

## HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Minutes: March 22, 2021

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on March 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, Nancy Litman, Lynda Nikko, Holly Martin, Jen Larson, Ashley Braun, Misha Alaspa, David Thompson, MaKenzie Johnson, Kelsey Olin, Sheina Showen

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

- *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Holst to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: add C. Job Description for Transportation Director, D. Kindergarten Open Enrollment and E. Extended Leave of Absence under New Business. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting dated March 8, 2021
  - B. Approval and authorization of audited vouchers for payment #106391-106511, 4473 and the Bank and Electronic Transfers.
  - C. Approval of Personnel Items
    1. Retirement of Guy LeBlanc as HS Teacher and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
    2. Retirement of Kristi Slick as Speech Language Pathologist and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
    3. Retirement of Dean Wargin as Transportation Director and Lateral Work Design to Post Position
    4. New Position Request for Three (3) Early Childhood Teachers
    5. New Position Request for Three (3) Early Childhood Program Aids
    6. New Position Request for High School Special Education Teacher
- *A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Clauson to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

### **ACCEPT DONATIONS**

- *A motion was made by Holst and seconded by Clauson to accept donations to the General and Extra Curricular Funds received thru March 22, 2021. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

### **COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS**

- Appelwick. Wrapped up parent/teacher conferences virtually last week and had at least 90% participation from parents/guardians. Thanked all parents/guardians/teachers for a great turnout.
- Wiese. Recognized the contributions and years of service to the district from Dean Wargin, Kristi Slick and Guy LeBlanc as they prepare to retire.
- Whitwam. Thanked Wargin, Slick and LeBlanc for their years of service and stated that their years of knowledge will be hard to replace. Also thanked the elementary teachers for their work in getting back to five-days-a-week learning.
- Elk Senior Students of the Month // February
  - McKenzie Harlander and Logan Stern

**RECONGITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS** – No visitor business

**CORRESPONDENCE** – No correspondence

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- School Counselors, Deans of Students and Social Worker presented on their five-year plan from 2017 and how their program supports students and staff before and during COVID (3 tiers of support, Elementary School System of Supports, Middle School System of Supports, High School System of Supports, District Social Work System of Supports and Response Through COVID – Committee for Children).

## SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- COVID-19 Update. Toured the Middle School last week with Mrs. Wiese to see how many desks could possibly be added to classrooms and still maintain three feet spacing. Found only about four (4) additional desks could fit, which would not be sufficient to bring students back to four-days-per-week, in-person learning without shuffling students to other spaces.
- Enrollment Update. Up four (4) students since last board meeting.
- Graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held at the DECC on June 6 at 2:00 p.m.
- Other. The City of Hermantown has sold the Hermantown Area Family Resource Center (HAFRC) building.
- Other. Paraprofessional and Janitor group and Food Services group have requested to open contract negotiations.
- Other. Group has asked to partner with Community Education for motorcycle classes. Would need to use and paint lines on parking lot and would require an additional \$1M in insurance coverage (total of \$2M in coverage). The district does not want its insurance rates to go up.
- Other. Reached out to Commercial Refrigeration Systems regarding a new chiller for Hermantown Hockey Arena. They recommended that we wait until we know more about the new sheet of ice before purchasing.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peterson. Attended the HAHA Arena Board meeting on March 9. They discussed an air filtration and dehumidifier system that needs to be upgraded for the summer. All activities scheduled for the summer would be hockey or skating related.
- Holst. Attended the PTO meeting on March 16. The organization wrapped up its fundraiser and will report on money raised at its next meeting. Heard from the Elementary Outdoor Education Specialist teacher about a yurt and looking at ways to fund that project.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Peterson to approve the purchase of a new scoreboard with speaker system at the cost of \$108,137 for Centricity Credit Union Stadium-Corey Veech Field. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- B. *A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by McFarland to accept policy revisions to #101, 101.1, 102, 103, 104. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- C. Quarantine – 7 Day, 10 Day, 14 Day. No action taken.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Extended Leave of Absence Request
- B. Request to Renew Prime Vendor Contract with Upper Lakes Foods
- C. Job Description for Director of Transportation
- D. Close Kindergarten Open Enrollment
- E. Extended Leave of Absence Request (3-Year Leave)

## ADJOURNMENT

- *A motion was made by Holst and seconded by McFarland to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heather Holst, Clerk

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Dianne Mathews, Chair