



AGENDA
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Greeters: Supt. Paul Peterson and Board Member Darren Wacker

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:30 P.M.)
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (5:30 P.M.)
3. OPEN FORUM (5:35 P.M.)
4. INFORMATION (5:45 P.M.)
 - A. COVID-19 Update and Secondary Learning Model Transition Plans
 - B. 2020-21 MAPS Legislative Platform
 - C. Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports
5. CONSENT AGENDA (6:25 P.M.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2021, Regular Meeting
 - B. Approval of January Bills
 - C. Personnel

6. BUSINESS (6:30 P.M.)
 - A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants
 - B. Approval of Annual American Indian Education Compliance
 - C. Resolution Supporting East and West High School MSHSL Grant Request
 - D. Approval of MAPS Learning Model Shift - Secondary
7. ADJOURNMENT (6:50 P.M.)



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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**4. A.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Information

Subject:

COVID-19 Update and Secondary Learning Model Transition Plans

Background:

Since the start of COVID-19, information has been shared with the School Board on the pandemic's impact on the PreK-12 through Adult programming in Mankato Area Public Schools. Data is reviewed regularly with community, county and state public health experts and continues to drive decision-making across the system.

Tonight's presentation will share an update on local infection rates and the learning models currently in place across the school district. Cabinet members will also provide details on how the school district intends to transition secondary students to hybrid learning in early February. All transition plans are contingent on the continued decline of COVID-19 rates in Blue Earth and Nicollet County.

Recommended Action:None

School Board Regular Meeting**4. B.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Information

Subject:

2020-21 MAPS Legislative Platform

Background:

The MAPS Legislative Committee has met several times in preparation for the 2021 legislative session that has begun in Saint Paul. The school district's committee is comprised of School Board members, district leaders, students and parents.

At tonight's meeting, an overview of the themes and components of the MAPS 2021 Legislative Platform will be shared, along with an update from the meeting held with area legislators on January 14. Historically, the MAPS School Board has participated in MSBA 'Day at the Capitol' and other public education advocacy events. Due to the pandemic, the school district will use alternative methods to share information and encourage continued school support at the state level.

Recommended Action:None

School Board Regular Meeting

4. C.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Information

Subject:

Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports

Background:

Board members will have an opportunity to provide brief reports on recent workshops they have attended or on committees they are serving on.

Recommended Action:

None

School Board Regular Meeting

5. A.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2021, Regular Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes and proceedings as attached.

Attachments

Minutes - January 4, 2021

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

January 4, 2021

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, January 6, via Zoom to organize for 2021.

Chair Wacker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Christopher Kind, Liz Ratcliff, Kenneth A. Reid, Erin Roberts, Jodi Sapp, Kristi Schuck and Darren Wacker. Members absent: none

The Honorable Mark Betters swore in new School Board members Christopher Kind, Elizabeth Ratcliff, Kenneth A. Reid and Erin Roberts.

Ms. Schuck moved, and Mr. Reid seconded, approval of the agenda together with a personnel addendum. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

OPEN FORUM - None wished to speak.

Nominations were opened for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Wacker nominated Kristi Schuck and Mr. Reid nominated Jodi Sapp. Hearing no other nominations, a vote was taken by roll call with the following results: Ms. Schuck - 3 votes, Ms. Sapp - 4 votes. Ms. Sapp was declared Chairperson.

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Schuck nominated Darren Wacker and Ms. Roberts nominated Kenneth A. Reid. Hearing no other nominations, a vote was taken by roll call with the following results: Mr. Wacker - 3 votes, Mr. Reid - 4 votes. Mr. Reid was declared Vice-Chairperson.

Nominations for the position of Clerk were declared open. Ms. Sapp nominated Erin Roberts. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Sapp closed nominations and an unanimous ballot for Ms. Roberts was casted with the following result: Ms. Roberts - 7 votes. Ms. Roberts was declared Clerk.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer were opened. Mr. Wacker nominated Christopher Kind. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Sapp closed nominations and an unanimous ballot for Mr. Kind was casted with the following result: Mr. Kind - 7 votes. Mr. Kind was declared Treasurer.

Ms. Schuck made a motion to appoint Becky Bailey as Deputy Clerk. Mr. Kind seconded the motion and it carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Wacker made a motion to approve the following resolution designating official depositories for the School District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reid and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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 rescission or modification has been furnished to and received by the depositories.

School Board Policy 216 provides for the appointment of legal counsel for the School District. Mr. Reid made a motion to name the following firms as legal counsel for 2021 to 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

Ms. Roberts seconded the motion and it carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Schuck, seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff, to name the Mankato *Free Press* as the School District's official newspaper for 2021. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion to approve the following resolution relating to expenses for School Board meetings was made by Mr. Wacker and seconded by Mr. Kind. The motion carried on a

7-0 roll call vote.

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.*

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. Ms. Schuck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid, to designate Paul Peterson, Superintendent, and Becky Bailey, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/School Board Deputy Clerk to the role of Identified Official with Authority. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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. Mr. Wacker made a motion to designate Superintendent Paul Peterson or his designee as the School District's agent for filing the applications and representing the District. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion to affirm the meeting schedule for 2021 as shown below. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuck and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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.**

Mr. Reid made a motion to approve the following School Board Member Committee Assignments and School Assignments:

School Board Committee Assignments for 2021

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
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
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
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Board Member School Assignments through June 30, 2021

<u>Christopher Kind</u> Franklin Elementary School Central High School Bridges Community School Futures	<u>Darren Wacker</u> Dakota Meadows Middle School Monroe Elementary School
<u>Kristi Schuck</u> East Senior High School Washington Elementary School	<u>Erin Roberts</u> Hoover Elementary School Rosa Parks Elementary School
<u>Liz Ratcliff</u> Kennedy Elementary School Central Freedom School	<u>Jodi Sapp</u> Roosevelt Elementary School West Senior High School
<u>Kenneth Reid</u> Prairie Winds Middle School Jefferson Elementary School Eagle Lake Elementary School	

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wacker and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

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

Personnel:

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.

Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jenna Courrier - ACES Childcare Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary for varied hours beginning January 5 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Jozie Doering - ACES Childcare Assistant at Franklin Elementary for varied hours beginning January 5 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Katilyn Haefemeyer - ACES Childcare Assistant at Hoover Elementary for varied hours beginning January 5 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Oman Oman - Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor at Washington Elementary, 2.25 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 20, 2021. He 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.

Edinatu Thoranka - EL Paraprofessional at East High School, for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 5, 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.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Grace Behr - Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor at Washington Elementary, decrease in assignment to 2.25 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 4, 2021.

Paige Hoff - Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor at Washington Elementary, decrease in assignment to 2.25 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 4, 2021.

Jillian Kuduk - ACES Secretary, extend assignment through April 30, 2021.

Gavin Lyons -Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor at Washington Elementary, increase in assignment to 2.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 4, 2021.

Mariah Ziegler - Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School, decrease hours from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.75 hours per day/ days per week (W), 5.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M, Th, F), 5.75/ 6.75 hours per day every other week (Tu).

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Lexy Braun - Interventions Teacher at Franklin Elementary has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning on March 29 and returning to work on August 30, 2021.

Gina Vanselow - Extend Board approved leave through January 12, 2021.

Kyle Vanselow - 2nd Grade Teacher at Washington Elementary has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning on January 19 and returning to work on February 15, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Mari Marso - Extend Board approved leave, with a reduced work schedule of 2 hours per day/5 days a week through February 1, 2021.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

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

Mr. Reid made a motion to accept the gifts. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuck and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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. In order to meet requirements of UFARS, and to allow purchasing to begin for the next year, Ms. Schuck made a motion to authorize spending authority for 2021-2022

restricted to 90% of the 2020-2021 budget limits on textbooks, library books, general supplies, custodial supplies, equipment, and departmental supplies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wacker and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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. Ms. Schuck made a motion to approve elementary (PreK-5) students return to the hybrid learning model beginning January 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

There being no further business to consider, Mr. Kind moved and Mr. Reid seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:57 p.m., on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

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

January 4, 2021

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1. Honorable Mark Betters swore in new School Board members Christopher Kind, Elizabeth Ratcliff, Kenneth A. Reid & Erin Roberts.
2. Schuck/Reid approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
3. Open Forum - None.
4. Jodi Sapp elected as Chairperson.
5. Kenneth A. Reid elected as Vice-Chairperson.
6. Erin Roberts elected as Clerk.
7. Christopher Kind elected as Treasurer.
8. Schuck/Kind appoint Becky Bailey as Deputy Clerk. 7-0
9. Wacker/Reid approval of resolution designating official depositories for 2021. 7-0
10. Reid/Roberts approval of legal counsel for 2021. 7-0
11. Schuck/Ratcliff name *Mankato Free Press* as official newspaper. 7-0
12. Wacker/Kind approval of expenses for Board meetings. 7-0
13. Schuck/Reid designate Supt. Peterson and Deputy Clerk Becky Bailey as Identified Official with Authority for MDE Secure Website Access. 7-0
14. Wacker/Ratcliff designate Superintendent Peterson or his designee as the official agent for filing and executing funding applications for state- and federally-funded programs. 7-0
15. Ratcliff/Schuck confirm meeting schedule for 2021. 7-0
16. Reid/Wacker approval of School Board member committee and school assignments. 7-0
17. Schuck/Kind approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2020, regular meeting; Approval of Personnel Items. 7-0
18. Reid/Schuck acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
19. Schuck/Wacker to establish purchasing authority for 2021-2022. 7-0
20. Schuck/Ratcliff approval of MAPS learning model shift. 7-0
21. Kind/Reid adjournment at 6:57 p.m. 7-0.

Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, Minnesota
By: Erin Roberts, Clerk

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

5. B.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2021

Prepared By: Tom Sager, Director of Business Services

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of January Bills

Background:

At our meeting on Tuesday evening, the administrative team will be prepared to answer any questions you might have regarding the report on claims and accounts for January. The total of the bills for January of 2021 is \$3,407,315.00.

Recommended Action:

The claims are recommended for payment as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

5. C.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2021

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Personnel

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Olivia Marth - Long Term Substitute Teacher for Hannah Gerling, a 4th-grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning January 28 and ending April 12, 2021. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Rebeca Alvarez - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School, for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 18 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Lorenzo Johnson - Full-time Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning January 20, 2021. He will be placed at classification A13, step 3 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$16.75.

Alison Leighton - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, for varied hours, beginning January 8 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Sydney Macht - Early Learning Regular Education Paraprofessional at the Family Learning Center for 3.5 hours per day/1 day a week (M) and 7 hours per day/3 days per week (T, W, TH) beginning on January 19, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.49 per hour.

Jack Norris - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, for varied hours, beginning on January 11 and ending June 4, 2021. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Victoria Schulmeister - ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 18 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Cloey Thorpe - Special Education Level 3 Paraprofessional, classification B21.5, step1, at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 19, 2021. She will be compensated at a rate of \$13.87 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Bela Toscani - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School, for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 18 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Katlyn Andrews - Transfer from part-time ACES Site Supervisor at Bridges Community School to full-time Site Supervisor at Franklin Elementary School beginning January 18, 2021. She will be compensated at a rate of \$16.50 per hour.

Marianna Blesi - Decrease in Paraprofessional assignment from 31.25 hours per week to 26.25 hours

per week at Rosa Parks Elementary School with 2.25 hours per day/5 days per week as a Special Education Resource Paraprofessional, and as NonClassroom (Playground) Paraprofessional for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 19, 2021.

Kya Christiansen - Transfer from ACES Assistant Site Supervisor to Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 18, 2021. She will be compensated at a rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Cassandra Hanson - Transfer from Assistant Site Supervisor to Site Supervisor for 6 hours per day/5 days per week at Bridges Community School beginning January 18, and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

Jasmine Harris - Transfer from ACES Child Care Assistant to Assistant Site Supervisor at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 18, and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Avie Kulseth - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School increase in hourly wage to \$11.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2021.

Anthony Monnens - Transfer from Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School to Custodial Engineer L3 at Kennedy Elementary beginning January 11, 2021. He will be placed at classification B22, step 3 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$19.25 per hour.

Elizabeth Paul - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School increase in hourly wage to \$11.25 beginning January 1, 2021.

Elizabeth Paul - Transfer from ACES Child Care Assistant to Interim ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School for 5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 18 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Brinly Simmons - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School increase in hourly wage to \$11.25 per hour beginning January 18, 2021.

