adopt the agenda. **MC**
2. **Chair Wright welcomed the public.**
3. **School/Community Forum** - *None*
4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approve minutes from the May 4, 2026 Board Meeting/Work Session
   b. Approve the 2026-2027 contract with Interquest Detection Canines.
   c. Approve the 2026-2029 contract with ParentSquare
   d. Approve the 2026-2027 Resolution for membership in the MSHSL
   e. Approve the reinstatement from ULA for Lisa Koenigs, Middle School ADSIS Interventionist
   f. Approve the resignation of Justine Janecek SLP at the end of the 25/26 school year.
   g. Approve the resignation of Paige Ahrendt, Activities/Community Ed Director effective June 30th, 2026.
   h. Approve the 2026-2027 Health Occupation Services agreement with Browerville Schools
   i. Approve the hire of Samantha Roden, Assistant Gardener
   Motion by Freeman, second by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**
5. **Donations and In-Kind Contributions**
   a. **Motion** by Trout, second by Frisk, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of $18,605.07. **MC**
   Thank you to Nyhus Chevrolet/Headway Marketing, Staples Dairy Queen, First International Bank & Trust, Motley Dairy Queen, SM Basketball Boosters, Sherry Frisk, Miscellaneous Donors, LEAP, Inc., Special Olympics MN, Beverly Nolan, Staples Lions Club, Lakewood Health System, LEAP, Inc. - Girls & Boys Basketball, Box Tops for Education and the Carol Penfield Family for their generous donations.
6. **Finance Items**
   a. Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill
      i. FY 26-27 Budget Report
   b. **Motion** by Reese, second by Wright, to approve the April disbursements. **MC**

General Fund	$	724,315.83
Food Service	$	51,825.11
Community Service	$	17,847.52
Construction Fund	$	17.25
Debt Service	$	0.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	4,795.03
Fund 45	$	0.00

   c. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Frisk, to approve the April receipts. **MC**

General Fund	$	1,545,570.37
Food Service	$	102,481.70

Community Service	$	30,399.54
Construction Fund	$	0.00
Debt Service	$	0.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	$	7,224.55
Fund 45	$	0.00

   d. Bond Pre-Sale Report - *Informational only*
   e. **Motion** by Trout, second by Wright, to approve the resolution stating the intention of the school district to issue general obligation school building bonds, series 2026A, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $42,500,000; and taking other actions with respect thereto. *Roll Call Vote: In favor - Reese, Freeman, Frisk, Wright, Trout; Opposed - None; Absent - Reeck* **MC**

7. **Cabinet Presentation** by Paige Ahrendt - Activities/Community Ed Director
8. **Personnel**
   a. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Frisk, to accept the retirement of LaRae Bjorge, MS Teacher, effective November 6, 2026. **MC**
   Thank you LaRae for your 25 years of service to the Staples-Motley School District.
9. **Other**
   a. **Motion** by Reese, second by Trout, to approve the sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**
   b. **Motion** by _____, second by _____, to approve the resolution stating the intention of the school board to enter into professional services contracts with ICS Consulting, LLC. *Roll Call Vote: In Favor - Trout, Frisk, Reese, Freeman, Wright; Opposed - None; Absent - Reeck* **MC**
   c. **Motion** by Frisk, second by Reese, to approve the 2025-2027 negotiation settlement with Transportation. **MC**
10. **Reports**
   a. School Board:
      i. Freshwater - 4/29/2026 Minutes
      ii. Sourcewell - 3/17/2026 Minutes
   b. Elementary Principal
   c. Middle/High School Principal
   d. Activities/Community Ed Director - CEAC Meeting Minutes 5-7-2026
   e. SMEA
   f. Superintendent
   g. Other
11. **Motion** by Freeman, second by Trout, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. **MC**

<u>Upcoming Meetings & Events:</u>
May 22, 2026 - Class of 2026 Cords & Awards @ 10am / Graduation @ 7:30pm - The NEST
June 1, 2026 - CANCELED - School Board Meeting/Work Session; District Office @ 6pm
June 10, 2026 - Policy Committee Meeting; District Office (Trout/Reese) @ 7:30am
June 22, 2026 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm
July 21, 2026 - School Board Meeting; District Office @ 6pm