

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

February 3, 2020

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, February 3, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Wacker called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Jodi Sapp, and Darren Wacker. Absent: Abdi Sabrie and Kristi Schuck.

Mrs. Hendricks made a motion, and Ms. Sapp 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.

Information Reports: Special Recognition to Mankato West YES! Team for the Grant received; Central High/Central Freedom School Report presented by Brian Hansen, Heather Gilman, Sarah Karau-Dauk and Rebecca Sharpsteen; Rosa Parks Elementary School Report presented by Michelle Kruize; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2020, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Jamison Daby - Transfer to the full-time, 12-month non-Affiliated position of Level 1 IT Help Desk Technician beginning February 3, 2020. The annual salary for this position is \$35,632 (\$17 per hour) prorated to \$14,552 for 107 days for 2019-20. He will be eligible for category II benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Tricia Asher - Part-time, 0.167 FTEs Physical Education/Health Teacher at East High School beginning January 28 and continuing through June 5, 2020 (second semester only). She will be placed at step 1, of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Chandler Gooding - Change start date to January 27, 2020 for his position as teacher at Hoover Elementary School.

Cinthia Sotelo Garcia - Long Term Substitute Grade 4 teacher for Haley Nicolai at Jefferson Elementary School beginning March 31 and ending June 4, 2020. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

The following will be teachers in the Central High Night School Program beginning February 20 and ending May 21, 2020. They will be compensated according to their placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Amanda Abel, Alison Beck, Fred Berg, John Bigham, Laura Blasing, Thomas Boone, Rob Groebner, Russ Groebner, Jeffrey Helget, Crystal Kay, TerRon Lee, Christina Makela, Aaron Miller, Sherry Miller, Michael Sipe, Dan Toegel, Christopher Wollmuth

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Sabina Alhag - Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School for 4.5 hours per day/M-Th and 7.25 hours on Fridays (25.25 hours per week) beginning January 29, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.89 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Chloe Graif - Change start date to January 31, 2020 for her Special Education Paraprofessional assignment.

Samantha Hamel - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for 4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 28 and continuing through June 4, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Mykaela Cowan Meyers - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 29 continuing through June 4, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Colleen Pankonin - Secretary to the Principal at Jefferson Elementary School beginning February 3, 2020. This is a full-time, 8-hour per day, 10 month position with a work year of 204 days + 9 paid holidays. She will be placed at step 4, classification B22 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Abbigail Ruesch - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 29 and continuing through June 4, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10 per hour.

Steven Senden - Special Education Paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 29, 2020. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.26 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Jessica Weideman - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 28 and continuing through June 4, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Adam Arnst - Increase in assignment from 1.0 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for 2nd semester only of the 2019-20 school year.

Mary Nelson - Increase in assignment from 1.0 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for 2nd semester only of the 2019-20 school year.

Christopher Schlueter - Increase in assignment from 1.0 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for 2nd semester only of the 2019-20 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Grace Benzkofer - Transfer from Evening Custodian at Hoover Elementary School to Lead Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning February 3, 2020. She will be placed at her current step and classification on the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$15.75.

Jennifer E. Johnson - Change in ABE Teaching Assistant assignment to 1 hour per day Monday through Thursday and 3 hours per day on Fridays beginning January 21 and continuing through May 13, 2020 and will continue with GED testing proctoring. She will return to her full assignment May 14, 2020.

Carmen Kramer - Transfer from Cook's Helper to Second Cook at Washington Elementary School for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 10, 2020. She will be placed at her current step, Second Cook-Elementary classification of the School Food Service Workers Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$14.41.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Cassandra Anderson, NonClassroom Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, has requested an unpaid leave beginning January 27 and continuing through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Sheree Dittrich - Extend Board approved leave through February 18, 2020.

Barbara Geetsema, Special Education Paraprofessional at Prairie Winds Middle School, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on February 5 and returning to work March 18, 2020.

Rebecca Hopp, Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on January 20 and returning to work February 10, 2020.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Judy Arzdorf, EL Paraprofessional at East High School, has submitted her resignation for purposes of retirement. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2020.

Patricia Cluka - Early Learning Regular Education Paraprofessional. Last date of employment effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Sarah Dirks - ACES Child Care Assistant. Last date of employment February 11, 2020.

Minisha Fredericks Childress - Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School. Last date of employment January 21, 2020.

Melissa McWilliams - ACES Child Care Assistant. Last date of employment February 14, 2020.

Brian Mork - Evening Custodian at Rosa Parks Elementary School. Last date of employment February 7, 2020.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Tasha Langfeldt - Childcare Aide. Last date of employment January 23, 2020.

Lorenzo Lysaker - Special Education Student Success Coach at Futures. Last date of employment January 15, 2020.

Bianca Pomrenke - Special Education Student Success Coach at Futures. Last date of employment January 15, 2020.

Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Cynthia Cerda-Lopez - Long Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher for Jessica Kingston at Franklin Elementary School beginning April 9 and continuing through the end of the 2019-20 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Lance Johnson - Long Term Substitute Teacher for Alison Manderfeld at Futures beginning February 3 and ending March 26, 2020. He will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Donna Cain-Eichers - Discontinue Long Term Substitute assignment at Futures. Last date in this assignment was January 15, 2020.

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Sarah Barta - Media Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning February 10, 2020. This assignment works 5.25 hours per day/5 days per week with a 180 day work-year. She will be placed at step 2, classification A13 on the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Karla Boone - Student Success Specialist at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 3, 2020 with an hourly rate of \$20.55 per hour. This is a non-affiliated assignment with a work-year of 180 days and she will be eligible for category I benefits.

Elizabeth Brettschneider - Special Education Paraprofessional at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 17, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.26 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Nyagoo Kuek - Change start date to February 3, 2020 for her assignment as Special Education Student Success Coach at Futures.

Mer Puoch - Level 1 IT Help Desk Technician Intern with the Department of Educational Technology beginning February 3, 2020 for approximately 10 hours per week. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10 per hour.

Amirah Turner - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning February 4 and continuing through December 4, 2020. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11 per hour.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Karla Boone has requested an unpaid leave from her position as Student Success Coach at Dakota Meadows Middle School through the end of the 2019-20 school year in order to accept the position of Student Success Specialist at Dakota Meadows Middle School.

Barbara Nielsen, Media Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on February 10 and returning to work April 1, 2020.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

The Mankato Area Public Schools FFA Program received the following donations:

- \$100 from Trent & Mykayla Dado
- \$1,500 from The Minnesota FFA Foundation

Brandon & Judy Bakeberg donated \$500 to East High VEX Robotics Program

Prairie Ecology Bus Center donated to the following:

- \$2,100 to Bridges Community School
- \$1,500 to Washington Elementary School

National Wild Turkey Federation Inc donated \$500 to Prairie Winds Middle School Physical Education Program

St. Joseph The Worker Mission Group donated 27 Knitted Hats (\$50 value) to Franklin Elementary

North Mankato American Legion Post 518 donated Warm Socks (\$50 value) to Franklin Elementary

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) donated \$5,000 grant to West High YES! Team to reduce the school's electrical usage on hallway lighting by replacing more than 700 lightbulbs with energy efficient Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs)

Mrs. Brandon made a motion to accept the gift. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sapp and carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Tom Sager reviewed the agreement from November 2016 along with updates for the Geronimo Energy Solar Garden Agreement. Following questions, a motion was made by Mrs. Hendricks and seconded by Mrs. Brandon to approve the updated agreement as proposed. The motion carried on a 4-0 voice vote. (Sara Hansen left at 6:44 p.m.)

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Handricks moved and Ms. Sapp seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:49 p.m., on a 4-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, February 3, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Wacker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen (left at 6:44 p.m.), Ann Hendricks, Jodi Sapp, and Darren Wacker. Absent: Abdi Sabrie and Kristi Schuck.

1. Hendricks/Sapp approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 5-0
2. Open Forum - none.
3. Information: Mankato West YES! grant received Special Recognition, Central High/Central Freedom School Report, Rosa Parks Elementary School Report, Board Member Workshop/Committee Report.
4. Hansen/Brandon approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2020, regular meeting; Personnel. 5-0
5. Brandon/Sapp acceptance of gift. 5-0
6. Hansen/Brandon approval of updated contract with Geronimo Energy. 4-0
7. Hendricks/Sapp adjournment at 6:49 p.m. 4-0

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By: Sara Hansen

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.