

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: June 8, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela, Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio Member Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Gretchen Appelwick, Jenny Wiese, Wayne Whitwam, John Muenich, Garlynn Rosandich, and Renee Klinkner.

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.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Thornton to approve the agenda as printed. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated May 26, 2020
- Approve and authorize payment of audited vouchers #104867-104919 and voided checks #104266, #104872, and #104490
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Retirement of Colleen Ecklund as Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Jasmine Donley as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Sydney Pike as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Makenzie Mitchell as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Jordyn Peterson as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Alayna Scheall as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Shannon Gillifian as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Debra Reynolds as Elementary School Principal and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Emily Dockendorf as Kids' Zone Child Care Aide.
 - Memorandum to Employ Scott Carter as Director of Buildings and Grounds.
 - Memorandum to Employ Hannah Gottschald as 3.5 hr Health Assistant.
 - Memorandum to Employ Margaret Peters, Jara Moir, Ellie Bricker, Leah Stevenson, Blair Lundquist, Molly Sonnenson, and Presley Fawcett as Kids' Zone Child Care Aides.
 - Approve Director of Buildings and Grounds Contract.

- Leave of Absence of James Prisk.
- Leave of Absence of Kim Nelson.

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.

ACCEPT DONATIONS – NONE

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese congratulated everyone for a great school year. There was a lot of things that took place from all the snow, the gas leaks, and distant learning. Thank you to everyone for a successful year.
- High School Principal John Muenich thanked Theresa Taraldsen and Kris Zagelmeyer, Eric Borndal and Nate Buck for all the behind the scenes work for Graduation. Carolyn Petruaga for helping cover the High School Office. Congratulations to the Class of 2020.
- Interim Elementary School Principal Gretchen Appelwick thanked Andy Olson for his help with Distant Learning, She also thanked Sue Kyllonen and Jessica Lennartson for all the help in the office while running to collect iPads. Also, thanks to Holly Martin and Jenny Larson for all their work for this year. She was also very appreciative for all the help from John Muenich and Jenny Wiese.
- Juntunen recognized the staff in the Administration Office, Community Education, and Kid Care for all their work, they went above and beyond. Proud to be a part of this family and thanked everyone.
- Salmela thanked everyone involved in Graduation and for making it as memorable and special as possible, very well done.
- Madill attended Graduation as a parent of a senior and a school board member. It was a great and unique way to celebrate the Class of 2020. Very special.
- Mathews thanked the staff, students, and parents. It took a village to end the year so successfully. Mathews also recognized Deb Reynolds for her years of services and what she has done for Hermantown Schools.

RECONGITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a Letter from St. Louis County Regarding Field Engineering Activities giving the District a heads up that they are adding some turns lanes onto Midway Road.
- An email was sent to Administration and the School Board Members with some feedback about 504 plans.

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Ended the year with 2098
- Hermantown Community Learning Center Construction Update. Fiber line is going to be installed and we are making sure we have a certificate of occupancy.
- What Fall 2020 Educational Environment May Look Like. 3 scenarios that we will be working on: hybrid model, everyone comes back, or Distant Learning.
- Turf Field Construction and Upper Practice Field Revamping. Construction has started. People can go to the District website to see pictures. Workers are staying on site.
- MDE’s Office of Civil Rights Friendly Review. It is completed. Juntunen thanked John Muenich for the work he has done on this.

- Graduation. Very spectacular for that we didn't know what we were getting into. Many thanks to John Muenich and his team, students, and parents. Very proud of the Community and the Class of 2020.
- Other. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Salmela attended the groundbreaking of the Turf Field, went very well. Special thanks to the Committee and Centricity Credit Union.
- Mathews and Kneisl reviewed the Director of Buildings and Grounds Contract.
- Mathews was invited by MSBA to represent Greater MN to discuss distant learning and how it went within our District. Some upcoming MSBA meetings on the website, including Election news updates.
- Mathews, Madill, and Thornton will work on an open house for potential new board members.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Peterson to approve the 2019-20 Budget Revisions as presented at the June 8, 2020 Budget Meeting. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A Motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve fund balance transfers. Passed unanimously via roll call vote*

NEW BUSINESS

- Adopt 20-21 Budget. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Kneisl to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair