

## HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Minutes: June 10, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 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: John Muenich, Jenny Wiese, Beth Clark, Deb Reynolds, Garlynn Rosandich, and Dena Hagen.

#### **APPROVE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under Consent Agenda: Memorandum to Employ Tracy Becks, Zach Jensen, Justin Diegnau, Jamie Bergman, and Lindsey Becks as Non-Union Summer Sweepers/Cleaners, Memorandum to Employ Delores Johnson as Summer Jump Start Program Assistant, Resignation of Madeleine Schmaltz as Science Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position, and Lateral Work Design for Junior High Volleyball Coach.*

#### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated May 29, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of audited vouchers #102299-102387 and voided checks #101716, #101869, #101944, #102049, #102194, #102181, and #102297.
- Approval of Personnel Items
  - Retirement of Martha Troolin as Early Childhood Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
  - Retirement of Joan Peterson as Early Childhood Program Assistant and Lateral Work Design to post position.
  - Resignation of Allison Ternes as School Readiness Teachers' Assistant and Lateral Work Design to post position.
  - Lateral Work Design for 5 Non-Union Summer Sweepers/Cleaners.
  - Lateral Work Design for an ESY Paraprofessional.
  - Memorandum to Employ Madeline Armbruster as 1.0 FTE Math Teacher.
  - Memorandum to Employ Dane Sislo as Early Childhood Program Assistant for the Summer Jump Start Program.
  - Memorandum to Employ Moriah Cook as Early Childhood Program Assistant for the Summer Jump Start Program.
  - Memorandum to Employ Mark Burzek as Industrial Technology Teacher.
  - Memorandum to Employ Jennifer Eckstrom as ESY Paraprofessional.
  - Memorandum to Employ Tracy Becks, Zach Jensen, Justin Diegnau, Jamie Bergman, and Lindsey Becks as Non-Union Summer Sweepers/Cleaners.
  - Memorandum to Employ Delores Johnson as Summer Jump Start Program Assistant.
  - Resignation of Madeleine Schmaltz as Science Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
  - Resignation of Madeleine Schmaltz as Junior High Volleyball Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.

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

## **ACCEPT DONATIONS**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru June 10, 2019. Passed unanimously.*

## **COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS**

- High School Principal John Muenich thanked Kris Zagelmeyer for her efforts creating the Graduation Ceremony as well as Alison Thorson and Dave Thompson for serving as Senior Class Advisers.
- Athletics Director Beth Clark congratulated the All Conference Awards for Spring Activities.
  - Softball – 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Gabby Blomdahl and Hannah Mihalik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Lauren Smith and Bryton Kukowski.
  - Boys’ Tennis – Ethan Hallgren.
  - Boys’ Track – 110 Meter Hurdles: David Cornelius, High Jump: David Cornelius.
  - Girls’ Track – 200 Meter Dash: Kellyn Biondi, 800 Meter Dash: Brita Birkeland, 1600 Meter Run: Addie Peterson, 300 Meter Hurdles: Allison Anderson, 4x100 Relay: Meera Watson, Emma Herstad, Macy Sieger, and Kellyn Biondi, 4x400 Relay: Maiah Christianson, Macie Sisson, Allison Anderson, and Brita Birkeland. 4x800 Relay: Liv Birkeland, Maiah Christianson, Macie Sisson, and Brita Birkeland. Brita Birkeland and Kellyn Biondi each participated in the State Girls’ Track meet.
  - Girls’ Golf – 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Callie Showalter, Frankie Otterson, Trinity Sundbom, and Nicole Nelson.
  - Boys’ Golf – 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Steven Kragseth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Cade Slattengren.
  - Baseball – 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Darian Gotz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Brady Baker and Rico Rodriguez. Honorable Mention: Nolan Ruprecht.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese recognized Randy Lee for being elected to the Society of Prometheans at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
- Juntunen congratulated Dr. Muenich and his staff for the Graduation Ceremony.
- Mathews congratulated the Elementary School Staff for end of the year activities.
- Peterson congratulated all the leadership involved in the Graduation Ceremony.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Juntunen received a letter from MDE regarding a recent Special Education Compliance Audit.
- Juntunen received a letter from MREA and MSBA regarding their upcoming services and billing.
- Thornton received three different emails from constituents with concerns about the resignation of Laura Goucher and the future of the Band Program.
- Thornton received one email from a concerned parent regarding a staff member.

## **REPORT FROM DENA HAGEN, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- Hermantown has 13.1% of total enrollment participating in Special Education.
- Provided names for all the Special Education staff.
- Provide estimated costs for FY20.
- No MDE Special Education complaints in the past 3 years.
- No Due Process MDE Citations for 2018-19.
- Implemented “Friendly File Reviews” to help with State requirements.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Enrollment Update, Review of Resolution to close open enrollment at the June 24, 2019 meeting for certain grade levels.
- Meeting with Hermantown City Administrator, John Mulder is always productive. The city and School have a good working relationship. Discussed B-Ball field conditions, Possible September 2019 occupancy of the Essentia Wellness Center, Potential Housing Developments in the works, Moving school administration to City Hall not likely a good option, and the Arena Board is meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> Board Liaison members are welcome to attend.
- MDE's Director of Finance, Tom Melcher stopped in to visit at ARCC. GASB statement will impact Board oversight on student activities' accounts and student scholarships around the state.
- Negotiations Update. Making good progress with Teachers looking forward to a possible meeting again in late June, Confidential Unit is in a holding pattern, Principals are meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and Transportation is scheduled to meet Mid-July.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE**

## **OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2019-20 Budget. No action taken.
- 2019-20 Resolution for Membership in the MN State High School League. No action taken.
- Resolution to Approve the 2019-20 ARCC Services Contract.

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

*A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:34 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:37 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:34 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

## **REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:34 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Salmela to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

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Dianne Mathews, Chair