

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: September 25, 2017

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 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, Eric Borndal, Lynda Nikko, John Muenich, Karen Kucza, Kristal Berg, and Renee Klinkner.

Speakers: John Mulder and Mark McShane

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Salmela to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Strategies to Transfer the Old Middle School Site to the City of Hermantown. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: September 11, 2017
- Approval and authorize payment of check #4411 and audited vouchers #97457-97608
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Leah Norris as Special Education Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Casey Boyat as Long Term Sub – Adult Enrichment Coordinator/Facility Scheduler.
 - Memorandum to Employ Rylie Erickson as After School Program Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Collin O'Toole as After School Program Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kim Langen as 2 hour Food Service Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ Georgianna Gimpel-Ness as 2 hour Food Service Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ William Berquist as Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor.
 - New Position Request for Assistant Site Manager.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – NONE

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS - NONE

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS

- John Mulder, Hermantown City Administrator, provided the Real Estate Transfer Agreement for the old Middle School property and Lease Agreement for HAFRC to Superintendent Juntunen and Board members. He stated the City is committed to a partnership with the District.
- Mark McShane addressed the Board concerning the progress of the Essentia Health and Wellness Center.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a letter from MSBA for voting for trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Director of Curriculum and Instruction Renee Klinkner addressed the Board sharing information about the District's American Indian Education Plan. She explained the areas in which the funding we receive can be used in the District. The Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training was paid for by these funds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center Discussion. Superintendent Juntunen met with staff from the Physical Therapy Department at Essentia and gave them a tour of the 1992 addition at the old Middle School. Thornton said the City would agree to allow 42 parking spaces for District use as well as office space in the facility.
- Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Advocacy Tour- Juntunen attended this regional meeting which shared information about ESSA and gave legislative updates.
- Enrollment Update given to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mathews and Gronseth also attended the Advocacy tour. MSBA also provided a map of broadband availability in the state. This showed that 25% of our enrollment does not have access to good internet. Tiered teacher licensure and upcoming priorities in the legislature were shared at the meeting.
- Peterson attended the Facility Meeting. Upcoming projects were discussed which included LED lights, work on the 'bus barn', new signage at the Elementary School and new blacktop at the Elementary School.
- Mathews attended the PTO meeting. The budget is starting lower this year due to the playground donation. Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds will start monthly meeting with parents. Hungry Hawks will start this Wednesday at Do North.
- Mathews attended the Community Education Action Council. They reviewed the Community Needs Assessment Survey from last spring. They are also looking at the Early Childhood programming in the District.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Salmela to approve the 17 Payable 18 Proposed Levy Certification. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the School District Budget Meeting Certification date of December 11, 2017 at 6:05 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Policy #903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites. No action taken.
- Policy #620 Credit for Learning. 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 6:41 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Thornton to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:46 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 6:59 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 6:59 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gronseth, Clerk/Treasurer

Dianne Mathews, Chair