

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: March 27, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, March 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, Dianne Mathews, Blaine Peterson, Aaron Salmela, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Debra Reynolds, John Muenich, Garlynn Rosandich, Kristal Berg, and Eric Borndal.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Salmela to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under consent agenda: Approve Leave of Absence of Andrew D. Olson. Add New Business Item XII.3. Approval of Health Insurance Request for Proposal. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: March 13, 2017.
- Approval and authorize payment of checks #4403 and #4404, audited vouchers #96295-96382, and voided check #96158.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Fayette Joyal as Paraprofessional.
 - Lateral Work Design for Special Education Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Nichole Lindgren as After School Program Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Makayla Anderson as After School Program Aide.
 - Approve Leave of Absence for Andrew D. Olson

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru 3-27-17. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds commended Jen Larson and PTO for their work with the Kindness Retreat.
- High School Principal John Muenich recognized Laura Goucher, Dean Wargin and Kris Zagelmeyer for their work during the State Hockey Tournament.
- John Muenich also congratulated the All Conference Awards for Winter Athletics:
 - Dance Team: Amber Langlois, Sydney Hansen, Tori Novitzki, Camryn Slattengren, and Destiny Wakefield.
 - Girls' Alpine Skiing: Ashley Winberg, Kendra Winberg, Olivia Eggert, and Allicia Petrich.
 - Boys' Alpine Skiing: Tyler Winberg, Thomas Borash, and Austin Danelski.
 - Nordic Skiing: Nathan Bich.
 - Girls' Hockey: Callie Hoff, Mikayla Kero, Brionna Stafne, and Olyvia Opsahl.
 - Boys' Hockey: Ryan Sandelin, Dylan Samberg, Cade McEwen, Jesse Jacques, and Tyler Watkins.
 - Girls' Basketball: Jordyn Thomas, Taylor Vold, and Ellie Gamradt.
 - Boys' Basketball: Nate Soumis and David Birkland.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews received a grievance from the Paraprofessional Unit, will hear it on April 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm.
- Board Members received an invitation to the Proctor-Hermantown Excellence in Education Banquet on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by Friday, April 7, 2017.
- All board members received a letter regarding MSBA Capital Day on Monday, April 3, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Numbers are stable.
- Survey regarding efforts of the District showed most scores were 'average' to 'above average'.
- Joint Powers Meeting Synopsis for a level 4 setting in Cloquet.
- Essentia Regional Wellness Center Update. Group from Hermantown will be meeting with legislatures to share information. Juntunen continues to work with the City of Hermantown on conveyance of Middle School to the City.
- Preparation for Negotiations. Closed session on each Board meeting until negotiations are done, salaries and benefits are main concern. Juntunen's yearly evaluation coming up.
- Hermantown Legacy Fund. (Volunteer Board Member Needed)
- Playground Committee. Clarify that District will devote funds towards the playground.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mathews and Peterson attended the Facilities Meeting.
- Mathews attended the PTO Meeting. Kindergarten round-up went well. Volunteers and Officers are needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Peterson 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 \$98,324.59. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to approve the Facility Inventory Proposal from Wold Architects and Engineers. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Gronseth to approve the renewal of the Food Service Prime Vendor Contract for the 2017-18 School Year. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve a transfer of \$500,000 to the Employee Benefit Trust Account, \$250,000 from the general fund and \$250,000 from the committed separation/retirement benefits fund balance. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 2017-18 Recommended Budget Adjustments. No action taken.
- E-rate Fiber Quotations.
A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Thornton to award the internet access fiber quotation to Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative in the amount of \$850 per month commencing July 1, 2017. Passed Unanimously.
- Approval of Health Insurance Request for Proposal. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair