

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: January 23, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017, at the Administration Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Members present included, Deanna Gronseth, Karly Madill, Dianne Mathews, Blaine Peterson, Aaron Salmela, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Kristal Berg, Deb Reynolds, John Muenich, Karen Kucza, Shannon Cornelius, and Kelly O'Toole. Speaker: Guy LeBlanc.

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: Memorandum to Employ Joe Borak as Special Education Teacher. Remove Item XI.3 Stipend for Activities Workers. Change the date on the MN Trust Construction Fund from 1/26/17 to 2/13/17. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: January 9, 2017.
- Approval and authorize payment of check #4398 and audited vouchers #95765-95895.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Michael Paszak as Bus Driver and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Carol Hyry as Food Service Worker and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Sydney Olson as Kid Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Lyla Abukhodair as Kid Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Elise Wrolstad as Special Education Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Carllie Wingen as After School Program Aide.
 - Long-Term Substitute Contract for Jennifer Wolk.
 - Memorandum to Employ Joe Borak as Special Education Teacher.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS - NONE

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich thanked the Hermantown Star for reporting on the Ray Pearson Memorial Writing Award. The recipients of this Award were 4th grade students: Andre Morton, Ainsley Thole, Broden Bruhjell, Keatin Graves, Braelynn Gunderson, and Gabriella Arnston.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese congratulated Spelling Bee Champion Josie Harris and Runner-up Brayden Flynn.
- Tony Oman congratulated Elk Senior Students of the month for November: Kailey Mikalik and Tyler Zastrow and for December: Reid Johnson and Alex Pelawa. He also thanked the District for its partnership with the Elks Club in recognizing these students.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS

- Guy LeBlanc met with the Liaison Committee regarding the Clay Target Team and shared a budget proposal with them. He requested a response from the Committee as to how clubs move from self-funded status to a District funded club. He stated one point the District should consider is that the Clay Target team is currently made up of 100% Hermantown Students.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen shared a letter sent to MN legislators from Kirk Schneidawind, MN School Boards Association, Gary Amoroso, MN Association of School Administrators, Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts, Fred Nolan, MN Rural Education Association, and Brad Lundell, Schools for Equity in Education, regarding Biennial Growth in E-12 Education spending.
- Salmela discussed interest from community members in adding foreign languages.
- Peterson discussed Coaches vs. Cancer double header basketball game/fundraiser on Friday, January 26, 2017, at the High School. Team members will be seeking donations from the crowd and taking pre-event donations as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Juntunen reported that student enrollment remains stable
- Construction Update. As construction wraps up, a few additional projects are being addressed.
- Long-Term Facility Maintenance Update. Budget adopted one year ago, with no firm plans to make adjustments at this time. A walk through of all facilities will be completed once the snow melts, by Juntunen, Steve Stupak, Pat Chaffey, Dianne Mathews and Blaine Peterson, to address any projects that need to be changed or fixed.
- Work Session Agenda Items. Another agenda item will be added is to discuss the Negotiation/Committee assignments.
- Committee and Outside Assignments. Committee, outside assignments and negotiation teams will be finalized at the first Board meeting in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Madill attended the Liaison Committee meeting. The Gay/Straight Alliance requested a student activity account. Superintendent Juntunen will be working with the association on this. Clay Target Team was also discussed at the Liaison Committee. They are requesting funds from the District for coaches and would like to know the process for becoming a District Funded team. Madill and Salmela would like to find out from Activities Director Beth Clark, what the process is to becoming a funded club, if any. Gronseth commented that the process lies with the Liaison Committee to decide who would be a funded group, or what the process is. Consider Clay Target Team and other clubs to remain as self-funded for spring 2017 and possibly going forward there will be discussions to look at changing this in the future.
- Thornton discussed a tour he made of the Northern Lakes Food Bank facility. He was impressed with the operation and the work that they do to partner with the school with the back pack program.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Peterson to approve the fee for Auditorium Sound and Light Technician for outside user groups (Procedure held in 902.1). Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gronseth to approve the award to United Truck Body for the purchase of an 84 Passenger School Bus in accordance with State Contract and pricing of \$99,951.49. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve 16-17 Revised Budget. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Diane Mathews, Chair