

Regular Meeting of the School Board

Monday, September 23, 2024 6:00 PM

Hermantown Administration Board Room, 4307 Ugstad Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811

I. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

II. **Mission Statement**

Partnering with the community to support and prepare all learners to create their own future.

III. **Roll Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Hokanson, Heather Holst, Matthew Munger, Tim Peterson, Wayne Whitwam, Superintendent, Lance Takkunen, Director of Business Services

VISITORS: Sarah Turcotte, Jason Wilcox, Lindsey Beier, Sadie Kukowski, Gretchen Appelwick, John Muenich, Laura Bakker, Bill Wietman

IV. **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the amended agenda with the following additions, deletions, or corrections: Under V. Approve Consent Agenda, C. Approval of Personnel Items, addition of 6. Memorandum to Employ Ryan Fitzpatrick as Part Time Custodian and 7. Memorandum to Employ Gianna Lattanzio as Middle School Paraprofessional. This motion, made by Hokanson and seconded by Holst, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

V. **Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Holst and seconded by Munger, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: September 9, 2024

B. Approval and authorization of audited vouchers for payment #114773-114896 charged to the following funds and the Bank and Electronic Transfers:

General Fund	\$203,871.63
Food Service Fund	327.03
Transportation Fund	14,170.36
Community Education	2,876.21
Capital Expenditure Fund	134,290.00
Building Construction Fund	0.00
Debt Redemption Fund	0.00
Agency Fund	0.00
Scholarship Fund	0.00
Student Activities	15,187.48
Dental Fund	4,577.00
Internal Service Employee Benefits	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$375,299.71

C. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation of Sarah Joyal as School Readiness Child Care Aide
2. Resignation of Amy Redinger as Middle School Paraprofessional
3. Memorandum to Employ Margaret Hamlin as High School Paraprofessional
4. Approval of Director of Human Resources Contract of Abigail Britz
5. Out-of-State Teacher Travel Request of Claire Campbell
6. Memorandum to Employ Ryan Fitzpatrick as Part Time Custodian
7. Memorandum to Employ Gianna Lattanzio as Middle School Paraprofessional

VI. **Resolution to Accept Donations**

A motion was made to accept the resolution for donations to the General and Extra-Curricular Funds received through September 23, 2024. This motion, made by Hokanson and seconded by Munger, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

VII. **Comments and Congratulations**

A. Elementary, Middle, High School, and Community Education Reports

- Whitwam. Recognized Transportation Director Jim Lennartson, as all busses passed inspection today.

VIII. **Recognition of Visitor Business**

- No Visitor Business.

IX. **Administrative Report**

A. Lance Takkunen - Budget Update

- Takkunen gave an update on the budget for 2024-25 and a projected budget for 2025-26. Deficit spending in 2024-25 by \$660,000 and projected deficit of \$1.1 million in 2025-26.

X. **Correspondence**

No Correspondence.

XI. **Superintendent's Discussion Items**

A. Enrollment Update

B. Hermantown Recreation Initiative

- The City of Hermantown will be asking City Council to run new fiber line to the Elementary School.
- Still do not have permits at site of new arena, however, they have verbal permission to start pouring new foundation tomorrow (9/24).
- Locker rooms for new arena. Tyler Homstad said that it is extremely hard to build 80 lockers in class with no space to keep them. \$140,000 to purchase new lockers for the locker room.

C. Elementary Facilities Assessment Update

- LHB met with Elementary staff, Elementary Principal and Middle School Principal. One more Facilities meeting with LHB before coming to the Board with a recommendation on the Elementary Facility.

D. Other

XII. **Committee Reports**

Whitwam. Activities Committee. Stella Maris has asked to Co-Op with Hermantown and Proctor on Alpine Skiing wanting to solve a short-term problem with a long-term solution. Looking for a head coach for the alpine program prior to the season beginning Nov. 1.

Peterson. Arena Board. Lockers came to the forefront of the conversation and Peterson was asked to bring the lockers to the attention of the School Board. The trail from the school to the arena will be widened to 10 feet with a gravel base with lights and might be paved. Not driveable, walkable only.

XIII. **Old Business**

A. Memorandum of Understanding Between ISD 700 and Education Minnesota - Hermantown, Local 1096 - READ Act Training

A motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between ISD 700 and Education Minnesota - Hermantown, Local 1096 for READ Act Training. This motion, made by Peterson and seconded by Munger, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

B. Certify the Proposed Pay 2025 Levy

A motion was made to certify the maximum levy authority. This motion, made by Munger and seconded by Hokanson, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

C. Truth in Taxation Meeting Date - December 9, 2024 (6:01 p.m.)

A motion was made to approve the School District Budget Meeting Certification Date of December 9, 2024 at 6:01 p.m. in the Hermantown Administration Board Room. This motion, made by Holst and seconded by Peterson, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

XIV. **New Business**

A. District Trip Approval Form - Wolf Ridge ELC

XV. **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. This motion, made by Holst and seconded by Munger, Carried. Hokanson: Yea, Holst: Yea, Munger: Yea, Peterson: Yea Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Clauson, Clerk

Heather Holst, Chair