

# HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Minutes: May 8, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, Aaron Salmela, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services.  
Absent: Blaine Peterson.

Visitors: Eric Borndal, Deb Reynolds, John Muenich, and Kristal Berg.

### 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: Leave of Absence of Jen Larson, Resignation of Dianna Senarighi as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor, and Approval of Principals' Unit Contract. Add under correspondence letter from Confidential Employees Association to open Negotiations.*

### APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: April 24, 2017.
- Approval and authorize payment of check #4406, audited vouchers #96566-96655, and voided checks #93295, #93466, #93615, and #95639.
- Approval of Personnel Items
  - Memorandum to Employ Lyla Abukohadiar as After School Program Aide.
  - Memorandum to Employ Christopher Gast as Special Education Teacher.
  - Memorandum to Employ Ken Jensen as Bus Driver.
  - Leave of Absence of Carrie Ellefson.
  - Leave of Absence of Jen Larson.
  - Resignation of Dianna Senarighi as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor.
  - Approval of Principals' Unit Contract.

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

### RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

*A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru 5-8-17. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*

### COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich congratulated Scott Larson and the Yearbook Class for being honored by the Josten's "National Program of Excellence."
  - Mr. Muenich also congratulated Jackie Eld, Abby Stenberg, and Mackenzie Sathers for their First Place finish in the Team Advertising Event at the MAAP Stars competition. Thank you to Dale Mundle and Gary Jenny for chaperoning.
  - Mr. Muenich thanked Kris Zagelmeyer for her work setting up and running the Excellence in Education Banquet. Kris does all the behind the scenes work to make the event, a collaborative effort with Proctor High School, run smoothly.
- Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds commended Shelby Salmela for a wonderful Art Show.
- Juntunen thanked John Muenich on all the work with the Excellence in Education Banquet and to Peterson and Thornton for attending the Banquet.
- Juntunen congratulated the Battle of Books winners at the Middle School, The Deep Sea Readers. Members are: Keana Fox, Abigail Lindsey, Mya Wesinger, Gabby Belrose, Jenna Kleffman, and Ada Skafte.

## RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

## SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Continuing to add numbers to the waiting list.
- Extracurricular Activity Quarterly Report.
- Auction at the Old Middle School. One final walk through with Ad Council is scheduled for May 11, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Nordic Auction beginning at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Everything for sale.
- Demolition of the Old Middle School. Recommendation to award job to Utility Systems of America with statement that the proposal will be rejected if the City of Hermantown takes site. Working with the city on lot lines for transfer agreement
- Legislative Update. School funding proposals in conference committee sessions. Tax bill hopefully will pass.
- Essentia Regional Wellness Center. Architect has been chosen - 4 construction firms have indicated interested in project management.
- Negotiations. Next negotiations meetings will be held with Food Service on Tuesday, May 9 at 2:00 pm; Transportation on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm; Educational Support Personnel on Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 pm; and with the Teachers on Monday, May 15 at 4:30 pm. All meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building
- Baseball/Softball Maintenance at Fichtner Fields. Big “Thank You” to Mike and Kris Zagelmeyer, Mike Sweeney, Tom Bang and his team, Paul Sens from the City of Hermantown, and our Janitorial and Maintenance Staff for the enormous amount of time and energy they’ve put into the facilities at Fichtner Fields this spring.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gronseth and Salmela attended the Staff Development meeting today. The High School Physical Education Department would like to attend another school to observe how they are using heart rate monitors that were donated from Essentia. Also discussed were the building budgets for next year, back to school staff development, and Saturday Academy-planning for 2 next year.

## AWARD DEMOLITION OF OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Tabled until the next meeting on May 22, 2017.

## OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Gronseth to approve the resolution to accept the NLSEC Membership Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Thornton to approve the response to Level III Grievance. Passed Unanimously. 4 AYE 1 ABSTAIN, motion passes.*

## NEW BUSINESS

- Approve the Resolution Authorizing a new Board Approved Referendum Authority. No action taken.
- Approve the 6/30/17 Committed Fund Balance under GASB #54. No action taken.
- 2017-18 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. No action taken.
- ARCC Specific Services Contract 2017-18. No action taken.

## CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:37 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Salmela to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:42 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:38 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

#### REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

*A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Mathews to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:38 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

- Board discussed dates for a Special Board Meeting to discuss transfer of Middle School Property to the City of Hermantown. Date and time to be publicly posted. Suggested May 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Mathews to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

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Dianne Mathews, Chair