

**HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Minutes: March 12, 2019**

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 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 (arrived at 6:55), Jonathan Thornton and, Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.  
Absent: Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent

Visitors: Lynda Nikko, John Muenich, Karen Kucza, and Jenny Wiese.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated February 25, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4444, audited vouchers #101626-101755, and voided check #101650.
- Approval of Personnel Items
  - Memorandum to Employ Ines Chandler as Community Education and Kids' Zone Program Manager.
  - Memorandum to Employ Mike Zagelmeyer as Head Baseball Coach.
  - Memorandum to Employ Troy Warren as Assistant Baseball Coach.
  - Leave of Absence of Nathan Buck.
  - Leave of Absence of Andrew Olson.
  - Leave of Absence of Martha Wolff.
  - Leave of Absence of Tim Wagner.

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

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru March 12, 2019. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

**COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS**

- Athletics Director Beth Clark congratulated the All Conference Awards for Winter Extracurricular Activities.
  - Dance – Tori Novitzki, Sydney Hansen, and Meera Watson.
  - Girls' Nordic Ski – Addie Peterson.
  - Boys' Alpine Ski – 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Jack Borash, Thomas Borash, Cade Slattengren, and Luis Hnatko. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Aiden Petrich.
  - Girls' Alpine Ski – 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Ashley Winberg, Kendra Winberg, and Katie Danelski.

- Girls' Hockey – 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Dehli Heikes and Ella Anick. Honorable Mention – Kaitlyn Fawcett, Alyssa Watkins, and Ryan Gray.
- Boys' Hockey – 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Darian Gotz, Blake Biondi, and Cole Manahan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Brady Baker. Honorable Mention – Sam High.
- Boys' Basketball – 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Connor Bich and Peter Soumis. Honorable Mention – Kaden Kucza.
- Girls' Basketball – 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Elly Schmitz. Honorable Mention – Brita Birkeland and Ava Asgaard.
- High School Principal John Muenich honored the Fall Play *Into the Woods* for being recognized by Spotlight Education, a Program of Hennepin Theatre Trust.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese recognized the Middle School Math Masters for a great year they had. Also, students and staff were well recognized at the Choir and Band Concerts.
- Dianne Mathews recognized the Bus Drivers and Paraprofessionals for all they do for our District and Students.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mathews received a notice of intent from the Food Service Director.
- Mathews received a sign-up sheet for training from MSBA.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Director of Buildings and Grounds Steve Stupak spoke to the Board about this year's projects and looking into next year on what will be attempted.

### **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE PRESENTATION**

- Andy Olson, Lars Waldner, and Mike Pothast presented on where technology is at in each of the Buildings and where they would like technology to go.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Enrollment Update.
- Negotiations Update. Transportation and Food Service
- Learning Center Bid Update. Bids will be opened up Thursday, March 14.
- Student Representative on Board. Start the conversation to see if the Board would be willing/want to include student representatives.
  - *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Thornton to develop Board procedures for Board Student Representation. Passed unanimously.*
- Quote for Owner's Representative during Community Learning Center Build.
- Additional Items.
- Board Member Responsibilities at the End of the Year. Please let Juntunen or Mathews know if you are interested in attending any of the following:
  - Attendees at Proctor/Hermantown Banquet. May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Board Member Welcome Address for Senior Awards Night. Last Sunday in May.
  - Acceptance of Class of 2019 (script provided) during Graduation Ceremony.
  - Assistance with Diplomas. (2 needed)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Thornton and Juntunen attended the Hermantown Legacy Fund. A group from the Hermantown Historical Society presented at the last meeting. They are working on a book that shows the history of the Education System in Hermantown. Much of the research is already done, they are now in the process of looking for funds to publish the book.
- Madill attended the Community Education Meeting. Presented will what works well and what doesn't work well. Looking at how to reach more people.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the 2018-19 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Request to Accept Upper Lakes Foods as Food Service Prime Vendor. No action taken.

## **CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES**

*A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:09 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Kneisl to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:18p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Thornton to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:44 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

## **REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:44 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

---

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

---

Dianne Mathews, Chair