

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: February 11, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019, 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, Tim Peterson, Aaron Salmela, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent and, Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Karen Kucza, Deb Reynolds, Renee Klinkner, and John Muenich.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated January 28, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4443 audited vouchers #101407-101528, and voided check #100224.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Walter Michelizzi as Industrial Tech Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Moriah Cook as School Readiness Child Care Aide.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru February 11, 2019. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich spoke on behalf of the Middle School. Mr. Muenich congratulated the Math Counts Team for coming in 2nd place and will advance to the State competition. Team Members include: Megan Lawless, Lily Meichsner, Madeline Moore, and Colten Danelski. The following students placed in the Top 8: Lily Meichsner, Madeline Moore, and Finn Cleary. Congratulations to all the Students who participated in the Math Counts Competition: Sam Swenson, Colten Danelski, Finn Cleary, Megan Lawless, Lily Meichsner, Madeline Moore, Keaton Rother, Brody Mathews, Rachita Tamilselvan, and Annalyn Sweetnam.
- Middle Science Teachers were featured in *The Woman Today Magazine*.
- Mr. Muenich also congratulated Colton Danelski for participating and successfully making it through the first round of the Regional Spelling Bee.

- Mr. Muenich congratulated the Hermantown Proctor Dance Team for receiving 3rd place in Jazz and 4th place in High Kick at their sections. The Dance Team will be headed to the Jazz State Tournament on Friday, February 15, 2019 at the Target Center.
- Mathews thanked Mr. Michelezzi for his many years of service to the District and wishes him the best as he will retire at the end of the year.
- Juntunen added that the Dance Team is comprised of 10 Hermantown students and 6 Proctor students.
- Juntunen commended Steve Stupak and the Janitors on keeping the snow clear on sidewalks, parking lots and road with many days of snow this year.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews received a letter from Proctor Schools regarding the Banquet on May 8, 2019 honoring the top 10% of students. Board Members are invited.

LEARNING CENTER: WOLD ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

- Sal Bagley, Allison Johnson, and Ben Beery from Wold Architects presented an update on the Community Learning Center. They discussed the layout and colors first. The budget for the building was also reviewed with a few alternates still available. Bids will be sent out this week with a target bid opening date of March 14, 2019. On March 19, 2019, the plan will be reviewed by the City of Hermantown's Planning Commission. If approved there, it will be brought to the City Counsel for approval on April 1, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- High School Principal John Muenich presented Computer Science for All. Informational Presentation to the Board. College of St. Scholastica (CSS) collaboration with the High School and Fond du Lac College. Device, software and applications are all looked at first. Mike Pothast and Mr. Muenich have been working with CSS closely. A few staff attended a very informational conference in San Diego, some costs were covered by Dell Technology.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment. Enrollment numbers for next year are looking higher.
- Recap of February 8, 2019 meeting with John Mulder, Hermantown City Administrator. No major plans for development. Baseball/Softball fields were discussed with more discussion necessary. Use Agreement has yet to be signed with Essentia. Parking along Arrowhead Rd at pick up time was discussed, the City would like no parking along Arrowhead Rd.
- Mandatory Insurance Bid Meeting at the NESC on February 12, 2019. Juntunen and Takkunen will attend the meeting in Mt Iron.
- Work Session regarding the Multi-Activity Facility on February 12, 2019. Meet to talk and listen to each other's opinions.
- Strategic Planning. Looking at all size Districts to make the best decision. Juntunen would love to have a road map to aid decisions in the future.

- e-Learning Days. On the calendar for next year, look different for the school levels. Participation is the key, trying something new.
- Other. Sprinkler Head in Middle School blew over the weekend, our Staff worked hard to get it fixed and we were able to have school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Thornton to approve the tiered approach for activities, with an amendment changing the “will” in the first line of the third bullet point of Tier II to “may”. Salmela, Thornton and Peterson voted in favor of the motion. Kneisl, Mathews and Madill voted against the motion. The vote was held via roll call, motion failed.*

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair