

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: August 14, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 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 Mathew, Blaine Peterson, Aaron Salmela, Jonathan Thornton, and Ex-officio member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Lynda Nikko, Kristal Berg, John Muenich, and Ken Jensen.

Speakers: James Schwarzbauer and Brad Vieths

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded Madill to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove under consent agenda: Approval of Director of Business Services Contract. Add after Closed Session: Approval of Director of Business Services Contract. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: July 24, 2017
- Approval and authorize payment of audited vouchers check #4409, audited vouchers #97182-97260, and void checks #95865, #96197, #96906.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Katrina Borndal as Co-Assistant Soccer Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Stephanie Van Staagen as Paraprofessional.
 - Resignation of Lucy Carlson as Kindergarten Specialist.
 - Resignation of Kaitlyn Rosandich as Summer Sweeper.
 - Resignation of Krystal Klicka as Summer Sweeper.
 - Resignation of Emily Wehmas as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Reduction of hours of Helen McGovern as Program Assistant and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Reduction of hours of Joan Peterson as Program Assistant and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Kaitlyn Jenkins as Program Assistant and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Kaytlynn Menke (Fischer) as Early Childhood Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Carley Lindelof and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Joe Muehlbauer as Special Education Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Emily Ball (Tessier) as Co-Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Chad Huttel and Joe Muehlbauer as JV Boys' Hockey Co-Coaches.
 - Approval of Confidential Employees Contract.
 - Approval of Director of Buildings and Grounds Contract.
 - Approval of Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Unit Contract.
 - Approval of Teachers Contract.

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 Thornton and seconded by Madill to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru 8-14-17. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS - NONE

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS

- James Schwarzbauer, from Lake Superior College gave a report to the Board on the Lake Superior Consortium and the Carl Perkin's Grant Funding. He shared information regarding camps offered to students as well as activities support by the grant.
- Brad Vieths also discussed the priorities of the Lake Superior Consortium.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Superintendent Juntunen shared a letter from TKDA about problem areas in the Middle and High school which continue to be addressed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment. Closed grade levels will remain closed until after the first day of school. Depending on enrollment, some grade levels may open.
- MSHSL Team Up Video. This was shared with the Board members. Juntunen summarized the information presented in the video.
- Discussion of Home School Students who want to take selected classes. Juntunen will look into the legal responsibilities for a public school district to make available classes and extra-curricular options for students who are home schooled.
- Negotiation Update. Contracts continue to be settled.
- Northern Lights Academy Update. New information regarding funding was shared with the Board.
- Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center Update. Transfer of property agreement pertaining to the old middle school site was shared with the Board.
- Close out Projects Update.
- MSBA Winter Conference January 11-12, 2018. Superintendent Juntunen encouraged all Board members to try to attend.
- Other. There will not be a budget meeting on August 28, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Member Thornton shared information from the Essential Health and Wellness Center meeting. Expected groundbreaking for the facility will be in April 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution to transfer District Property to the City of Hermantown for the Purpose of Constructing the Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center. Tabled.
- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the MSBA Membership. Passed unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to approve the resolution for Policy #807 Health and Safety. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to approve the resolution for Policy #444 Compassion. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the Payroll/Benefits Specialist Job Description. Passed unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Peterson to approve the Accounts Payable/Accounting Coordinator Job Description. Passed unanimously.*

- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Mathews to approve the Administrative Assistant/MARSS Coordinator Job Description. Passed unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the Payroll/Student Activity Job Description. Passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Policy #524 Technology. No action taken.
- Bread and Milk Quotes for the 2017-18 School Year. No action taken,

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:27 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Gronseth to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:34p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Thornton to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:54 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:54 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES CONTRACT

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to approve the Director of Business Services Contract. Passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair