

## HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Minutes: October 14, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2019, 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, Tim Peterson, Aaron Salmela, and Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent.

Absent: Jonathon Thornton and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Lynda Nikko, John Muenich, and Kristal Berg, Sal Bagley, and Ben Beery.

### **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 Jennifer Dee as Title 1 Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position. Add Under Superintendent Discussion Items: Accept Change Order to Construction of the Hermantown Community Learning Center for Additional Curb and Gutter on Hawk Circle Drive, Accept End of Employment Form from Superintendent, and Superintendent Search. Passed Unanimously.*

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated September 23, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4454, audited vouchers #103073-103290, and voided checks #101238, #101684, #101235, #102385, #102454.
- Approval of Personnel Items
  - Resignation of Kaitlyn Steffan as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
  - Resignation of Jordan Senegal as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
  - Memorandum to Employ Jordyn Peterson as Child Care Aide.
  - Memorandum to Employ Paige Tomlin as Assistant Site Manager.
  - Memorandum to Employ Barb Nichols as Lunchroom-Playground Supervisor.
  - Memorandum to Employ Charina Dorothy as One Act Play Director.
  - Memorandum to Employ Diana Simonson as 2 hr Food Service Worker.
  - Memorandum to Employ Jen Wolk as Counselor Long Term Substitute.
  - Lateral Work Design for Paraprofessional Long-Term Substitute.
  - Leave of Absence of Lauri Annoni.
  - Leave of Absence of Jodi Stromdahl.
  - Leave of Absence of Beth Theisen.
  - Leave of Absence of Jen Wolk.
  - Leave of Absence of Misha Alaspa.
  - Resignation of Jennifer Dee as Title 1 Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.

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

## **ACCEPT DONATIONS**

- *A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru October 14, 2019. Passed Unanimously.*

## **COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS – NONE**

## **WOLD – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

- Wold Representatives gave a presentation regarding the Hermantown Community Learning Center Construction Update. Construction is on schedule with an open date in April 2020.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Juntunen received a letter from TKDA. Work will be done on the track in the High School, so no activity on the track while the work is being done at no cost to the District.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Enrollment Update. New students are still coming in as residents.
- Essentia Wellness Center. Opened today with Physical Therapy. Tomorrow there is a soft opening.
- Upcoming Administrative Reports. These reports will begin on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Negotiations Update. Teachers and Principal contracts will be looked at tonight in a closed session.
- Other. MSBA is January 15-17, 2020. Asked Board to see if anyone will be able to attend.
- Accept Change Order to Construction of the Hermantown Community Learning Center for Additional Curb and Gutter on Hawk Circle Drive. No objections.
- Accept End of Employment Form from Superintendent.
  - *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Salmela to accept End of Employment Form from Superintendent. Passed Unanimously.*
- Superintendent Search. Mathews reached out to MSBA to help guide the Board through this process. They provided a document that the Board may use to help them find a new Superintendent.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Thornton attended the Liaison Committee Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Items that were discussed: application process, GPA, and possibility of turf field and cost/locker rooms.
- Hermantown Legacy will host the Taste of Hermantown on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- MSBA Model Policy Revisions. Tabled and continued until Board Members can meet on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to the MN State High School League Foundation. No action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:11 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Madill to open the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 7:18 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Madill seconded by Peterson to close the closed meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies at 8:36 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

**REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

*A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:36 p.m. Passed Unanimously.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

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Dianne Mathews, Chair