

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: April 10 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 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: Renee Klinkner, Deb Reynolds, Gretchen Appelwick, Eric Borndal, Kristal Berg, Karen Kucza, Jenny Wiese, and John Muenich, Jim Crace, and Pat Andrews.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add Correspondence Item 2. Paraprofessional Unit request to open Negotiations. Add Correspondence Item 3 MSBA Superintendent Evaluation Seminar. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: March 27, 2017.
- Approval and authorize payment of audited vouchers #96383-96467, and voided check #96350
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Paula McGrew as Kid Care Aide.
 - Lateral Work Design for Special Education Teacher.
 - New Position Request for Summer Camp Rawks Coordinator.
 - Memorandum to Employ Julie Kemp as Receptionist.
 - Leave of Absence of Chandra Joki.
 - Leave of Absence of Jane Skalisky.
 - Leave of Absence of Carmi Von Arb.
 - Leave of Absence of Joseph Schmitz.
 - Leave of Absence of Michal Tipple.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – NONE

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Cindy Lawrence congratulated Elk Senior Students of the Month for February: Luke Safstrom and Carla Christenson.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Relatively stable
- Facility Maintenance. Survey results showed 93% of respondents indicated average or above average regarding facilities.
- Graduation and other End of the Year Opportunities for Board Members.
- Website. New website continues to be in development.
- Survey Results. (District Initiatives)
- Middle School Demolition Update. About 7 Contractors walked through the former Middle School today. There will be a non-public opening of the bids on April 24, 2017.
- News from St. Paul. Legislators like communication, write and call them.
- ALICE Training. Chief of Police Jim Crace and Middle School Teacher Pat Andrews presented information to the Board regarding ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training for police officers and

school staff. The Hermantown Police Department is hosting a two day training on June 14-15, 2017. Educator classes are free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gronseth and Salmela attended the Staff Development Committee. The proposed budget for school year 2017-2018 was discussed. This was the first year with no Saturday Academy.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Peterson to approve the 2017-18 Recommended Budget Adjustments. Passed Unanimously.*
- Approval of Health Insurance Request for Proposal. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of the Substitute/Causal Rates of Pay Effective 9/1/17. No action taken.
- Policy #533 Wellness. No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:02 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:11 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 8:31 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:31 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE (discussed at this time as had been missed earlier)

- Mathews received a letter from the Teachers' Union to request to open up Negotiations.
- Mathews received a letter from the Paraprofessional unit to open up Negotiations.
- MSBA sent information to all Board Chairs regarding the Superintendent Evaluation Seminar

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair