



AGENDA
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Monday, January 4, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Greeters: Supt. Paul Peterson and Board Member Kristi Schuck

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:30 P.M.)
2. SWEARING IN OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS (5:30 P.M.)
 - A. Swearing In of New Board Members
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (5:40 P.M.)
4. OPEN FORUM (5:40 P.M.)
5. ORGANIZATION OF 2021 SCHOOL BOARD (5:50 P.M.)
 - A. Election of Officers
 - B. Appointment of Deputy Clerk
 - C. Designation of Official Depositories
 - D. Naming of School Attorney
 - E. Naming of Official Newspaper

- F. Approval of Expenses for School Board Meetings
 - G. Designation of Identified Official with Authority for Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Secure Website Access
 - H. Authorization to Execute and File Application for State- and Federally-Funded Programs
 - I. Approval of School Board Meeting Schedule for 2021
 - J. School Board Member Committee/School Assignments for 2021
6. CONSENT AGENDA (6:55 P.M.)
- A. Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2020, Regular Meeting
 - B. Personnel - Consent Items
7. BUSINESS (7:00 P.M.)
- A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants
 - B. Establishment of Purchasing Authority for 2021-22
 - C. MAPS Learning Model Shift
8. ADJOURNMENT (7:15 P.M.)



School Board Members for 2021

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Term Ends December 31, 2022

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OPEN FORUM GUIDELINES

The School Board allows public participation at its meeting, but at the same time has the responsibility for conducting its business in an orderly fashion. The Chairperson will provide the audience with an opportunity to speak during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Citizens wishing to speak are asked to complete a Visitor Registration Card (located at the door of the meeting room) and hand it to the Board Chair or Deputy Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

The major purpose of the citizens' participation is for the School Board to hear citizen's views on ways to improve the educational program and ways to improve the processes, including communications, for bringing about such improvements.

Each speaker will be asked to state his/her name and address for the record, and will be allowed 3-5 minutes for his/her presentation unless the time limit is waived by a majority of the Board members present. When there are a large number of speakers to be heard, the School Board may shorten this time or limit the number of speakers.

During an open meeting, the School Board is prohibited by law from considering allegations or charges against an employee. The presiding officer will terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, he/she persists in improper conduct or remarks.

Members of the School Board and the Superintendent may question a speaker or make comments in response to the speaker's remarks.

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Mankato Area Public Schools

District Strategic Roadmap

MISSION STATEMENT - *Our core purpose*

Assuring learning excellence and readiness
for a changing world

CORE VALUES - *What drives our actions and words*

Integrity - *Doing the “right thing” at all times with honesty and authenticity*

Respect - *Embracing of our differences, treating others as we wish to be treated*

Excellence - *High expectations for all and in all we do and the courage to challenge for it*

Adaptability - *Engaging in flexible, continuous and purposeful change grounded in data*

Responsibility - *Shared stewardship of and accountability for our words, acts, choices and results*

Engagement - *Actively participating with a mission-focus and values-driven attitude*

Collaboration - *Operating with a preference and capacity for partnership across our community*

VISION - *What we commit to create*

Learner Success through

- Aligned and relevant curriculum meeting individual needs
- Learner excellence and readiness

Sustainable Systems & Structures through

- Sustainable resources for continued growth; freedom from scarcity
- Quality, professional and respected staff
- Sustainable leadership philosophy, practice, and culture

Community Culture of Excellence through

- Recognizing who we are and embracing who we may become
- Collaboration and communication as core competencies

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS- *Our focus for continuous improvement*

- A. Improving learning and development for ALL students
- B. Strengthening our welcoming, connecting and partnership
- C. Increasing student readiness for life options after graduation
- D. Optimizing our management of all types of resources
- E. Developing our staff's capacity, skills and accountability

School Board Regular Meeting

2. A.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Information

Subject:

Swearing In of New Board Members

Background:

Judge Mark E. Betters will administer the oath of office and swear in new Board members Christopher Kind, Elizabeth Ratcliff, Kenneth Reid and Erin Roberts.

Recommended Action:

None

Attachments

Oath of Office

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

It is an honor that you were elected to guide the education of our community's children. As you recite the oath of office, you assume a tremendous responsibility as a director of our school district with the duties empowered by the Minnesota Legislature. This power puts you and the other members of our school board in the position of being both morally and legally responsible for equitable, quality education of every student in the district.

In carrying out this responsibility, you will be asked to fulfill the roles of vision, structure, accountability, and advocacy. In providing vision, the board, with extensive participation of the community, envisions the community's educational future and then formulates the goals, defines the outcomes and sets the course for the public schools.

To achieve the vision, the board establishes a structure and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework.

Because as a board we must be accountable to the community, we must ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children.

As board members, we serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community schools to advance the vision for our schools.

Furthermore, we must strive to work together with the superintendent and staff to lead the district toward fulfilling the vision we have created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills and knowledge, citizenship and personal development.

Having signed the acceptance of office and oath of office, I hereby publicly affirm my commitment to the oath of office:

I swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 77 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Judge Mark E. Betters

Date

Christopher Kind

Date

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Date

Elizabeth Ratcliff

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Kenneth A. Reid

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Judge Mark E. Betters

Date

Erin Roberts

Date

School Board Regular Meeting

5. A.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Election of Officers

Background:

All positions will be held until the organizational meeting for 2022.

Recommended Action:

Chair Darren Wacker will accept nominations and conduct the election for the position of Chairperson.

Following election of the Chairperson, the Chair will continue with the nomination and election for the offices of Vice-Chairperson, Clerk and Treasurer.

Attachments

School Board Regular Meeting**5. B.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Appointment of Deputy Clerk

Background:

Minnesota Statute 123.34, Subdivision 1, states in part, "The persons who perform the duties of Clerk and Treasurer need not be members of the Board, and the Board, by resolution, may combine the duties of Clerk and Treasurer in a single person in the office of Business Services." The day-to-day duties necessary for operation of the School District have been assigned by the School Board to District employees.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends Becky Bailey be assigned the responsibility of serving as the Board's Deputy Clerk. This appointment will be effective until the 2022 organizational meeting is held.

School Board Regular Meeting

5. C.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Tom Sager, Director of Business Services

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Designation of Official Depositories

Background:

Law requires that the School Board designate a bank, banks, or savings associations that will be used as depositories for District funds.

BE IT RESOLVED, US Bank Mankato, Old National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., ProGrowth Bank, 1st National Bank, Frandsen Bank, MinnStar Bank, CCF Bank, Bank of Utah, MN Trust, Twin City Federal National Bank, Pioneer Bank and the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund Plus, and are hereby designated as depositories of this School District with authority to accept or receive, at any time, deposits for the credit of this School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That checks, drafts, or other orders for payment with the depositories must be signed, actually or by use of a facsimile signature, by all three of the following officers of Independent School District No. 77:

_____, Clerk
_____, Chairperson
_____, Treasurer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Thomas R. Sager is authorized to transfer between depository accounts School District funds as they determine necessary in the normal operation of the School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Thomas R. Sager is authorized to purchase Certificates of Deposit and Commercial Paper in name of Independent School District No. 77, Mankato, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Thomas R. Sager is authorized to wire transfer funds to pay principal and interest payments due on school building bonds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall continue in force until express written notice of its rescision or modification has been furnished to and received by the depositories.

Recommended Action:

Recommend adoption of the resolution as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting**5. D.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action**Subject:**

Naming of School Attorney

Background:

School Board Policy 216 reads as follows:

The school board, at its organizational meeting, shall appoint an attorney to represent the school district and to advise the school board. The attorney shall attend regular and special meetings of the school board when requested and be available for consultation as needed. The attorney shall be paid on a "time" or "retainer" basis as determined by the school board. The appointment of the attorney shall not be construed as a prohibition against seeking legal counsel from other sources when the Board deems it to be advisable.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the following law firms be appointed as legal counsel for the Mankato Area Public Schools for 2021 and that they be paid on an hourly basis for services rendered.

Blethen Berens Law Firm
Knutson, Flynn and Deans, P.A.
Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.
Kennedy and Graven Chartered
Dorsey & Whitney LLP

School Board Regular Meeting

5. E.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Naming of Official Newspaper

Background:

None

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that The Free Press (Mankato) be named as the official newspaper for publishing legal school proceedings and notices effective until the organizational meeting for 2022.

School Board Regular Meeting**5. F.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Approval of Expenses for School Board Meetings

Background:

It has been the practice of the School Board to provide coffee for visitors, presenters and themselves at Board meetings. Further, it has been the practice to provide meals on special occasions.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 77 that:

1. WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the School District to occasionally invite members of the public, members of other public boards and bodies, and members of the school staff to School Board meetings, and
2. WHEREAS, at many School Board meetings, good public relations make it advisable to provide coffee and meals on special occasions as determined by the School Board, to persons attending such meetings in the interest of the District,
3. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District pay the cost of meals when occasionally furnished to members of the School Board and others who attend meetings held in the interest of the School District and that the School District do likewise provide, at the expense of the District, coffee for all persons attending said meetings in the interest of good public relations for the benefit of the School District and the students served thereby.

Recommended Action:

To conform with legal requirements, the administration recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting**5. G.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Designation of Identified Official with Authority for Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Secure Website Access

Background:

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency LEA.

Recommended Action:

The Board recommends to authorize Paul Peterson to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and Becky Bailey to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for Mankato Area Public School District 0077-01 effective until the 2022 organizational meeting.

School Board Regular Meeting

5. H.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Tom Sager, Director of Business Services

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Authorization to Execute and File Application for State- and Federally-Funded Programs

Background:

Most state- and federally-funded programs require that the School Board, in official session, authorize an agent to execute and file funding applications for the School District and act as its official representatives in those state- and federally-funded programs.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that as of January 1, 2021, Superintendent Paul Peterson or designee be designated as the agent in filing applications for and representing the District in state- and federally-funded programs.

School Board Regular Meeting**5. I.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action**Subject:**

Approval of School Board Meeting Schedule for 2021

Background:

The following schedule of meetings for 2021 was approved during the June 15, 2020, School Board meeting.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, January 4, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 1, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 16, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 1, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 5, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 19, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 17, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 7, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 21, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, July 12, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 9, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 7, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, September 20, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 4, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 18, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 1, 2021 (World's Best Workforce Mtg at 5 pm)	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 15, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 20, 2021	Civic Center Plaza*	5:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held on Zoom during the Emergency Order.*Recommended Action:**

The administration recommends confirmation of the meeting schedule for 2021.

School Board Regular Meeting

5. J.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

School Board Member Committee/School Assignments for 2021

Background:

School Board committee assignments for 2021 are recommended as follows:

Christopher Kind

Finance Committee

Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) Advisory Committee

Legislative Committee

Central Freedom School Fundraising Committee

Liz Ratcliff

Citizens Energy Advisory Committee

Transportation Committee

Community Services Advisory Committee

Kenneth Reid

Senior High Student Advisory Council Facilitator

Facilities Committee

Policy Committee

MnEEP Working Group

Erin Roberts

Student-Community Safety Advisory Council

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Sick Leave Bank

Senior High Student Advisory Council Facilitator

Jodi Sapp

Policy Committee

Meet and Confer

Legislative Committee

South Central Service Cooperative Board (elected)

MSDLAF+ Board of Trustees (elected)

MSBA Delegate Assembly (elected, term ends in 2021)

Kristi Schuck

Wellness Committee

Middle School Student Advisory Council Facilitator

Transportation Committee

Meet and Confer Committee

MnEEP Working Group

Darren Wacker

Facilities Committee

Finance Committee
Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) Advisory Committee
Senior High Student Advisory Council Facilitator

Board member school assignments through June 30, 2021, will be as follows:

Christopher Kind

Franklin Elementary School
Central High School
Bridges Community School
Futures

Darren Wacker

Dakota Meadows Middle School
Monroe Elementary School

Kristi Schuck

East Senior High School
Washington Elementary School

Erin Roberts

Hoover Elementary School
Rosa Parks Elementary School

Liz Ratcliff

Kennedy Elementary School
Central Freedom School

Jodi Sapp

Roosevelt Elementary School
West Senior High School

Kenneth Reid

Prairie Winds Middle School
Jefferson Elementary School
Eagle Lake Elementary School

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of the committee assignments for 2021 and school assignments through June 30, 2021.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. A.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2020, Regular Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes and proceedings as attached.

Attachments

Minutes - December 21, 2020

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

December 21, 2020

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, December 21, via Zoom. Chair Wacker called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Abdi Sabrie, Jodi Sapp, Kristi Schuck and Darren Wacker. Absent: none.

Ms. Schuck made a motion, and Ms. Hansen seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Open Forum: Claire Winzenburg, Natasha Frost, Anisa Omar, Sharee Buell, Jasmine D'Avilar, Kara Svercl, Reauna Stiff, Holland Petersen, Desmond Bassett, Ruwayda Omar, Kirby Crow, and Harun Abukar wished to speak about the School Resource Officer Program.

Information Reports: COVID-19 Update; Staff & Student Recognition presented by Todd Waterbury and Joe Johnson; School Resource Officers Program presented by Superintendent Peterson; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Ms. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Schuck, and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2020, regular Board meeting.

Approval of December Bills totaling \$10,399,857.91.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Orion Long - Transfer from part-time to full-time Level 1 IT Help Desk Technician beginning December 14, 2020. This is a 12-month non-affiliated position with an annual salary of \$35,725.68 (prorated to \$19,573.84 for 143 days for 2020-21) and he will be eligible for category II benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Abby McCormack - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary, 3 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 4 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Paraprofessional assignment.

Isabelle Matteson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary, for varied hours, beginning December 17 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$ 11.00 per hour.

Elise Rykhus - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary, for varied hours, beginning December 16 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kaylyn Burr - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant to ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Franklin Elementary, 5 hours per day/5 days a week beginning on December 16 continuing through January 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Rosemary Martinez Bartolo - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary, adjust start date to begin December 21, 2020.

Karna Ziebarth - Special Education Paraprofessional Prairie Winds Middle School, increase in assignment from 13.5 to 21.16 hours a week, (6.33 hours per day (W, F) 2 hours per day (T, TH) and 4.5 hours a day (M)) beginning January 11, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Jolene Beckel - Extend Board approved leave through March 12, 2021.

Jean Biesterveld - Change in Board approved leave returning January 4, 2021.

Hilbert Hackbarth - Special Education Job Coach at East High School has requested an unpaid leave of absence beginning December 11 and continuing through June 4, 2021.

Rebecca Hopp - Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning on December 7 and returning to work on January 11, 2021.

Jody Rhoades - Supervision and Security at West High School has requested an unpaid leave of absence beginning December 14 and continuing through January 15, 2021.

LuAnn Shoop - Extend Board approved leave until March 2, 2021.

Sharon Starkey - Extend Board approved leave until March 2, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Jack Parsley - 8-hour Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School. Last date of employment January 1, 2021.

Personnel - Addendum

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Rebecca Hopp - Adjust requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act to begin on November 12, 2020.

Ashley Pasbrig - Extend Board approved leave through January 1, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Amy Priem - General Education Paraprofessional at Eagle Lake Elementary. Last date of employment December 18, 2020.

Megan Schultz - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary. Last date of employment December 21, 2020

Jamie Schumacher - Nonclassroom Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary. Last date of employment December 22, 2020.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

Mayo Clinic Health Systems Foundation donated \$15,000 to Mankato Area Public Schools Greenhouse Project

Sanford Health donated \$3,500 to Mankato West Football Program

Terence and Lynn Kuechle donated \$120 to Mankato East Baseball Program

Jeffrey and Leah Bridger donated \$120 to Mankato East Baseball Program

Jeremy and Jennifer Stevens donated \$50 to Mankato East Boys Lacrosse Program

Peggy Walters donated \$1,500 to Mankato East Trades and Industry Program

Mankato Screw Products Inc donated \$2,000 to Mankato East Trades and Industry Program

Compeer Financial donated \$200 to Mankato Area Public Schools Food Service

Crossview Covenant Church donated \$2,000 to Adult Basic Education Program for Technology

Ms. Sapp made a motion to accept the gifts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hendricks and seconded by Mr. Sabrie to approve the restructure to the agreement with the Department of Public Safety as presented during the informational portion of the meeting. The motion carried on a 4-3 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Schuck and seconded by Mrs. Brandon to certify the tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$29,008,661.05. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Sapp and seconded by Mrs. Brandon to dissolve the current Boys Hockey Cooperative with East-Nicollet-Loyola. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Schuck and seconded by Mrs. Hendricks to dissolve the current Girls Swim & Dive Cooperative with East-Hogue Home School-Immanuel-Loyola. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Hansen moved and Mrs. Hendricks seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:49 p.m., on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

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

December 21, 2020

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, December 21, via Zoom. Chair Wacker called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Abdi Sabrie, Jodi Sapp, Kristi Schuck and Darren Wacker. Absent: none.

