

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: June 24, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 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, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.
Absent: Aaron Salmela.

Visitors: Jason Wilcox, Jeremy Katchuba, Jenny Wiese, Lynda Nikko, Deb Reynolds, John Muenich, and Karen Kucza.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under Consent Agenda: Approval of Hermantown Community Learning Center Contractor's Application for Payment from Johnson Wilson Constructors dated 6/3/19 of \$167,453.65, Memorandum to Employ Erin McMahon as Science Teacher, Lateral Work Design for ESY LPN Paraprofessional, and Memorandum to Employ Paula Pliml as ESY LPN Paraprofessional.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated June 10, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4450, audited vouchers #102388-102525, and voided check #102172.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Emily Roberson as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Jared Nelson as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Resignation of Chad Stay as Junior High Football Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Nicole Peterson as Early Childhood Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - New Position Request for .2 FTE Computer Science Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Courtney Anderson as 1.0 FTE Science Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Nicole Peterson as 1.0 FTE Elementary School Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Mekinna Rahn as .9 FTE Physical Education Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kali Groth as .5 FTE General Education Paraprofessional Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Jessie Williams as Assistant Volleyball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Jessica Wasbotten as C Team/9th Grade Volleyball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Nicholas Allen as 1.0 FTE Band Instructor.
 - Memorandum to Employ Bryan Jaspersen as 1.2 FTE Middle School Spanish Teacher.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Trudi Schmies.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Julie Sexton-Brown.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Andy Olson.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Rakel Johnson.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Mary Jo Otteson.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Rachael Ardren.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Tina Jankowski.
 - Recommendation for Tenure.

- Leave of Absence of Karen Kucza.
- Leave of Absence of Lindsey Beier.
- Leave of Absence of Kelsey Olin.
- Memorandum to Employ Erin McMahon as Science Teacher.
- Lateral Work Design for ESY LPN Paraprofessional.
- Memorandum to Employ Paula Pliml as ESY LPN Paraprofessional.

A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Kniesl to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru June 24, 2019. Passed unanimously.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Juntunen thanked the Administrative Team for filling the open positions. He also congratulated the Trap Team for doing well at the State Meet.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

REPORT FROM JERAMY KATCHUBA, DIRECTOR OF YMCA

- All construction is right on target and set to open October 15, 2019. Ending up being a 26 million dollar project, up from 17 million initially. Charter member campaign will start in August. The Hiring process has begun, about 200 employees through the YMCA and 15 through Essentia.

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Projections for 2019-20. 80 more spots district wide, 2084 currently registered for next year.
- Update on Hermantown Community Learning Center Construction. Footings were poured and panels are scheduled to arrive soon.
- Negotiations Update. Meetings continue, would like to meet again with the teachers unit before fall. Principals will meet in August. Drivers are scheduled for July. Confidential Unit will wait until teachers are settled.
- Other – LTFM plans. Need to discuss what it will look like. Work session is scheduled for July 8, 2019, as it needs to get voted on in late July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mathews and Peterson spoke on behalf of Salmela who attended the Hawk Complex Task Force Meeting. Funding options were discussed. The Committee will meet with the Board and City Council on July 22, 2019. Asking if some spaces could be used in conjunction with the District.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to approve the 2019-20 Budget. Passed unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Madill to approve the 2019-20 Resolution for Membership in the MN State High School League. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Peterson to approve the resolution for the 2019-20 ARCC Services Contract. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Agreement to Continue Membership with MREA. No action taken.
- Agreement to Continue Membership with MSBA. No action taken.
- Resolution to Close Specific Grade Levels. No action taken.
- Bread Quotes for 2019-20. No action taken.
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Thornton to approve the resolution regarding Board control of Extracurricular Activities. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to accept the Health Insurance Renewal thought Northeast Service Cooperative for 2019-20. Passed unanimously.*

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 6:58 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Peterson to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:02 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 7:13 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Kneisl to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:13 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matthews and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair