

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: February 25, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 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, Kristal Berg, Deb Reynolds, John Muenich, and Jenny Wiese.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under Consent Agenda the name for hire for Community Education and Kids' Zone Program Manager: Jennifer Eddy. Passed unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated February 11, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of audited vouchers #101529-101625, and voided checks #101493 and #100455.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Lateral Work Design for 5th Grade Teacher Long-Term Substitute.
 - Lateral Work Design for Paraprofessional Long-Term Substitute.
 - Memorandum to Employ Madeline Conklin as Assistant Golf Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Jennifer Eddy as Community Education and Kids' Zone Program Manager.
 - Leave of Absence of Andrew Fenske.
 - Leave of Absence of Kari Jo Niemann.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Kneisl to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru February 25, 2019. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Tony Oman congratulated Elk Senior Students of the month for January: Cameron Burnap and Laura Johnson.
- Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds recognized the following Middle School Students from the Robotics team who came over to the Elementary School and taught our teachers on their day off. The students spent the time demonstrating robotics and programming. The students were: Andrew Johnson, Jack Jaros, Ethan Stephenson, Nayan Watson, Keatin Graves, Jonah Wolcott, Mateo Sandoval, Rachita Tamilselvan, and Jayden Gearey.

- High School Principal John Muenich recognized and congratulated the Mirage Hockey Team and their Head Coach, Glen Gilderman with a great 3rd Place finish at State.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews received a notice of intent from the Transportation Unit.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Community Education Director Kristal Berg addressed the Board regarding the YMCA partnership. Looking at future programming and how to engage students on non-school days. Also looking at providing opportunities for people to meet and socialize together.

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment. Projection for 2019-20. Juntunen will speak at Kindergarten Round-Up.
- Negotiation Report. Meetings will be coming and updates will be given at each Board meeting.
- Essentia Wellness Center Update. Pouring floors now, John Mulder will be requesting a joint tour of the facility with School Board and City Council.
- Learning Center Update. There was a mistake on one of the builder exchange websites in posting the projected cost of the project. This has been corrected.
- Strategic Planning Update. (Jeff Olson, from MSBA, will be here March 25, 2019)
- Other. Due to missing some days due to extreme cold, the District may be required to change the school calendar in order to correctly report total student contact days. This would eliminate the chance of losing any funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Madill to approve the School Improvement Plan. Passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair