

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: January 27, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Gary Kneisl, Karly Madill, Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela, Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton, and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Gretchen Appelwick, John Muenich, Jenny Wiese, Kristal Berg, Steve Stupak, and Holly Martin.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove Agenda Item XIV. Closed Session to Discuss Negotiation Strategies and Remove Agenda Item XV. Reopen Meeting to Public. Passed Unanimously

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meetings dated January 8, 2020 and January 13, 2020
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4460 and audited vouchers #103962-104074.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Ellie Martin as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Emma Palusky as Kids' Zone Child Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Shawna Youngberg as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Jeanne Radzak-Eng as Elementary School Teacher and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Lateral Work Design for .9 FTE Physical Education Teacher.
 - Lateral Work Design for Interim Dean of Students.
 - New Position Request for 7 hour/day Paraprofessional.
 - Memorandum to Employ Rylie Erickson as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Gretchen Appelwick as Interim Elementary School Principal.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Mekinna Rahn.
 - Memorandum of Change in Employment of Jen Wolk.
 - Leave of Absence of Jen Wolk
 - Approval of Long-Term Substitute Contract for Jen Wolk.

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

ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Kniesl and seconded by Thornton to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru January 27, 2020. Passed Unanimously.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich congratulated the One Act Team for placing 3rd place and being the crowd favorite last Saturday. They will compete again on February 1st with the top finishing school going to State.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese congratulated the 7th and 8th grade math League for their 1st and 2nd place finish. All members worked hard and contributed to their placement. Top ten finishers were Keaton Rother, Brody Mathews, Nayan Watson, Rachita Tamilselvan, and Elyana Hewitt. Their Advisor, Becca Schmidt has done a terrific job with her team.
- Elementary School Dean of Students Gretchen Appelwick congratulated the Elementary School teachers with two successful nights of conferences and all their hard work.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

- There will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. to determine finalists, finalize interview questions and the interview process. Board will conduct final round of interviews on Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. No open enrollments for Kindergarten at this time. Some grades will be closed.
- Negotiations Update. None
- Hermantown Community Learning Center Construction. Juntunen gave a budget to all Board members. The project is currently on schedule and under budget.
- Boiler Repairs and Recommissioning. There are boilers that need to be repaired and recommissioned with a tag/stamp. Minnesota Energy Resources gave the District some scratch and sniff gas samples for employees to recognize the smell of gas.
- MSBA Conference. Very good conference, Board members were encouraged to participate when they are able. Alan November was a key speaker that was worth hearing.
- Other. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Salmela and Peterson went to the City Council Meeting to support the Hawks Complex Group. The city sales tax was discussed along with the reduction in cost to \$11 million. The board members roll was to let the city know that we are open to further discussion on this project. The proposal passed.
- Mathews attended the PTO Meet and Greet.
- Legacy Fund met last Thursday. Grants and Scholarships were discussed. The committee received more than two dozen applications.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the 2020 Committee and Outside Assignments. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A Motion was made by Madill and seconded by Thornton to adopt the 2020-21 School Calendar. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A Motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the recommended Wage Increases for Community Education. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to approve entering into an agreement with Field Turf to design, install and manage the Centricity Stadium Project with a total project budget not to exceed \$1,420,465.87 as presented to the board at the budget meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair