

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: January 26, 2009

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday January 26, 2009 in the Administrative Board Room. Greg Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Members present included Todd Aanonsen, Greg Carlson, Jamie Jago, Sheri Sullivan and ex-officio members Brad Johnson, Superintendent and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services. Members Pam Carlson and Jim Knapp were absent. Visitors were Dave Radovich, Denny Nelson, Deb Tabor, Lynda Nikko, John Muenich, Kevin Leonard, Heather Hren, Carl Lindquist and Pat Koglin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Aanonsen moved, seconded by Jago, to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting held January 12, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Aanonsen moved, seconded by Jago, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 12, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Aanonsen moved, seconded by Jago, to authorize payment of audited vouchers #4196 and #71689-71821 and voided check #71699, 71701. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by G. Carlson and seconded by Jago, to accept the donations to the General and Extra Curricular Funds received thru 1/20/2009. Passed Unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

COMMENDATIONS/CONGRATULATIONS

Randy Lee was awarded the WalMart Teacher of the Month. Johnson congratulated Randy for receiving this award.

Kerry Juntunen submitted a letter in appreciation for staff development bringing in the speaker Mark Scharenbroich.

Johnson commended Dave Thompson for being recognized in the MSHSL newsletter for "one of the best sportsmanship displays" an official had seen in his career during the 7A Boys Soccer final game.

Tad Forsell and Kevin Leonard were recognized for 25 years of coaching by the MSHSL.

VISITOR BUSINESS

Pat Koglin presented a request for a raise for herself and her 2 hour food service colleagues and for a longevity pay for years of service. She asked that the board consider that for next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

Calendar Committee – teachers, administrators and Brad met regarding the calendar, Brad set up a meeting with Proctor and Duluth to compare calendars.

Committee and Outside Assignments - tabled until next meeting when all board members are present.

SMART Room Information – Heather Hren reported on the SMART (stimulated maturity [through] accelerated readiness training) room in the elementary building. It is a way to use movement in learning. 12 classes go through the room each day. A presentation will be held at the next board meeting at the middle school library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee - Aanonsen reported that the long range planning committee is still discussing grade configurations, which is a stumbling block at this point, how to best utilize the current buildings and who to put where. A former Esko Principal spoke at the last meeting about his experience in a 7-12 school as part of a K-12 building.

Budget Committee –The Committee presented the recommended fees for ADEDK and the budget timeline.

Curriculum committee – A meeting has been scheduled for the week of January 26th.

PTO committee – The committee discussed their desires to spend their money to impact as many students as possible.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Aanonsen, and seconded by Jago, to approve the recommendation to employ Penny Shaw as a Full Time Cook, to accept her resignation from her position as a part-time Cook and to post/hire a replacement. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by G. Carlson, and seconded by Sullivan, to accept the resignation from Karen Blakesley, Food Service, and to post/hire a replacement. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Jago, and seconded by Aanonsen, to accept the retirement letter from Tom Rauschenfels, Teacher and to post/hire a replacement. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by G. Carlson, and seconded by Sullivan, to approve the Functional Work Design to post/hire a 7.5 hour per week Casual Special Education Assistant/Paraprofessional. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by G. Carlson, and seconded by Aanonsen, to accept the letter of resignation from Marijo Bjorlin DCD Teacher, Paraprofessional and 8th grade volleyball coach, and to post/hire a replacement. Passed Unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Sullivan, and seconded by Aanonsen, to approve the High School Graduation Requirement Policy Revisions. Approved by a Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution directing the Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions was presented for discussion.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

A motion was made by Jago, and seconded by Aanonsen, to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:34 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Aanonsen, and seconded by G. Carlson, to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:41 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Sullivan, and seconded by G. Carlson, to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:14 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Aanonsen, and seconded by Jago, to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:15 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Aanonsen, and seconded by G. Carlson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Sullivan, Clerk/Treasurer

Greg Carlson, Chair