

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

May 4, 2020

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, May 4, via Zoom. Chair Wacker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Abdi Sabrie, Jodi Sapp and Darren Wacker. Absent: Kristi Schuck.

Mrs. Hendricks made a motion, and Mrs. Brandon seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Information Reports: Educare Grants presented by Jeff Grace; Distance Learning Update; Budget Adjustment Update FY21 presented by Tom Sager; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Ms. Sapp, seconded by Mrs. Brandon, and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the April 20, 2020, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Angela Potts - Director of Educational Technology and Information Systems beginning July 1, 2020. This is a full-time, 12 month non-affiliated position with an annual salary of \$108,000 and she will be eligible for category III benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Chase Burkhart - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Choir Director at East High School beginning August 31, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year. He will be placed at step 7 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Lindsey Leonard - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, beginning August 31, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Katie Wheelock - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, beginning August 31, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year. She will be placed at step 10 of the Specialists lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Sabina Alhag - Increase in Student Success Coach assignment at Prairie Winds Middle School from 25.25 hours per week to 36.25 hours per week (7.25 hours per day/5 days per week) beginning April 22, 2020.

Amber Schenk - Decrease in Special Education Student Success Coach assignment at Futures from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 14, 2019.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Michele Ekstrom, Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on April 16 and returning to work on or about May 18, 2020.

Haley Nicolai - Revise Board approved leave return to work date to April 29, 2020.

Emily Ponwith - Revise Board approved leave return to work date to June 1, 2020.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Elizabeth Clark, NonClassroom Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has requested an unpaid leave beginning March 19 and ending on or about May 4, 2020.

Amy DeSantiago - Revise Board approved unpaid leave to begin April 8 and continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Patti Elmer - Revise Board approved unpaid leave to continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Mary Nichols, EL Paraprofessional at Hoover Elementary School has requested a leave, under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act, beginning April 27 and continuing through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Susan Seys - Revise Board approved unpaid leave to continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Molly Smith - Revise unpaid leave to continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Wendy Zehm, Special Education Paraprofessional at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has requested an unpaid leave beginning April 16 and continuing through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Seth Hoscheit - Recreation Coordinator with Community Education and Recreation. Last date of employment May 1, 2020.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Morgan Ballenger - Attendance/Assistant Principal Secretary at Dakota Meadows Middle School. Last date of employment May 15, 2020.

Grace Behr - Revise last date of employment as ACES Child Care Assistant to June 4, 2020.

Emily Hickok - Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School. Last date of employment March 27, 2020.

Julia Hoffe - Special Education Paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center. Last date of employment March 5, 2020.

Mandy Kurth - ACES Child Care Assistant. Last date of employment in this position April 24, 2020. She will continue in her position with Lincoln Logs.

Dan Pitzner - Special Education Student Success Coach at Futures. Verbal resignation with last date of employment April 8, 2020.

Emily Rand - Cook's Helper at West High School. Last date of employment May 1, 2020.

Jordyn Shanks - Special Education Paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

TERMINATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

The following have been terminated from their position as ACES Childcare Assistant, effective as of April 9, 2020.

Spencer Thein, Emma Thole, Sophia Thome, Gabrielle Williams

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Amanda Carleton - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Mentor Coach (TOSA) at Bridges Community School beginning July 1, 2020 and continuing through June 30, 2024.

Carole Chapman - Contract Substitute 0.80 FTES Intervention Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year.

Tricia Conetta - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Mentor Coach (TOSA) at Hoover Elementary School beginning July 1, 2020 and continuing through June 30, 2024.

Toni Hames - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Mentor Coach (TOSA) at East High School beginning July 1, 2020 and continuing through June 30, 2024.

Robbi Will - Correct Mentor Coach position to continue through June 30, 2023.

Eve Zumwalt - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Speech Language Pathologist at Eagle Lake Elementary School/District beginning August 31, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year.

She will be placed at step 2 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Darci Bollmann - Voluntary decrease in assignment from 1.00 FTEs to 0.50 FTEs for the 2020-21 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Andrea Dilbeck - Revised Board approved leave to return to work date to May 26, 2020.

Jessica Kingston - Extend Board approved leave to return to work May 20, 2020.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Julie Gustafson - Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has requested an unpaid leave beginning March 26 and continuing through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Julie Sonnek - Extend Board approved unpaid leave to continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Khatera Yaqubi - Extend Board approved unpaid leave to continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Mary Kate Lewis - Central Registration Specialist. Last date of employment June 30, 2020.

Mark Stewart, Community Based Work Coordinator with the Special Education Department, has submitted his resignation for purposes of retirement. Last date of employment June 30, 2020.

During the informational portion of the meeting, the following grants were presented for Board approval:

Virtual Reality Expeditions, East and West High School, Prairie Winds, and Dakota Meadows

Amount Requested: \$31,223.42	Amount recommended: \$31,223.42
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Roller Skating Program, All K-5th Grade

Amount Requested: \$19,240	Amount Recommended: \$15,000
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Greenhouse, East High School, and Prairie Winds Middle School

Amount Requested: \$160,000	Amount Recommended: \$30,000
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Mrs. Hendricks made a motion to accept the grants as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hansen and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

The following gifts and grants were received by the School District:

The Prairie Winds Middle School Archery Program received the following donations:

- \$800 from Pheasants Forever Inc
- \$1,000 from Minnesota Deer Hunters Association - Bend of the River Chapter

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council donated \$1,170 to Prairie Winds Middle School Theatre Program

Quality 1 Hr Foto donated \$884 to East High Athletic Department

Justin & Kelli Milbrath donated a Rifton Gait Trainer in the value of \$3,500 to Mankato Area Public Schools Special Education

Barry & Leah Ries donated \$500 to West High Michael Ries Scholarship

Early Learning Department received a mini-grant for \$750 from the MN Division for Early Childhood

Ms. Hansen made a motion to accept the gifts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hendricks and carried on a 6-0 roll call 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 7:18 p.m., on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

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1. Hendricks/Brandon approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 6-0
2. Open Forum - none
3. Information: Educare Grants, Distance Learning Update, Budget Adjustment FY21, Board Member Reports.
4. Sapp/Brandon approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2020. Approval of Personnel. 6-0
5. Hendricks/Hansen acceptance of Educare grants. 6-0
6. Hansen/Hendricks acceptance of gifts. 6-0
7. Sapp/Brandon adjournment at 7:18 p.m. 6-0

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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.