

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: December 9, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2019, at the Administration Board Room. Vice-Chair, Karly Madill, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Gary Kneisl, Karly Madill, Dianne Mathews (arrived at 6:06), Tim Peterson, Aaron Salmela (left meeting at 7:15 PM), Jonathan Thornton, and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Gretchen Appelwick, Jenny Wiese, Terry Quist, Kristal Berg, Jen Larson, John Muenich, Dave Thompson, Kelsey Olin, and MaKenzie Johnson.

6:01 TRUTH IN TAXATION

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to accept the 2019-Pay-2020 levy total of \$6,782,897.04, General Services of \$3,187,489.92, Community Service of \$177,774.39, Debt Services of \$3,417,632.73. Passed Unanimously.*

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Salmela to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under Consent Agenda: Resignation of Dana Wolf as Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position. Add Item 1 under New Business: Approve Strategic Plan. Remove Agenda Item XV. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations Strategies and Item XVI. Reopen Meeting to the Public. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated November 25, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4457, audited vouchers #103613-103728, and voided check #101908.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Lateral Work Design for Long-term Substitute Social Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ Candice Webber as Paraprofessional.
 - Resignation of Dana Wolf as Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru December 9, 2019. Passed Unanimously.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich congratulated Nick Allen and Ken Ahlberg for successful Band and Choir Concerts.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese congratulated Nick Allen for a great Jazz Band Concert and John Wojciuk for success at the Robotics competition.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a ballot from MREA and also an email that Fred Nolan, Executive Director, is retiring.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Counselors Jen Larson, MaKenzie Johnson, Kelsey Olin, and Dave Thompson presented to the Board the reasons for adding a new counselor position.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

- Terry Quist from MSBA gave the Board handouts including Superintendent Search Timeline, review and approval of hiring criteria and vacancy brochure, listening day schedules, and draft schedules for first and second round interviews.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Review and Update. January 15, 2020 is the deadline for open enrollment for the 2020-21 school year.
- Honeywell Instant Alert System. Works well when we have the correct phone numbers.
- Office of Civil Rights Review. Two items need attention. Policy suggestions and a High School Class.
- Negotiations Update. Principals have a tentative agreement.
- Hermantown Community Learning Center Construction Update. Sheetrock done, painting beginning soon.
- Other. Soil borings for the turf have been completed. Snow removal has occurred at the Elementary School in preparation for the parking situation with Holiday Concerts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Salmela attended the Hawks Complex Committee. Two proposals were given in order to try to reach an agreement between the School District and the Hawks Complex Committee. The Hawks Complex Committee is looking for a MOU from the District indicating willingness to continue discussions regarding the ice rental contract and ownership of a new building while the city tries to go to the state to request permission for a referendum that would create a 0.5% sales tax increase.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to approve the 2020 Board Meeting Dates. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve to cancel the Board meeting scheduled for December 16, 2019. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Madill to approve the new position request for 1.0 FTE Janitor. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Kneisl to approve the new position request for .2 FTE Payroll Generalist. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Kneisl to approve the new position request for 1.0 FTE Counselor. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve Strategic Plan. No action taken

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair