

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: April 22, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2019, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: Jenny Wiese, John Muenich, Ben LaLone, Deb Reynolds, Jamie Kleist, Mark Ostazeski, Karen Kucza, and Jerry Kaldor.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under New Business: Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hermantown and Hermantown Community Schools for use within the Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated April 8, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4447 and audited vouchers #101934-102015.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Gretchen Appelwick as 9th Grade Volleyball Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Tony Dobinson as Knowledge Bowl Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Kelsey Krautkremer as Early Childhood Special Education Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Cami Gazelka as District Nurse and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Lateral Work Design for Summer Sweeper.
 - New Position Request for 4 School Readiness Child Care Aides for the Summer Jumpstart Program.
 - New Position Request for 4 Early Childhood Teachers for the Summer Jumpstart Program.
 - New Position Request for 2 Program Assistants for the Summer Jumpstart Program.
 - Approval of Director of Food Services Contract.

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Kneisl 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 April 22, 2019. Passed unanimously.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich commended Speech Team Members, Brian Keiper and Alice Meichsner, for winning the Section and competing at State in the Duo Interpretation Category.
- Mr. Muenich also commended the Band for receiving top ratings at the Regional Band competitions on March 19, 2019. At the solo/ensemble contest on April 16, 2019 Hermantown participated in 18 events and received 14 superior ratings and 4 excellent ratings. Paul Halvorson, clarinet player, received a perfect score of 40/40.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a letter from St. Louis County Historical Society regarding their 2018 Annual Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds spoke to the Board regarding the Elementary School being chosen to go through the MN School Of Excellence Process, with 6 standards to follow. Teachers are participating and moving the school forward.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Stable.
- Negotiations Update. Principal meeting will be held, Confidential Unit 2nd meeting will be held. Teachers meeting has a tentative date set.
- Extracurricular Activity Quarterly Report.
- Elementary Parent Pick-Up Park and Wait; Park and Walk. The new process has been going well and parents are cooperating well.
- Hermantown Summer Road Construction Update. Enormous project happening on Maple Grove Road, will this affect bus routes in the fall, will meet with the City.
- Hermantown Housing Development Update. Looking at a site that was previously part of Engwall's, but will keep an eye of the project to see if it will effect enrollment.
- Strategic Planning Discussion and Next Step. Juntunen thinks MSBA would be a great option and asked the Board's opinion; they all liked the process MSBA presented.
- Other. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Thornton will meet with the Legacy Fund on Thursday, April 25, 2019.
- Thornton, Salmela and Juntunen met about the activity policy and will bring more ideas to the Board soon.
- Mathews attended MSBA Phase 4 training, saw what the strategic planning will look like and anticipates more polices will be looked at.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Salmela to approve the resolution of NLSEC Membership Enrollment Renewal. Passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Mathews to approve the American Indian Education Annual Compliance Documentation. Passed unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Salmela to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hermantown and Hermantown Community Schools for use within the Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center. Passed unanimously.*

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 6:38 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:42 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:58 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 6:58 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair