

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: August 10, 2020

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2020. 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, Dianne Mathews, Aaron Salmela (arrived at 6:04), Tim Peterson, Jonathan Thornton, Ex-officio Member Wayne Whitwam, Superintendent, and Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services.

Visitors: Jenny Wiese, Karen Kucza, Katherine Taffe, Jessica Sorensen, Garlynn Rosandich, Holly Martin, Lindsay Anderson, Gretchen Appelwick, Shannon Rothe, Trina LeGarde, Lori Tverberg, Janelle Wourms, Jason Wilcox, Drew Johnson, Missy Lancour, Susan Cox, Mark Ostazeski, Kelly Tasky, Betsy Rust, Courtney Kjoberg, Missy Lancour, S Kottke, Sherrie Lillie, Beth Clark, Sandy Karnowski, Nicole Kedrowski, Diane Slygh, Jenna Warmuth, Tony Sertich, Patrick Hahn, Ashley McFarland, Danielle Davis, Dawn Claus, Jennifer Willoughby, Jenna Peterson, Anna Cherney, Christina Boynton, Graff Mellin, Katherine Bradley, Kelly Jobin, Lindsay Clauson, Lisa Munger, Marlon Pinto Bastro, Matt Lampi, Megan Della Rossa, Nancy and Felipe Vega, Patrick Hahn, Paula Pliml, Sean Mccaffrey, Tari Aanonsen, Tony Sertich, Victoria Sundell, Wo Slim, Andy Fenske, Jennifer Eckstrom, Jon Sertich, John Muenich, Lara Scott, Wo Slim, Camie Wheeler, Nina Baumbach, Nancy Anderson, Kristal Berg, Brent Chouarand, Cindy Vittorio, Heather Brown, Katherine Rardin, Kaylie Wourms, Sheina Showden, Talli Sertich, Tony Maschuman, Robin Scheppy, Gerald Wallace, and Mary Rich-Raj.

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 Madill to approve the agenda as printed. Remove Item VI.3.g under consent agenda: Leave of Absence of Bree Rodrigues, and add name of Sarah Turcotte to Item 3.3.d. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated July 27, 2020.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4466 and audited vouchers #105090-105149.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Lateral Work Design for Interim Dean of Students.
 - Lateral Work Design for Special Education Teacher Long Term Substitute.
 - Lateral Work Design for Middle School Music Teacher Long Term Substitute.
 - Memorandum to Employ Sarah Turcotte as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.
 - Approve the Coordinator of Adult Enrichment and Hermantown Schools Facility Scheduling.
 - Approve the Coordinator of Youth Enrichment and Development and Hermantown School Age Child Care.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Salmela to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

ACCEPT DONATIONS

- *A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Kneisl to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru August 10, 2020. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich congratulated the students who took the Proficiency test for Spanish. Kyla Van Staagen, Ava Monte, and Elizabeth Lang received a World Language Proficiency Certificate

giving them two semesters of credit in college. Natalie Lietz received the Gold Seal, which is good for three semesters of college credit.

- Elementary School Principal Gretchen Appelwick thanked Lisa Ball for her work with the curbside library pick up.
- Middle School Principle Jenny Wiese thanked the custodial staff for a great job this summer.
- Whitwam thanked the Leadership Team for all their work on planning for the upcoming school year.

RECONGITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- School Board Members received an email from a parent with questions and concerns about the plans for opening schools this fall and a note of appreciation for all the work they are doing.

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Up 22 students from last year.
- Construction Update. New turf field looks phenomenal. Should be done in the next five days. Soccer will be using the field although football is moved to the spring.
- Other. Final walk through at Learning Center has been done. Question asked by Salmela – how many parents are pulling their students to distance learn. Right now that number is low and most are asking what are the details to get the students back safely.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Madill attended the advisory group meeting to restart schools.
- Mathews attended a MSBA session group.
- Peterson asked about when the arena board is meeting next.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Thornton to approve the MOU with the Confidential Employees Association. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*
- *A Motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Thornton to approve the new position request for outdoor education specialist. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Substitute/Casual Rate of Pay. No action taken.
- Restart Plan was presented to the board. No action taken.
- Discussion was held on calling a special meeting on August 17, 2020 for the purpose of Adopting of Base Learning Model for the 2020-21 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters.
- Mask Policy. No action taken
- *A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Peterson to approve the new position request for an Elementary School Teacher, to post position for potential future openings for Elementary School Teacher (s). Passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair