

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: September 23, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Gary Kneisl (arrived at 6:10), 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, Colleen Halverson, Steven Halverson, and Brent Chouanard.

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 Derek Horvath as Child Care Aide, Memorandum to Employ Rene Williams as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor, Memorandum to Employ Judy Witte as 3 hour/day Cooks' Helper, Lateral Work Design for a 2 hour/day Food Service Cashier. Remove Agenda Item XIII. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations Strategies and Item XIV. Reopen Meeting to the Public. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated September 9, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4453 and audited vouchers #102913-103072.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Dana Riles as Assistant Site Manager for Kids' Zone and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Rene Williams as 2 hour Food Service Worker and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Lateral Work Design for a Homebound Teacher.
 - Lateral Work Design for a Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
 - New Position Request for a .5 FTE LPN.
 - New Position Request for a Paraprofessional.
 - Memorandum to Employ Katie Brown-Mesedahl as Junior Varsity Knowledge Bowl Advisor.
 - Memorandum to Employ William Hudspith as Homebound Teacher.
 - Leave of Absence of Deb Reynolds.
 - Leave of Absence of Jane Skalisky.
 - Memorandum to Employ Derek Horvath as Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Rene Williams as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor.
 - Memorandum to Employ Judy Witte as 3 hour/day Cooks' Helper
 - Lateral Work Design for a 2 hour/day Food Service Cashier.

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

ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru September 23, 2019. Passed Unanimously.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich recognized the Student Council Members who participated in the Strategic Planning Committee. They are as follows: Aurora Opsahl, Kaydee High, Mariah Christianson, Samantha Stephenson, Darian Sams, Ethan Luiten, Olivia Hintsala, Jessica Kukowski, Tanya Lucky, Madelyn Horn, Kennedy Barrett, and Ethan Shopa Olsen.
- Mr. Muenich also thanked Eric Borndal and Nate Buck for their organization of the Link Crew and for running the Respect Retreat. Thank you to the Hermantown Legacy Fund for a grant to make this event possible.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Staying steady
- Negotiations Update. Meeting with Principals on September 24th and meeting with Teachers October 2nd.
- Essentia Health Wellness Center Construction. Opening on schedule.
- Hermantown Community Learning Center. The roof is enclosed and the playground will be created using mostly natural materials.
- Strategic Planning. Surveys closed today.
- Arena Meetings. Arena Board Leadership has been asked to notify Peterson & Salmela of upcoming meetings.
- Other: Eco Club Trip to Gustavus Adolphus College has been cancelled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the 2019 Payable 2020 Levy at the maximum level. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- MSBA Model Policy Revisions. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair