

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: February 24, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2020, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mission Statement – Partnering with the community to support and prepare all learners to create their own future.

Members present: Gary Kneisl, Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela, Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Absent: Karly Madill and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent

Visitors: Gretchen Appelwick, Jenny Wiese, John Muenich, Nancy Litman, Michaela Johnson, and Tony Oman.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Kneisl to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove Item XV. Closed Session to Discuss Negotiation Strategies and replace it with Expulsion Hearing. Passed Unanimously

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meetings dated January 29, 2020, January 31 & February 1, 2020, February 6, 2020, and February 10, 2020.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4462, audited vouchers #104219-104350, and voided checks #101910, #102377, and #103035.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Gerald Kaldor as Elementary Music Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Steve Stupak as Director of Buildings and Grounds and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Lorna Bordson as Food Service Worker and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Chris McIntyre as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Lateral Work Design for Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher.
 - Lateral Work Design for Homebound Teacher.
 - Lateral Work Design for Associate Tennis Coach.
 - Lateral Work Design for Spring Play Co-Director.
 - Memorandum to Employ Mitch Hiner as Junior High Girls' Track Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Madeline Armbruster as Assistant Girls' Track Coach
 - Memorandum of Change of Employment of Holly Martin.
 - Memorandum of Change of Employment of Drew Jensen.
 - Leave of Absence of Karen Nading.
 - Leave of Absence of Darcey Danelski.

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

ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Salmela to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru February 24, 2020. Passed Unanimously.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Tony Oman congratulated Elk Senior Students of the month for January: Carter Swor and Katie Danelski.
- High School Principal John Muenich recognized the Math League and their Advisor, Lana Arro for competing in the State tournament March 9, 2020. Mr. Muenich also congratulated the Speech Team for their 2nd Place finish at Princeton. The Robotics Team will be competing at regions March 5-7, 2020 at the DECC.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews reported that the auditors will continue at the same fee for the 2020-21 school year.
- Peterson received a letter from the Skyline Rotary Club asking to give an update on our Superintendent Process. Wayne Whitwam was asked to be a member of their club.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Director of Early Learning Nancy Litman addressed the Board on School Readiness, which will now be Nature-Based. This will be the first full-time program offered at Hermantown. Michaela Johnson spoke on the current Nature-Based School Readiness at Proctor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS –NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Salmela and Peterson corresponded with the Hawks Complex group via email and communicated that the board is willing to continue conversation and work with the group to find ways to best suit the needs of our students.
- Salmela will attend the Turf meeting coming up on Wednesday, February 26 to finalize the project. The entire project will be union or prevailing wage.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Peterson to approve the resolution to close enrollment in specific grade levels for the 2020-21 academic year. Roll Call Vote; Peterson – AYE, Thornton – AYE, Mathews – AYE, Madill – Absent, Kneisl – AYE, Salmela – AYE. Resolution passed 5-AYE.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Mathews to approve the American Indian Education Annual Compliance Overview. Passed Unanimously.*

CLOSED MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPULSION HEARING

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Thornton to close the meeting for the purpose of expulsion hearing at 6:51 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Salmela to open the closed meeting for the purpose of expulsion hearing at 7:10 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Kneisl seconded by Thornton to close the closed meeting for the purpose of expulsion hearing at 7:39 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Peterson to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:39 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Salmela seconded by Kneisl to expel said student beginning January 17, 2020 through January 16, 2021. Passed Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair