

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: October 22, 2018

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Erin Bellefy, Karly Madill, Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela, Jon Thornton, and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Absent: Blaine Peterson.

Visitor: Jenny Wiese and Kristal Berg.

Speakers: Brad Vieths and Kayti Stolp.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Bellefy and seconded by Madill to approve the agenda as printed. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated October 9, 2018.
- Approve and authorize payment of audited vouchers #100544-100688.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Joshua Eades as Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Bette Tolan as 2 hour Food Service Worker.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Bellefy to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru October 22, 2018. Passed unanimately.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese thanked the teachers, parents and students for attending the 5th Grade conferences. Conferences went very well.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS

- Brad Vieths and Kayti Stolp spoke to the Board regarding the Perkins Funds Report. Hermantown is doing great. Tyler Homstad is doing so much through many tech fields at Hermantown and is getting the students ready for tech fields.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a letter from Mike Pothast regarding Out of State Teachers Travel Request.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese updated the Board on reading proficiency. Schoolwide proficiency has increase from 2013. A trend going downward in 7th and 8th grades, students are thinking scores don't matter. Building average is above state average. Will focus on silent reading during advisor 2 days a week and all teachers will continue to rotate into library so students will continue to go once a week. The 5th grade class is doing well with the Battle of the Books and the 40 book competition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Stable
- Extracurricular Activity Quarterly Report.
- Learning Center Update. Meetings are scheduled next week with the team to review changes to the draft plan. Also site clearing will begin this week in order for soil borings to be completed.
- Essentia Regional Wellness Center Update. City has asked the District to sign the use agreement, Juntunen will not sign until conditions are met with details.
- Strategic Planning Meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Will begin with SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis.
- Upcoming Election. Write in candidates are needed. To date, nobody has come forward, and we need people to run for open seats.
- Turf. Lots of firms are in favor of the project, but there's no funding in place yet. Looking at a capital campaign fundraiser for funds.
- Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Workshops will be on January 17th and 18th. Our yearly dues cover the cost of the workshop.
- MREA Conference scheduled for November 11th-13th, contact Juntunen if interested in attending.
- Other. On November 5th there will be another T-21 initiative meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Council will vote that night. The Jazz band concert on December 10th will be at 7:30 p.m., so the Board Members can attend the concert. Taste of Hermantown is this Thursday, October 25, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Thornton attended Tobacco 21 meeting on October 15, 2018.
- Bellefy will attend the PTO Meeting.
- Peterson and Mathews attended the Facilities Meeting. Lots of work was completed this summer. Concrete at arena, Middle School tile and carpet, power to tennis courts, paint in halls, ceiling and entry doors in Middle School. Jobs were all completed. New DDC controls and heaters in the locker rooms in Middle School are yet to come.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Madill to approve the student travel request. Passed unanimously*

NEW BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Bellefy to approve the first Board Meeting in November be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in observance of Veterans' Day on Monday, November 12, 2018. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. Passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Bellefy to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karly Madill, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair