

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: April 24, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2017, at the Administration Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Deb Reynolds, John Muenich, Karen Kucza, Kristal Berg, and Will Mattson.
Speakers: George Pappas and Guy LeBlanc.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Peterson to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under consent agenda Retirement of Laura Lilyquist as Accounting/Coordinator and Lateral Work Design to post position. Add under consent agenda Resignation of Troy Sunnarborg and Lateral Work Design to post position. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: April 10, 2017.
- Approval and authorize payment of check #4405, audited vouchers #96468-96565, and voided checks #96120 and #96470
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Bruce Plante as Boys' Hockey Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Daryl Illikainen as Assistant Boys' Hockey Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Theresa Taraldsen as Play Director and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Summer Jump Start Program Early Childhood Teachers: Carolyn Johnson, Merdith Salus, and Katie Fuoss.
 - Memorandum to Employ Summer Jump Start Program Assistants: Heather Malmstrom, Kaitlyn Connell, and Olivia Sable.
 - Memorandum to Employ Summer Jump Start Program Child Care Aides: Alexia Bjerke, Delores Johnson, and Sara Ellis.
 - Memorandum to Employ Laura Goodman as Summer Jump Start Program Parent Educator.
 - Memorandum to Employ Dennis Anderson as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor.
 - Leave of Absence of Bette Grussendorf.
 - Retirement of Laura Lilyquist as Accounting/Payroll Coordinator and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Troy Sunnarborg as Janitor and Lateral Work Design to post position.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Gronseth to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru 4-24-17. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese congratulated 5th Grade Math Masters Teams. Blue Team: Tyler Novitaki, Brock Peterson, Keaton Rother, Rachita Tamilselvan, and Jonah Wright. Gold Team: Jack Jaros, Ella Holmgren, Brody Mathews, Maddie Moore, and Landon Thorsvik. The Gold Team took 1st Place in the team competition and the Blue Team took 2nd Place out of 51 teams on Friday, April 21, 2017 in

Duluth. In the fact drill Landon Thorsvik got 1st Place out of 239 competitors and Rachita Tamilselvan also got a medal. Brody Mathews earned a ribbon in the fact drill. In the individual competition, Keaton Rother got first place out of 239 students. Landon and Rachita also both got medals for finishing in the top five in the individual round.

- Athletic Director Beth Clark commended Daylen Moore who placed 9th at the State Speech meet. Clark also commended Bruce Plante, Daryl Illikainen, and Theresa Taraldsen for all their dedication to the District over the years.
- Mathews commended the PTO and Jen Larson on the Safe and Strong School Award.
- Will Mattson congratulated Elk Senior Students of the Month for March: Abigail Stenberg and Andrew Sever.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS

- George Pappas and Guy LeBlanc discussed the Trap Team.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews received a letter from the Principals Association to open Negotiations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update.
- Update on Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center. Bills are being discussed, tax or bonding hoped for. Working with the City on contract language for transition of the Old Middle School property to the City. Would like action in May.
- Update on Demolition of the Old Middle School. 5 bids received, low bidder needs to be made aware of possible change in plans of demolition.
- Negotiations Report. Sessions with unions are meetings open to the public. Subcommittees will report to full Board. Kevin Rupp, our Attorney, was consulted. Negotiations for the Superintendent's contract will take place at an open meeting with date to be determined.
- Mock Crash Report. Will be held this Thursday, April 27, 2017.
- Long-term Facility Maintenance. Superintendent will be meeting with Wold.
- Graduation 2017. Ahlberg, Taraldsen, Muenich, and Zagelmeyer are working on graduation at the High School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board Chair Mathews reported on the process and committee recommendation from the Grievance Hearing held in the Administration Building Board room at 5:00 PM on April 18, 2017. Heard by Mathews, Peterson and Gronseth. Upheld grievance denial is recommended.
- Mathews attended the PTO meeting. May 12, 2017 is kick off of Hawk Hustle for playground fundraiser. Money given for Lego Robotics, 2nd grade Daily 5 money, writing program for Kindergarten and 1st Grade. Art show is coming up and looking for volunteers.
- Mathews attended the Community Education Committee. Looking for feedback on the Program.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Peterson to approve the Health Insurance proposal from NESCB/BCBS, including the plan alternate, for the 2017-18 School Year based on proposal meeting the minimum aggregate value. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Mathews to approve the substitute/casual rates of pay effective 9/1/17. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Thornton to approve the resolution for Policy #533 Wellness. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution to Accept the NLSEC Membership Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement. No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:48 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Mathews to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:54 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Thornton to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:35 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Peterson to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:35 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair