

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: February 10, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Gary Kneisl, Karly Madill, Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela, Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton, and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: John Muenich, Kristal Berg, Gretchen Appelwick, and Tony Oman.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to approve the agenda as printed. Passed Unanimously

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated January 27, 2020.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4461, audited vouchers #104075-104218, and voided check #111076.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Allison Zimmer as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Kelsey Olin as Junior High Track Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Chris McIntyre as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Makenzie Mitchell as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kaitlyn Birr as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kim Johnson as Paraprofessional.
 - Memorandum to Employ Patricia Benedict as 2 hour Food Service Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ Reagan Haley as Assistant Golf Coach.
 - Leave of Absence of Jennifer Eckstrom.

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

ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru February 10, 2020. Passed Unanimously.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Tony Oman congratulated Elk Senior Students of the month for December: Brita Birkeland and Owen Wikstrom.
- High School Principal John Muenich congratulated Jack Boarash and Katie Danelski for qualifying for the State Alpine Ski Meet. He also congratulated the Hermantown/Proctor Dance Team, coached by Becky Lent, for placing 3rd place in Jazz at Sections and will head back to State Friday, February 14th. Sheina Showen was recognized for her work on a Seizure Smart School Training.

- Interim Elementary School Principal Gretchen Appelwick congratulated Jerry Kaldor for his 3rd grade group performance of the National Anthem at the Boys' Basketball game on February 6th.
- Salmela and Mathews congratulated Becca Schmidt and her Math League on their recent performance. They also wanted to recognize and thank everyone involved in the process of choosing the District's next Superintendent.
- Mathews recognized Mr. Juntunen for receiving the Regional Administrator of Excellence Award from MASA for Region 7.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews reported that the Excellence of Education Banquet is scheduled for May 6, 2020 to honor our students.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Community Education Director Kristal Berg addressed the Board with a report on School Age Child Care. One of the changes for next year will be that the doors for Kids' Zone will open at 6:30 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Thornton to approve the contract of Wayne Whitwam as Hermantown's Community Schools Superintendent. Passed Unanimously.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Kindergarten classes will be evaluated.
- Negotiations Update. Closed session tonight with Director of Activities Contract.
- Hermantown Community Learning Center Construction Update. On target for furniture budget. Classes will not start until June.
- Turf Field. Juntunen met with Mark Thorsten and Doug Ralston. This partnership will be called a sponsorship, but it will be a donation to only be used for the turf project.
- Meeting with City Administrator. First oversight committee meeting with the EWC will be soon.
- Boilers. Boilers are being repaired and will be brought back in. They will be commissioned when they come back. Working with architects to discover who might be at fault.
- Other. Juntunen spoke with Whitwam, our new superintendent. He will be coming to visit and meet with Juntunen and other staff in March.
- Recommendation to have a Board Member read the Mission Statement before the meeting starts.
- Possibly move board meetings to the Lecture Hall at the Middle School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Madill shared the notes from the Community Education Advisory Board Meeting. Early learning is adding two full time nature based programs through Pike Lake and Hermantown. Basic Spanish is taught over Skype. Early Learning Summer Catalog coming out soon.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution to Close Enrollment in Specific Grade Levels for the 2020-21 Academic Year. No action taken. Board discussion on how state statutes govern the open enrollment process. Flow charts or an FAQ page were suggested as ways to communicate this to the community.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Madill to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:55 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:01 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Madill seconded by Mathews to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:21 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:21 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Salmela to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair