

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: March 9, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020, at the Administration Board Room. 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.

Members present: Gary Kneisl, Karly Madill (arrived at 6:03), Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela, Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Garlynn Rosandich, Mike Zagelmeyer, John Muenich, Gretchen Appelwick, Matt Rantapaa, Jenny Wiese, Wayne Whitman, and Beth Clark.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Thornton to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Remove Item XVII. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiation Strategies. Remove Item XVIII. Reopen Meeting to the Public. Passed Unanimously

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated February 24, 2020.
- Approve and authorize payment of audited vouchers #104351-104506.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Memorandum to Employ Ryan LaCoursiere as Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach.
 - Memorandum to Employ Joclyn Pierce as Homebound Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Stephanie Kemp as Long Term Substitute Teacher.
 - Memorandum to Employ Stephanie Peterson as Full-Time Cook.
 - Memorandum to Employ Billy Tafs as Head Baseball Coach.
 - Lateral Work Design for Part-Time Cook.
 - Leave of Absence of John Wojciuk

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Kneisl to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

ACCEPT DONATIONS – NONE

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich recognized the Girls' Basketball team and Coach Beth Clark for their success in making it to State.
- Interim Elementary School Principal Gretchen Appelwick recognized Jerry Kaldor and a group of Elementary School Students for singing at a Boys' Hockey game and will sing at the upcoming boys' basketball game.
- Athletics Director Beth Clark congratulated the All Conference Awards for Winter Extracurricular Activities:
 - Dance Team – Sydney Hansen. Honorable Mention – Tori Novitzki and Meera Watson.
 - Alpine Ski Team – Jack Borash, Katie Danelski, Nicholas Mattson, Brooke Edberg.

- Girls' Hockey – 1st Team Alyssa Watkins, Ella Anick, 2nd Team Michaela Phinney, Aurora Opsahl.
- Boys' Hockey – 1st Team Joey Pierce, Blake Biondi, 2nd Team Drew Sams, Zack Kilen, Honorable Mention – Jacob Backstrom.
- Girls' Basketball -1st Team Elly Schmitz, 2nd Team – Bryton Kukowski, Brita Birkeland.
- Boys' Basketball – 1st Team Pete Soumis, 2nd Team – Kevin Thomas, Honorable Mention Sam Mesedahl.
- Juntunen recognized staff that coordinates all the details for our athletic state showings.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Salmela received a letter from Joe Borak and Gretchen Appelwick regarding the possibility of an outdoor education specialist.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Athletics Director Beth Clark addressed the Board regarding the Fall Activity surveys.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update and Discussion of FAQ Document. Remains stable. Kindergarten class will be large. Asked the Board to review FAQ Document.
- Learning Center Construction Update. On time and on budget. The interior concrete finish failed and will have to be redone.
- Visit with Legislators. Very well organized and Juntunen met with legislators and shared ideas. Asked for 1% more to be added to the formula. Asked for fair funding regarding Level Four Students.
- Board Member Responsibilities at the End of the Year. List is being generated regarding the end of the year responsibilities that Board Members have the opportunity to participate.
- COVID19 Preparations. Nurse Showen has been working on a Coronavirus response.
- Other.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Thornton attended the Hermantown Legacy Meeting. Discussion about grants that have been reviewed.
- Salmela attended the Turf committee meeting, they firmed up the details on the final agreement with Field Turf.

POTENTIAL BOND REFINANCING

- Grant Rantapaa from Baird gave a Power Point presentation regarding refinancing of bonds to save money if criteria is met.

TRIGGER RESOLUTION FOR BOND REFINANCING

- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Mathews to approve the Trigger Resolution for Bond Refinancing. Roll Call Vote; Peterson – Abstain, Thornton – AYE, Mathews – AYE, Madill – AYE, Kneisl – AYE, Salmela – AYE. Resolution passed 5- AYE.*

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Kneisl to approve the agreement with Field Turf for the installation of artificial turf on Corey Veech Field at Centricity Stadium. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Job Description of Director of Buildings and Grounds. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair