

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: February 22, 2021

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on February 22, 2021. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS HELD OFF SITE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

All future meetings of the Hermantown Community School Board will be conducted in accordance with the MN Statutes 13D.021. Meeting by telephone or other electronic means, until further notice.

Members present: Lindsay Clauson, Heather Holst, Gary Kneisl, Dianne Mathews, Ashley McFarland, Tim Peterson, Wayne Whitwam, Superintendent, Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Gretchen Appelwick, Sarah Turcotte, Jason Wilcox, John Muenich, Renee Klinkner, Natalie Hoff, Marty Olson, Dave Huttel, Brady Skytta, Kristal Berg

APPROVE AGENDA

- *A motion was made by Holst and seconded by Mathews to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove agenda item XI: Administrative Report. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting dated February 8, 2021
- Approval and authorization of audited vouchers for payment #106193-106300, voided check #105336 and the Bank and Electronic Transfers.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 1. Retirement of Tracy Becks as MS Head Cook and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
 2. Resignation of Presley Fawcett as Kid's Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
 3. Resignation of Tiffany Hill as ES Playground Supervisor and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
 4. Resignation of Angela Shovein as ES Special Education Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
 5. Memorandum to Employ Nicole Riel as ES Special Education Paraprofessional
 6. Leave of Absence of Laurie Larson
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by McFarland to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Appelwick. Congratulated the EV3 Pros robotics team for advancing to the state tournament.
- Whitwam. Recognized the school board members for School Board Recognition Week.
- Mathews. Recognized the school bus drivers for Minnesota School Bus Driver Recognition Week.

RECONGITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – No visitor business

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mathews. Received two emails from the paraprofessional representative about sick leave and post-travel quarantine.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- COVID-19 Update. Reminded the Board that the Duluth/Proctor/Hermantown community numbers dropped from 29 per 10,000 to 16.5 per 10,000 and continue to decline.
- Enrollment Update. At 2084 students, which is down four students from last board meeting.
- Apptegy: Website, mobile app and alert system all in one. Cost is about \$12,000 per year, but would be replacing two separate systems that are currently in use by the district. Would roll out the new website/app in the summer with a full integration in the Fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – No committee reports

OLD BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by McFarland to approve Resolution to Close Enrollment in Specific Grade Levels for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Holst to approve the purchase of two school buses. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS – No new business

ADJOURNMENT

- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 7:16p.m. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Holst, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair