

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota

May 18, 2015

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, May 18, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Kinney Eberhart, Ann Hendricks, Tom Rekstein and Jodi Sapp. Absent: Sara Hansen, Kristi Schuck.

Mrs. Brandon moved, and Mrs. Eberhart seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Recognition of Employees

The following employees were recognized and thanked for 25 years of service with the Mankato Area Public Schools. They will receive their certificate and award at a building event:

- Terri Carroll - Roosevelt Elementary School
- Jo Cornell - Kennedy Elementary School
- Heidi Dauer - West Senior High School
- Patricia Finch - Hoover Elementary School
- Debra Fogal - Franklin Elementary School
- Robyn Hager - Lincoln Community Center
- Dianne Johns - Franklin Elementary School
- Maureen Krook - Eagle Lake Elementary School
- Roxanne Leiferman - Dakota Meadows Middle School
- Joe Meixl - Intergovernmental Center
- Cindy Page - East Senior High School
- Sheryl Redding - Intergovernmental Center
- Kristen Toner - Dakota Meadows Middle School
- Cheryl Vandersluis - Kennedy Elementary School

The following employees have 30 years of service or more with the school district and the School Board provided special recognition for them this evening:

30-Year Awards

- Patty Appel - Student Support Services Center
- Shari Buckmister - Lincoln Community Center
- Brian Eggersdorfer - Roosevelt Elementary School
- Kay Green - Roosevelt Elementary School
- Sandy Hasse - Garfield Elementary School
- Sharon Patterson - Kennedy Elementary School
- Donna Quick - Dakota Meadows Middle School

35-Year Award

Linda Frederick - Franklin Elementary School

Information Reports: Sports Commission presentation by Jonathan Zierdt and Anna Thill; Addition of Lacrosse as a District Activity presented by Brian Fell and Todd Waterbury; 2015-16 Comprehensive Technology Plan reviewed by Tracy Brovold; Board member workshop/committee reports.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Mr. Rekstein, seconded by Ms. Sapp, and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2015, regular Board meeting.

Approval of May bills totaling \$6,018,455.45.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Monde Schwartz - Assistant Middle School Principal at Franklin/Prairie Winds Middle School beginning July 1, 2015. She will be compensated according to the agreement between the District and the Principals Association - base assistant middle school principal salary, step 1.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kelly Firkins - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) English Teacher at East Junior High School beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Jen Frazee - K-12 Field Experience Coordinator (TOSA) beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2016.

Daniell Heath - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Health Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. He will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Brian Johnson - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Social Studies Teacher at East High School beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. He will be placed at step 7 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Stephanie Johnson - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Business Education Teacher at East/Central High Schools beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. She will be placed on step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Michael Schuldt - Part-time (1.00 FTEs for 1st semester only) Music Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. He will be placed on step 2 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Claire Traynor - Part-time (0.833 FTEs) Music Teacher at Bridges/Washington/Rosa Parks Elementary Schools beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. She will be placed on step 3 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Alyssa Van Kiel - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Mathematics Teacher at West High School beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Nicholas Yenser - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Physical Education Teacher at East High School beginning August 31, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. He will be placed at step 3 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

The following will be grade level leaders during the 2015-16 school year. A grade level leader serves for three years at a time.

Kindergarten	Amy Baer, Hoover (2016)
Grade One	Angie Anderson, Monroe (2016)
Grade Two	Karrie Duncan, Roosevelt (2018)
Grade Three	Julie Gronewold, Eagle Lake (2016)
Grade Four	Katie Rotvold, Kennedy (2018)
Grade Five	Ann Schwartz, Hoover (2017)
SpEd	Cara Samuelson, Kennedy (2016)
English Learners (EL)	Amber Volkman, Kennedy (2017)

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Roxana Flynn - Transfer to Second Cook at Kennedy Elementary School for 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week, effective August 1, 2015. She will be placed at the Second Cook classification, Level 1 of the School Food Service Workers Association salary schedule.

Rebecca Haycraft - Transfer to the position of Central Registration Receptionist for 8 hours per day/5 days per week with a work year of 251 days plus 10 paid holidays beginning June 1, 2015. She will be placed at classification A13, step 2 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Peggy Jorgenson - Secretary to the Coordinator of Central High School beginning June 1, 2015. This position has a 200 day work-year plus 9 paid holidays with an extended summer school assignment of 6 weeks. She will be placed at classification B22, step 2 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Colleen Meagher - LPN Procedure Nurse at East High School for 7.25 hours per

day/5 days per week beginning May 8, 2015. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.76 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Rachel Brennan - Voluntary decrease in assignment from .97 FTEs to .5 FTEs for 171 days beginning with 2015-16 school year.

Carma Carpenter - Increase in assignment from 0.663 to 0.667 beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Heather Fitzsimmons - Decrease in assignment from 0.717 FTEs to 0.709 FTEs beginning with 2015-16 school year.

Pam Kibble - Voluntary decrease in assignment from .97 FTEs to .8 FTEs for 171 days beginning with 2015-16 school year.

Kelsey McConkey - Decrease in assignment from 1.0 FTEs for 191 days to .80 FTEs for 171 days beginning with 2015-16 school year.

Sarah Peterson - Decrease in assignment from 1.0 FTEs to 0.8 FTEs beginning with 2015-16 school year.

Kristin Smith - Increase in assignment from 0.967 FTEs to 1.0 FTEs beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Sarah Zimmerman - Increase in assignment from 0.617 FTEs to 0.684 FTEs beginning with 2015-16 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jennifer Anderson, 1st Grade Teacher at Hoover Elementary School has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on August 31 and ending December 22, 2015.

Sharlene Bush, English Teacher at East Junior High School has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on May 11 and ending June 1, 2015.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-AFFILIATED)

Marilyn Kraft, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Business Affairs has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on May 1 and ending June 12, 2015.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Leah Andersen, Behavior Support Paraprofessional at East Junior High School

has submitted a request for a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on April 28 and ending May 29, 2015.

Douglas Bengtson, Evening Custodian at East High School currently on Board approved leave has requested an extension of his part-time leave until August 12, 2015.

Hilary Urban, Special Education Paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School has requested an unpaid leave beginning September 8 and continuing until January 4, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Anne Hanson - Revise date of retirement to be June 2, 2015.

Elisha Hebert-Johnson - Physical Education Teacher at Hoover/Rosa Parks Elementary Schools, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Brooke Binner - ACES Assistant, effective as of May 7, 2015.

Linnea Holbrook - Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Chad Johnson - Special Education Paraprofessional at West High School, effective as of May 18, 2015.

Meaghan Kroeber - Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Kirsten Lundquist - ACES Assistant, effective as of May 29, 2015.

Jessica Mock - Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School, effective as of August 13, 2015.

Jessica Pritchett - Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Juan Quinonez - Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, effective as of May 29, 2015.

Kim Stevermer - Special Education Paraprofessional at Hoover Elementary School, effective as of May 29, 2015.

Wendy Sundal, Special Education Paraprofessional at 5 C's has submitted her resignation for purposes of retirement. Her last date of employment will be

May 21, 2015.

Lydia Svendsen - Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Michelle Weaver - Evening Custodian at Hoover Elementary School, effective as of June 1, 2015.

Mrs. Brandon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Eberhart, to accept the following gifts:

Prime Source Funding donated \$500 to the Special Education department.

Minnesota Valley Action Council donated \$800 to the 2015 Career Expo, serving as a game show sponsor.

The West High Technology Education Department received the following gifts and donations:

Keystone donated defective vehicle fenders valued at \$250.

Micah Degner donated a 1996 GMC pickup valued at \$1,600.

Javens Mechanical Contracting donated a portable beveling tool valued at \$1,250.

The following businesses donated steel scrap to be used for student welding practice:

Condux International donated 400 pounds valued at \$140.

C A B Manufacturing donated 2,000 pounds valued at \$700.

Pro Fabrication Inc. donated 200 pounds valued at \$70.

The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Activities Directors Todd Waterbury and Brian Fell provided information on the request to add boys and girls lacrosse as a District activity during tonight's information portion of the meeting. Following questions and comments, Ms. Sapp made a motion to add lacrosse as a District activity beginning Spring 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Tracy Brovold, Interim Director of Media and Technology, provided details on the 2015-16 Comprehensive Technology Plan during the information portion of tonight's meeting. Mrs. Eberhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rekstein, to approve the plan as presented. The motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Minnesota Statute 120.062 Enrollment Options Program requires a School Board to adopt specific standards for the rejection of the Open Enrollment Program applications due to program student capacity limitations. Stephanie White, Director of Special Education and Student Issues, provided information on staffing and projected enrollments for the Early Childhood Special Education program. It was noted that this program is currently closed to open enrollment as a result of Board action. Following questions and discussion, Mrs. Brandon made a motion to continue to close the Early Childhood Special Education programs serving students ages Birth to 6 to open enrollment beginning July 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sapp and carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Sapp moved and Mrs. Brandon seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:34 p.m., on a 5-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Brandon/Eberhart approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 5-0
2. Open Forum - none.
3. Information: Recognition of Employees; Sports Commission Presentation; Addition of Lacrosse as a District Activity; 2015-16 Comprehensive Technology Plan; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.
4. Rekstein/Sapp approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2015, regular meeting; Approval of May bills; Personnel. 5-0
5. Brandon/Eberhart acceptance of gifts and grants. 5-0
6. Sapp/Brandon approval of lacrosse as a District activity. 5-0
7. Eberhart/Rekstein approval of 2015-16 comprehensive technology plan. 5-0
8. Brandon/Sapp close ECSE to open enrollment. 5-0
9. Sapp/Brandon adjournment at 7:34 p.m. 5-0

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By: Judi Brandon

The complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review in the Superintendent's Office, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2 and on-line at www.isd77.org.