

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: November 9, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on November 9, 2020. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Mission Statement – Partnering with the community to support and prepare all learners to create their own future.

Members present: Gary Kneisl (virtual 6:05 P.M.), Karly Madill, Dianne Mathews (virtual), Aaron Salmela, Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton (virtual), Wayne Whitwam, Superintendent.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Gretchen Appelwick, Sarah Turcotte, John Muenich, Jason Wilcox

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS HELD AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR BOARD MEMBERS ONLY – BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FOR THE PUBLIC

All future meetings of the Hermantown Community School Board will be conducted in accordance with the MN Statutes 13D.021.

APPROVE AGENDA

- *A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the agenda as printed. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting – October 26, 2020
- Approval and authorization of audited vouchers for payment #105621-105718 charged to the following funds, voided check #105170 and the Bank and Electronic Transfers
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Jane Skalisky as Elementary Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Mary Peterson as School Readiness Program Assistant.
 - Memorandum to Employ Hannah Zywicki as Kid's Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Martha Han as School Readiness Program Assistant.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kevin Bauman as Junior High Boy's Basketball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Jordan Senegal as 9th Grade Boy's Basketball Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Frank Pitoscia as Janitor.

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Peterson to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Elementary, Middle, and High School Reports.
 - Muenich: Elks Senior Students of the Month (see below)
 - Weise: Thank you to Lynda Nikko and the food service staff. Read a letter from a student to the food service staff thanking them for their hard work.
 - Appelwick: Jane Skalisky wish her the best in her retirement and thank you for your hard work. Was also a janitor at the school.
- Elk Senior Students of the Month
 - Jordyn Luomanen
 - Joseph Gigliotti

RECONGITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – No visitor business.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thornton: Received an email regarding a mountain biking program from Brian Hayden.
- Mathews: Call for nominations for the ARDC board. Due toward the end of November.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - No administrative report

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- COVID-19 Update. There are 18 middle school/high school staff that are out. Two positive for COVID-19, the rest are close contacts. Only two teachers out at Elementary School. Grades 5-12 will move to distance learning beginning on Monday. Child care will be free of charge for any staff member that needs it. Putting out a call to follow guidelines. Meeting with the regional health team because numbers are over 50 for elementary school.
- Enrollment Update. Up two students from last month. Had students that wanted to switch from distance to hybrid, but will have to wait as everyone in MS/HS will be going to the distance learning model.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Salmela and Whitwam: Attended Hermantown Regional Recreation Initiative. Three committees gave a summary of where they were at. Trail committee has mapped out where they want the trail to go, with the main focus being at the YMCA. Some of the work has been done. Maybe from the YMCA to Morris Thomas Rd. Have had conversations with Proctor about the trail. Hockey Arena committee: Where they are at with their needs. Fichtner Field committee has yet to meet regarding their needs.
- Mathews and Whitwam: MSBA, MASA meeting with Governor Walz. Talked about Executive Order 20-94 talked about 20-95. Focused on scalpel approach, which focuses on individual School District data. Numbers released in the fall were guidelines. He is very data driven.

OLD BUSINESS - No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021-22 Academic Calendar
 - Very similar to this year's calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair