

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: November 27, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2017, at the Administration Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present included, Deanna Gronseth, Karly Madill (arrived at 6:02), Dianne Mathews, Blaine Peterson, Aaron Salmela, Jonathan Thornton, and Ex-officio member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Renee Klinkner, Heather Hren, Cindy Nelson, Deb Reynolds, Jenny Wiese, John Muenich, and Karen Kucza.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under IV.3 Consent Agenda: Memorandum to Increase Dana Wolf's Paraprofessional hours by 3.5 hours per day.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: November 13, 2017.
- Approval and authorize payment of checks #4415 and #4416 and audited vouchers #98045-98151.
Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Francisca Blackman as Title 1 Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Kim Langen as Food Service Worker and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Jeff Everett as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ James Lennartson as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kim Gagnon as Licensed Practical Nurse.
 - Memorandum to Employ Jordan Senegal as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Caleb Steinert as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.
 - Approve Long Term Substitute Contract for Jennifer Wolk.
 - Memorandum to Increase Dana Wolf's Paraprofessional hours by 3.5 per day.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Peterson to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru 11-27-17. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Tony Oman congratulated Elk Senior Students of the month for September: Abby Kukowksi and Mason Thedens (previously reported during the November 13, 2017 Board Meeting).
- Madill acknowledged the article in the Duluth News Tribune regarding flexible seating offered to students at the Elementary School

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a letter from MREA (Minnesota Regional Education Association). Ballots will be given to teaching staff and administration for the MREA Board.
- Mathews received a letter from MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association) regarding the January 2018 Leadership Conference. Information has been mailed to all Board Members.

AMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Renee Klinkner Director of Curriculum and Assessment reported:
 - At the Budget meeting, this date, she presented a reading curriculum request for second semester of this year (2017-2018) for K-5 teachers involved in a pilot reading curriculum program.
 - The District's World's Best Work Force report will be presented to the Board at a future Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Explained enrollment changes on update given to the Board.
- Early Learning Center. Expect to receive 3-4 proposals from architectural firms. Superintendent Juntunen has asked Board members and District representatives to be a part of the committee for the Early Learning Center.
- Truth in Taxation. Meeting starts at 6:05 on December 11th, 2017.
- Driving around Campus. W82txt (wait to text) ring bands given to Drivers Education instructors to give to the students. Also a concern with parents picking up their children from school as many have been noted texting as they drive on campus.
- 2018-2019 Calendar Discussion. Considering two full teacher staff development days versus half days.
- Essentia Health and Wellness Center. Hermantown City Council approved and accepted the conditions from the District for the transfer of the old Middle School property. Discussion of the exact terms for how the 'escrow' amount from the District to the City will be addressed.
- Playground committee-will be developed to consider advertising on the school campus. The committee will include three Board members to discuss the District Advertising Policy #905.
- Board packets. Only half of the Board members received their packets prior to the meeting. Unsure why this occurred as all were brought to the Post Office on the same day. An electronic version of the Board packet versus printed packet was discussed. The December 11, 2017 Board packets will be sent electronically to the Board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Madill attended the PTO meeting. Over the last year, the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) has raised over \$110,000. Ed Challenge didn't raise as much money as expected leading to the need to adjust their budget. The PTO discussed defunding the amount given to the classroom teachers.
- Salmela, Mathews, Juntunen, Chaffey and Muenich attended the Park Board Meeting on November 21, 2017. The community Multi-Sports Facility committee requested \$25,000 from the Board to hire a consultant firm to conduct a feasibility study for the cost of a Multi-Sports Facility. The Elementary Playground committee requested \$50,000 from the Park Board.
- Mathews reminded the Board the District needs to make a determination as to the surfacing that will be used at the new Elementary playground. Discussion of the various types of surfacing materials; Juntunen recommended using wood chips.
- Thornton attended the Essentia Health and Wellness committee meeting on November 15th, 2017. A 3D view of the proposed facility was presented. The pool will have 4 lanes; there will not be racket courts.
- Juntunen attended the Hermantown Legacy Fund meeting. Their goal is to raise one million dollars for an endowment fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Gronseth to approve the approval of appropriation of funds for Xerox Copier Contract. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve 2017 Payable 2018 Levy Certification. No action taken.
- 2017-18 Curriculum Budget Additional Requests. No action taken.
- World's Best Workforce No action taken.
- Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair