

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: September 11, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 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, and Ex-officio member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Patrick Chaffey, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Deb Reynolds, Nancy Litman, John Muenich, and Kristal Berg.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add under Consent Agenda: Resignation of Janet Murphy as Food Service Worker and Lateral Work Design to post position. Remove Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiation Strategies. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: August 28, 2017
- Approval and authorize payment of check #4410, audited vouchers #97334-97456, and voided check #97361.
- Approval of 8/28/17 Amended Bank Transfer Sheet
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Mitchel Hiner as FlyBye Site Manager and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Jessica Johnson as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Francisca Blackman as Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor.
 - Memorandum to Employ Rebecca Schmidt as Competitive Math Advisor.
 - Memorandum to Employ Mary Hendrickson as Early Childhood Program Assistant.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kirstina Johnson as Early Childhood Program Assistant.
 - Memorandum to Employ Colleen Gray as Drama Coach.
 - Approval of Food Service Contract for 2019-2021.
 - Approval of Activities Director/Administrative Assistant Contract.
 - Resignation of Janet Murphy as Food Service Worker 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 Madill to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru 9-11-17. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School/District recognition by High School Principal John Muenich of counselors and training other employees for Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Staff has begun to integrate DBT.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese and Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds recognized their buildings for smooth running open houses.
- Salmela recognized the Staff training for ALICE, positive reviews from the Community.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews received a MSBA notification for advocacy tour. Juntunen, Mathews and Gronseth will attend.
- Juntunen received a letter from the YMCA expressing interest in collaborating with the School District in activities at the Essentia Regional Health and Wellness Center.

AMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese reported that the Middle School staff are participating in “Student Connect.” Every adult will connect with multiple students during the school year. Students have reported enjoying this engagement with the staff.

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Essentia Health and Wellness Center Update. Shared the City’s request that the Transfer agreement for the old Middle School property be separate from the Memorandum of Understanding with the Center. Discussion continues on which parts of the current building would be preserved through selective demolition of the building.
- Negotiations Update. Food Service Director and Principals contracts have not yet been settled. Teachers did not agree to do the additional 2 years
- Enrollment. Stable.
- Open Houses. Great planning by principals and staff
- Administrative Report. Renee Klinkner will report on September 25, 2017, Deb Reynolds on October 9, 2017, and John Muenich on October 23, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Member Thornton attended the Essentia Health and Wellness Meeting. Discussed the benefits and drawbacks of selective demolition. Gym may not be cost effective to keep, but the 1992 addition may be beneficial. Thornton is concerned that no real agreement has been obtained. Board members expressed concerns regarding the transfer of property and joint use agreement.
- Juntunen attended the Park Board Meeting with the City.

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution to transfer District Property to the City of Hermantown for the Purpose of Constructing the Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- 17 Payable 18 Proposed Levy Certification. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair