

## **HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

### **Minutes: February 8, 2021**

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on February 8, 2021. Vice Chair, Tim Peterson, 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 (absent), Ashley McFarland, Tim Peterson, Wayne Whitwam, Superintendent, Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Gretchen Appelwick, Sarah Turcotte, Jason Wilcox, Scott Carter, John Muenich, Renee Klinkner

#### **APPROVE AGENDA**

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

#### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting dated January 25, 2021
- Approval and authorization of audited vouchers for payment #106089-106192 and 4472, voided check #105655 and the Bank and Electronic Transfers.
- Approval of Personnel Items
  1. Resignation of Moriah Cook as Kid's Zone Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
  2. Memorandum to Employ John LeGarde as Janitor
  3. Memorandum to Employ Grant Borndal as Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional
  4. Memorandum to Employ Angela Shovein as Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional
  5. Leave of Absence of Mark Ostazeski
  6. Leave of Absence of Kate Conklin
  7. Leave of Absence of Dana Carlson
- *A motion was made by Holst and seconded by McFarland to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### **ACCEPT DONATIONS**

- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Clauson to accept donations to the General and Extra Curricular Funds received thru February 8, 2021. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### **COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS**

- Wiese. Recognized Sue Wasbotten for putting together an in-house 8th Grade Experience Day.
- Muenich. Recognized Amanda Lawless and Josephine Harris for being National Merit Scholarship finalists. Also recognized DJ McDonald for serving as an advisor for a group of students who competed in DECCA. Two students, Cole Antcliff and Tori Novitzki, qualified for regionals.
- Elk Senior Students of the Month
  1. Alexis Weise and Kadence Tinsley

#### **RECONGITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS**

- Email submitted by Nate and Rebecca Gilbertson, parents of students in the district, regarding their thoughts on returning to in-person learning five days per week.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Kneisl received an email from MSBA on potential curriculum changes that may potentially be mandated.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Klinkner presented the district annual report and World's Best Workforce report.

- *A motion was made by McFarland and seconded by Holst to approve World's Best Workforce. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Elementary currently has Grades K-1 learning four days per week, with Grades 2, 3, 4 coming back four days a week on Feb. 17. Middle School and High School are in the hybrid learning model. We are in discussions of what it would take for Elementary to come back to five-days-a-week learning. March 15 would be the soonest that ES would return full time with the current timeline. We are planning ahead for how we want to implement the return once community numbers go down.
- Enrollment Update. Budgeted 2,087 / Actual 2,088

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – No committee reports

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- *A motion was made by Holst and seconded by McFarland to approve Negotiation Committee Assignments for 2021. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Clauson to approve the policy update COVID-19 Face Covering Policy. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by McFarland to approve the adoption of the revised 2021-22 Academic Calendar. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Resolution to Close Enrollment in Specific Grade Levels for the 2021-22 Academic Year
- School Bus Purchases
- New Position Request for Elementary Distance Learning Teacher
- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by McFarland to give the superintendent the discretion to post positions for elementary staff to support five-days-a-week learning. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Clauson to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heather Holst, Clerk

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Dianne Mathews, Chair