

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Minutes: January 28, 2019

The Board of Education of Hermantown Independent School District No. 700 met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019, at the Administration Board Room. Chair, Dianne Mathews, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Visitors: Kristal Berg, Deb Reynolds, Karen Kucza, Jenny Wiese, John Muenich, Pat Andrews, Nate Buck, and Beth Clark.

Speakers: Ted Peterson, Scott Pionk, and Brett Klosowski.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Madill to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Add Under Consent Agenda: Lateral Work Design for Kindergarten Readiness Specialist, Memorandum to Employ Bridget Janzig as Paraprofessional, and Leave of Absences of Tracy Becks. Passed Unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting dated January 14, 2019.
- Approve and authorize payment of check #4442 audited vouchers #101302-101406, and voided checks #99160 and #100525.
- Approval of Personnel Items
 - Resignation of Emily Whemas as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Bridgit Janzig as Paraprofessional and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Resignation of Angela Aase as Child Care Aide and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Mike Zagelmeyer as Baseball Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Retirement of Mike Sweeney as Assistant Baseball Coach and Lateral Work Design to post position.
 - Memorandum to Employ Gail Cooke as 2 hour Food Service Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ Kim Langen as 3 hour Food Service Worker.
 - Memorandum to Employ Tobi Taylor as Focus Teacher Long-Term Substitute.
 - Leave of Absence of Dina Post.
 - Approve Long-Term Substitute Contract for Tobi Taylor.
 - Lateral Work Design for Kindergarten Readiness Specialist.
 - Memorandum to Employ Bridgit Janzig as Paraprofessional.
 - Leave of Absence of Tracy Becks.

A motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Madill to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed Unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Salmela and seconded by Kneisl to accept donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received thru January 28, 2019. Passed Unanimously via roll call vote.

COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- High School Principal John Muenich congratulated Lexi Golden for being accepted to the University of Stanford. Wonderful accomplishment. He also congratulated the One Act Team for their 2nd place finish at sub-sections and move on to the next competition.
- Middle School Principal Jenny Wiese attended the Star Base and was very impressed with the Program. Thanked everyone involved.
- Elementary School Principal Deb Reynolds commended the Teachers for their work at Conferences. The School had a great parent turnout for conferences.
- Mathews thanked the students of Hermantown, who represent us well at extracurricular events. They're very professional and poised.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR BUSINESS

- Scott Pionk, a Hermantown resident and a parent of two former players and one current player, spoke to the Board in regards to our High School Hockey Program. Mr. Pionk identified the following facts: Our hockey team has qualified for the past nine state tournaments, we appeared in eight consecutive finals from 2010 - 2017 and we won titles in 2016 & 2017. During this time period we won 27 section playoff games with a combined score of 196-21. In the past month our varsity and junior varsity compiled an aggregate score of 72-3 over our 7A opponents. Based on these statistics he feels it's time we move up to Class AA now. Mr. Pionk referred to this as interscholastic bullying.
- Brett Klosowski, President of Duluth Amateur Hockey Association spoke in regards to this issue as well. Rules are being followed but they are allowing us to dominate. The Hockey Program is a motivator for parents to want to open enroll their children for a great hockey experience and it is hurting surrounding Districts. Surrounding Districts are losing students from hockey as they are not passionate about hockey as they have no shot at the High School State Hockey Tournament.
- Ted Peterson, previous High School Hockey Coach from Proctor, spoke regarding why the two class hockey systems were developed. Keep the competitive balance by allowing teams to opt up. Only have to opt up for 2 years. Hermantown has grown immensely in the sport and it is impressive. Hermantown is beyond Class A play despite our enrollment.
- Mathews asked Beth Clark to speak about the process of MSHSL placing for all Board Members.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Juntunen received a letter from a Business that is working on the Health and Wellness Center.
- MSBA training, please talk to Juntunen by tomorrow.
- Thornton received a letter regarding MSBA. Passed out to all Board Members.
- Mathews received an email from Youth in Action regarding an invitation to attend their next meeting.
- Thornton received a letter in support of moving the Hockey Program up to Class AA. Passed out to all Board Members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Enrollment Update. Enrollment went up by residents moving in.
- Extracurricular Activity Quarterly Report. Informational to Board Members
- Administrative Report on February 11, 2019, will be Computer Science for All. Attendees will be here to provide information about what was learned.
- Learning Center Update with Wold on February 11, 2019. Will bring information at next meeting. Will need approval from the Board to send out for bid.
- Strategic Planning Discussion. This needs to continue, a couple of proposals to look at: high price tag from one but get what you pay for.
- Increased Social Media Presence. One goal is to get ourselves out there, going to events and putting pictures up on Twitter. Let people know about the fantastic things we are doing here at school.

- Legislative Update. The house files have come out, MREA is sending out, informative to look at.
- MSBA Breakout Session Discussion. Juntunen attended and presented with the US Army to speak on behalf of the educator tour. Board Members are invited to Fort Bragg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- MSBA attended by:
 - Thornton thanked the staff to support them going to MSBA breakout sessions. Attended 3 sessions and enjoyed them all.
 - Peterson attended a couple of sessions; very interesting, Superintendent negotiations session was one.
 - Mathews said there was great key note speakers and great information. Mathews attended one on Student Representative on School Boards, Mental Health session, and one by an attorney regarding booster clubs and funding activities.
 - Kneisl attended 3 sessions: one for Board Members, one for legality and safety, and one about a fishing team not run through high school sports. How they work with Community Education and promote lifetime sports.
- Salmela attended the Hawks Complex Meeting. How much ice to be kept in complex: 7 months ice and 5 months turf is the plan. To make money you need ice year round. Funding was discussed, have asked Board to talk about this more in-depth. Kneisl stated that the 292 advising group member brought up that much of the turf is not put in after the first couple of years at other similar complexes. We need to be up front and make it what we need it, all sports will need to pay to use it.
- Thornton attended the Hermantown Legacy Fund Meeting. Looking at themes and websites, things are taking shape. Juntunen added that there is great diversity in the group and they have great goals. They are waiting to become an official group (501(c)(3)), paperwork has been sent in.
- Mathews attended the Facility Meeting: lead testing came back within limits. Bad water heater was caught before any damage was done, thanks to Jenny Wiese. Parking lot lights at High School: parking lot poles have been damaged and will be repaired when warmer weather comes. Water issues regarding water coming from rooftop HVAC unit, looking at remedies. Lots of ice in areas throughout the district, walk with caution, snow removal is constant.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A Motion was made by Madill and seconded by Peterson to approve the 2019 Committee and Outside Assignments. Passed Unanimously.*
- *A Motion was made by Thornton and seconded by Kneisl to approve the Negotiation Committee Assignments. Passed Unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Tiered Approach for Activities. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madill and seconded by Mathews to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Thornton, Clerk

Dianne Mathews, Chair