Robert Warren - Transfer from ACES Child Care Assistant to Interim ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School for 5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 18 and ending June 4, 2021. He will be compensated at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Mariah Ziegler - Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School, decrease hours from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.75 hours per day/ 1 day per week (W), 5.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M, TH, F), 5.75 or 6.75 hours per day/1 day every other week (T) beginning January 4, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Josh Harris - English Teacher at East High School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on February 1 and returning to work on February 22, 2021.

Lara Zimmerli - Adust Board approved leave dates to begin December 21 and continuing through February 12, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jolene Beckel - EL Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School has requested an unpaid leave beginning January 19 and returning to work March 13, 2021.

Christine Distad - Change in Board approved leave returning January 11, 2021

Michael Dorn - Supervision & Security at West High School has requested an unpaid leave beginning January 11 and returning to work February 8, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sharon Dinsmore - Special Education Student Success Coach at the Futures Program. Last date of employment January 26, 2021.

Kaitlyn Helfter - Early Learning Special Education Paraprofessional at the Family Learning Center. Last date of employment January 11, 2021.

Elizabeth Rossow - ACES Site Supervisor at Franklin Elementary School. Last date of employment January 18, 2021.

Tori Theissen - Part-time Cooks Helper at West High School. Last day of employment January 12, 2021.

Kari Thomas - Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraprofessional at Hoover Elementary School. Last date of employment January 15, 2021.

Kayla Thorpe - Student Success Coach at Hoover Elementary School effective January 19, 2021.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Julie Carter - Sign Language Interpreter at East High School, effective as of December 11, 2020.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends the approval of the personnel items.

School Board Regular Meeting**6. A.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action**Subject:**

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

An anonymous donor donated \$1,000 to Futures Program

MEI Total Elevator Solutions donated \$750 to West High School Coffee Bar

The West High Wrestling Program received the following donations:

- \$4,000 from Schwickert's Tecta America of Mankato LLC
- \$500 from an anonymous donor

The West High Girls Basketball Program received the following donations:

- \$40 from Diane Dunn
- \$50 from Chad & Pam Fitterer
- \$75 from Jamie & Erin Aanenson

The East High Trades & Industry Program received the following donations:

- \$12,000 from Productivity Inc
- \$1,000 from Jennifer & Matt Mangulis
- \$1,500 from Peggy & Melisa Walters

CHS donated \$5,000 to Mankato Area Public Schools Greenhouse Project

Robert Alan Christensen Foundation donated \$38,000 to Mankato Area Public Schools Greenhouse Project and \$3,500 to FFA Program

Recommended Action:

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

School Board Regular Meeting**6. B.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2021**Prepared By:** Travis Olson, Director of Teaching & Learning**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Approval of Annual American Indian Education Compliance

Background:

On an annual basis The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) issues a vote of concurrence or nonconcurrence. This year the AIPAC has voted again in concurrence and support of the educational programs that are being provided to the American Indian student in Mankato Area Public Schools.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the Annual Compliance Documentation submitted by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

School Board Regular Meeting**6. C.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Resolution Supporting East and West High School MSHSL Grant Request

Background:

In 2007 the State Legislature passed a law which dedicated the sales tax proceeds from Sectional and State Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) events to the MSHSL Foundation. The MSHSL Foundation provides grants back to MSHSL members to assist school districts in providing seminars/training opportunities or support for specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs. The grant guidelines require that the School Board pass a resolution detailing how the funds will be used.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of the attached resolution Form B.

AttachmentsResolution

FORM B

RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD/GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM B APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District #77 School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts to provide seminars/training opportunities or support for specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of District #77 supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM B grant.

Date

Board Chair

Date

Board Clerk - Treasurer

School Board Regular Meeting**6. D.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Approval of MAPS Learning Model Shift - Secondary

Background:

Earlier in the meeting, the School Board received an informational update on the school district's plan to return secondary students (grades 6-12) to hybrid learning on February 4, 2021. This timeline is contingent on county, community and school infection rates continuing to be in line with a safe return to hybrid learning for middle and high school students.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends secondary (6-12) students return to the hybrid learning model beginning February 4, 2021.