1. Schuck/Hansen approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Open Forum - Claire Winzenburg, Natasha Frost, Anisa Omar, Sharee Buell, Jasmine D'Avilar, Kara Svercl, Reauna Stiff, Holland Petersen, Desmond Bassett, Ruwayda Omar, Kirby Crow, and Harun Abukar wished to speak about the School Resource Officer Program.
3. Information: COVID-19 Update, Staff/Student Recognition, School Resource Officer Program, Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.
4. Hansen/Schuck approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2020, regular meeting; Approval of December Bills; Personnel. 7-0
5. Sapp/Brandon acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
6. Hendricks/Sabrie approval of restructure to agreement with Public Safety. 4-3
7. Schuck/Brandon certify tax levy for 2021-2022. 7-0
8. Sapp/Brandon approval of dissolution of boys hockey cooperative
9. Schuck/Hendricks approval of dissolution of girls swim & dive cooperative
10. Hansen/Hendricks adjournment at 8:49 p.m. 7-0

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Mankato, Minnesota
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.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. B.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Personnel - Consent Items

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Kevin Schirmers - Transfer from Head Custodian Engineer at Kennedy to Full-time District Maintenance beginning January 4, 2021. He will be placed at classification B23, step 5 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$22 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Amanda Kuttner - Change in assignment from Sign Language Interpreter to Special Education Paraprofessional at the Family Learning Center 3.5 hours per day/3 days a week beginning January 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.49 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Melissa McGuire Fisher - Reduction in Special Education Paraprofessional at Eagle Lake Elementary assignment from 6.25 to 4.25 hours per day/5 days a week beginning on November 30, 2020.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Linda Felsheim - Speech Clinician at Mankato East High School/Prairie Winds Middle School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning on January 4 and returning to work on February 15, 2021.

Trisha Hasty - Kindergarten Teacher at Eagle Lake Elementary has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning on March 10 and returning to work on August 30, 2021.

Renatta Seys - Revise Board approved leave to begin January 19 and returning to work March 1, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Christine Distad - General Education Paraprofessional at Bridges Community School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning on December 9 and returning to work on January 19, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Edwin Fischer - Warehouse Clerk, has submitted his resignation for purposes of retirement. His last date of employment will be January 29, 2021.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends the approval of the personnel items

School Board Regular Meeting

7. A.

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

Jerry and Vee Williams donated \$50 to Washington Elementary School

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends Board acceptance of these generous gifts and grants.

School Board Regular Meeting**7. B.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Tom Sager, Director of Business Services**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Establishment of Purchasing Authority for 2021-22

Background:

The Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System (UFARS) requires that expenditures be recognized as obligations when a purchase order is issued. These requirements interface with another law which requires that no funds be expended by a school district for any purpose in a school year prior to the adoption of spending authority.

Mankato Area Public Schools normally begins to purchase supplies and equipment for the next year in the preceding spring. Since purchase orders are considered to be expenditures at the time of issuance, and since no expenditures can be made unless spending authorization has been granted, it is necessary for the School Board to provide such spending authority prior to the adoption of our official budget in June.

Recommended Action:

In order to meet requirements of UFARS, and to allow purchasing to begin for the next year, the administration recommends that spending authority for 2021-2022 be granted but that such authority be restricted to 90% of the 2020-2021 budget limits on textbooks, library books, general supplies, custodial supplies, equipment, and departmental supplies.

School Board Regular Meeting**7. C.****Meeting Date:** 01/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

MAPS Learning Model Shift

Background:

Mankato Area Public Schools reviews COVID-19 data on a daily basis. Additionally, the school district holds weekly meetings with two committees that provide community, county and state public health expertise. The MAPS Regional Support Team is a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Education, the South Central Service Cooperative and local public health officials to support us in navigating the impacts of COVID-19. The second committee is the MAPS COVID Command Team. This group reviews Blue Earth and Nicollet County data, school district and individual school infection rates (students and staff) and makes recommendations on the current and future learning model for MAPS.

Based on recommendations from our community partners, and in response to new guidance set forth by the Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health, MAPS is preparing to transition PreK-5 students from distance learning to hybrid learning on Tuesday, January 19. Tonight's presentation will provide an overview of the recommendation and the plans that have been developed to implement this shift.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends elementary (PreK-5) students return to the hybrid learning model beginning January 19, 2021.

AttachmentsPresentation



Learning Model Update

January 4, 2021



Learning Models after winter break

Elementary School

Middle School

High School

Distance Learning resumes	January 4	January 4	January 4
Extra Curricular activities begin	---	January 4	January 4
Distance Learning Wednesdays	1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12	Every Wednesday	Every Wednesday
No school for 2 days to transition	January 14 & 15	Prior to hybrid	Prior to hybrid
No school for MLK Jr Day	January 18	January 18	January 18
Hybrid Model Begins	January 19	Based on county case numbers	Based on county case numbers

Elementary hybrid model- Students in school daily **Secondary** hybrid model- Students in school M/T (A) or Th/F (B)