

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Minutes: November 13, 2018

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 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, Blaine Peterson, Aaron Salmela, Jon Thornton, and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitor: Michael Hoheisel, Garlynn Rosandich, Deb Reynolds, Mike Pothast, and Renee Klinkner, Chris Virta, and Gary Kneisl.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Bellefy to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add Item XIV.2 under New Business: Out of State Teacher Travel. Passed unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated October 22, 2018.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4436, audited vouchers #100689-100833, and voided check #98783.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Memorandum to Employ Jennifer Eckstrom as 7 hour Paraprofessional.
 - Memorandum to Employ Therese Ball as 2 hour Food Service Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ Jeanne Pearson as Early Childhood Paraprofessional.
 - Memorandum to Employ Michelle Sweeney as Head Softball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Isaiah Wieczorek as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Carmen Bergstedt as Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Erik Schwarzkopf as Assistant Speech Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Charina Dorothy as Assistant Speech Coach.
 - Leave of Absence of Holly Martin.
 - Leave of Absence of Terrence Harte.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Bellefy and seconded by Peterson to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru November 13, 2018. Passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Athletic Director Beth Clark congratulated the All Conference Awards for Fall Extracurricular Activities.
 - Girls' Tennis – Kierney Gray, Ryan Gray, and Chloe Lange.

- Girls' Swimming – Haley Melin, Hannah Ewer, and Elizabeth Nicolai.
- Girls' Soccer – Dehli Heikes and Gabby Blomdahl.
- Boys' Soccer – Matt Joki, A.J. Harris, Alex Bjorlin, and Cole Stokke. Honorable Mention – Brayden Bramstedt.
- Boys' Cross Country – Giffin Flaa.
- Girls' Cross Country – Maddy Olsen.
- Volleyball – Maddy Foster. Honorable Mention – Natalie Arntson.
- Football – David Cornelius, Elliott Peterson, Reese Fish, Caden Potter, and Dalton Plaisted. Honorable Mention – Adam Prouty, Tate Hanson, MaCade Isensee, Jeb Paczynski, and Robbie Thorsten.
- Salmela thanked the Civility Club for the Haunted Trail Event.
- Peterson very impressed with the recent High School play.
- Mathews acknowledge that the Middle School Conference are going smoothly.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a letter from Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands. \$80,637.65 received. Added to General Fund.
- Board Members and Juntunen received a letter from Mike Pothast regarding out of state teacher travel request.

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES

- Abstract and return of votes cast.
 - Resolution was read.
- Winners of Election – was read as part of the reading of the resolution.
 - *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Peterson to approve the resolution canvassing returns of votes of School District General Election on November 6, 2018. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds addressed the Board regarding the MN School of Excellence. Second year that Elementary School is involved. Commits to continuous learning around six standards. Areas to work on include: add physical activity before school starts, add time for cross curricular options, add diversity to education, more opportunities to learn from other districts and with families, cross grade level meeting, database of best practices, focused support for parents who need it. Will apply for the recognition and will celebrate with community once we receive it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment. Dropped below budget. Continue to monitor.
- SWOT Analysis work with supervisors (Example from Community Education) Goal to have all directors complete SWOT for review during December Strategic planning session.
- The City's vote on the T21 initiative. Unanimous approval. Juntunen noted a need to educate parents and families.

- Health and Wellness Center Update. Upcoming meetings with City and YMCA leadership to work on use agreement.
- Learning Center Update. Soil reviews underway.
- Plan for New Board Member Orientation will be on December 13, 2018 for both Gary Kneisl and Tim Peterson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bellefy attended the PTO Meeting on October 25, 2018. New Leadership. Fundraisers all exceeding goals. Ed Challenge > \$37,000 (goal was \$32,000). In need of leggings and sweat pants for the Clothes Closet. Custodian Dan working to connect students with lost clothes/belongings. Collaborating with Elementary School on planning Family Night Event.
- Thornton attended the Hermantown Legacy Fund and City Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to approve the Resolution Authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement and declaration of trust and approving the issuance, sale, and delivery of \$3,500,000 certificates of participation, Series 2018A. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Thornton to approve the out of state teacher travel. Passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karly Madill, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair