

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: October 9, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the Administration Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, John Muenich, Deb Reynolds, and Kristal Berg.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove under New Business: 2017-18 American Indian Education Plan. Personnel Items: Retirement not resignation of Norine Frey. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: September 25, 2017
- Approval and authorize payment of check #4412, audited vouchers #97609-97763, and voided checks #96772, #97545, and #97599.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Britten Skoglund as Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Norine Frey as COTA and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Anya Muench as Paraprofessional.
 - Memorandum to Employ Casey Boyat as FlyBye Afterschool Site Manager.
 - Memorandum to Employ Delores Johnson as School Readiness Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Caitlyn Barbour as School Readiness Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Allyson Rolfson as After School Child Care Aide.
 - New Position Request for ECSE Paraprofessional.
 - Approval of Principals' Contract.
 - Approval of Food Service Director Contract.
 - Leave of absence of Tiffany Hill.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – NONE

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich commended Nate Buck, Katie Brown-Mesdahl, and Pat Andrews for their presentation about Blended Learning at the late start.
- Salmela received positive feedback regarding the late start.
- Juntunen commended Norine Frey for doing an outstanding job and being a great leader.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews received a letter from Education MN for Teacher of the Year nominations.

AMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- High School Principal John Muenich addressed the Board regarding District Wide and High School use of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). This has allowed the same dialogue to be used throughout the Schools, Amberwing, and medical facilities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Request for Qualifications - Learning Center. Juntunen presented to the Board the guidelines.
- Discussion of Multi-Sport Facility. (planning stage) Formulating a group to talk to City Park Board. Salmela will be involved.
- Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center Update. Idea for use agreement and review of wording of agreement.
- Elementary Playground Initiative. Playground Committee would like a number from the District (Board) for a monetary commitment. Donations have come in.
- Enrollment Update. January will start to look at Open Enrollment.
- Negotiations Update. All are complete.
- Hermantown Legacy Fund Discussion. Survey will be sent out to community members. A fundraiser 'Taste of Hermantown' will be held on 10/26/17.
- MSBA is January 10th-12th, 2018. Juntunen would like to know which Board Members will be attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Thornton to approve the resolution for Policy #903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites. Salmela and Thornton agreed to amend the motion to change wording under section V. Visitor Limitation letter B. from “...park in the high school student parking....” to “...park in the designated school parking....” Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Madill to approve the resolution for Policy #620 Credit for Learning. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Out of State Teacher Travel. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair