

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

May 17, 2021

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, May 17, via Zoom. Chair Sapp 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. Absent: None.

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

Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Recognition of Employees:

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

25-Year Awards

Debra Baumgartner - Rosa Parks Elementary
Tony Broskoff - Central High School
Mary Hicks - Family Learning Center
Kraig Klefsaas - Futures
Heidi Libby - Hoover Elementary
Tania Lyon - Intergovernmental Center
Michelle Makela - Eagle Lake Elementary
Ann Moody - Rosa Parks Elementary
Staci Murphy - Hoover Elementary
Tammy Rifleman - Intergovernmental Center
Renee Unger - Dakota Meadows Middle School
Angie Williamson - East High School

30-Year Awards

Laurie Hagberg - West High School
Julie Olsen - West High School
Sheri Robinson - East High School
Beth Sachau - Early Childhood Center

35-Year Award

Dolly Blomquist - Kennedy Elementary
Mary Jo Brindley - East High School
Patty Gappa - Prairie Winds Middle School

Rich Jaqua - Monroe Elementary

Information Reports: Educare Overview & 2021 Grants presented by Jessica Hatanpa and Dan Sarff; COVID-19 Update presented by Scott Hogen; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the May 3, 2021, regular Board meeting.

Approval of May Bills totaling \$6,052,682.86.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Oscar Andrade Lara - Full-time, 1.00 FTEs Spanish Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle Schools beginning August 30, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year. He will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Mary McCuskey Simpson - Part-time (0.18 FTEs, 260 hours) Parent Educator at the Early Learning Center beginning August 23, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year. She will be placed at step 2 of the M lane of the ABE Teachers salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$31.34.

Ashley Schneider - Part-time, 0.583 FTEs Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning August 30, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Sarah Thursby - Long Term Substitute Science Teacher for Casey Rose at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning August 30, 2021, and ending January 21, 2022. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jack Bussler - Seasonal Grounds Worker for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 24 and ending November 30, 2021. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.20 per hour.

Jonathan Karels - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for varied hours beginning May 6 and ending June 4, 2021. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Allison Trutter - Special Education DCD Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School for 2.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 17 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21.5. Step 1, with an hourly rate of \$13.87 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Emily Her - Decrease in full-time, 1.00 FTEs Art Teacher at Hoover Elementary (0.80 FTEs)/Prairie Winds Middle School (0.20 FTEs) to 0.70 FTEs at Hoover Elementary School beginning August 30, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Steve Biesterveld - Decrease in Supervision and Security assignment at East High School from 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 3.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 8, 2021.

Hunter Buscherfeld - Transfer from Special Education Behavior Support Paraprofessional, Level 3 - classification B21.5 to Special Education Resource Room Paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning May 10, 2021. He will be placed at classification B21, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association with an hourly rate of \$13.87 per hour.

Lauren Cahalan - Increase in wage for ACES Child Care Assistant assignment to \$11.00 per hour beginning March 14, 2021.

Jason Hiniker - District Maintenance at East High School, adjust start date to May 24, 2021.

Dawn Lange - Transfer from Receptionist to Student Information Secretary at East High School for the 2021-22 school year. This is a full-time, 8-hour per day position with a work year of 190 days and 5 paid holidays. She will be placed at step 10, classification B21 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Dylan Robinson - Decrease in Supervision and Security assignment at East High School from 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 3.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 8, 2021.

Courtney Simonette - Transfer from Counseling Secretary at West High School to Instructional Support Secretary beginning May 24, 2021. This assignment is for 8 hours per day/5 days per week with a work year of 250 days and 10 paid holidays. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$16.90.

Isabella Shelton - Increase in wage for ACES Child Care Assistant assignment to \$11.25 per hour beginning April 16, 2021.

GraceAnne Sterling - Transfer from ACES Child Care Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 5-6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 14, 2021.

Wendy Zehm - Continue temporary decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraprofessional at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M, W, F) and 3 hours per day/2 days per week (T, TH) ending June 4, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hannah Loewen - 6th Grade English Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning September 8 and returning to work November 29, 2021.

Christine Seeman - Extend Board-approved leave through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Meckenzie Tinaglia - Extend Board-approved leave. Returning to work on June 7, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Marian Omar - Extend Board Approved leave. Returning to work on July 26, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Tanya Herbst - Early Childhood ASD Consultant/Assessment Specialist, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 7, 2021.

Pamela Kibble - Interventions Teacher at Kennedy Elementary School change in retirement date. Her last day of employment will be August 11, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Helen Adetunji - Non-Classroom (Playground/Lunchroom) Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be May 7, 2021.

Amanda Betz - Student Success Coach at Washington Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

Marianna Blesi - NonClassroom (Lunchroom) Paraprofessional & Special Education Resource Paraprofessional at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be May 10, 2021.

Curtis Doell - Student Success Coach at West High School, has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

Sarah Haman - Health and Wellness Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

Shania Lindquist - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 1, 2021.

Ann Moody - Nonpublic Health Secretary at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted her resignation for purposes of retirement. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

Makenna Schliem - Non-Classroom (Playground/Cafeteria) Paraprofessional at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be May 7, 2021.

Danica Schmidt - Special Education Paraprofessional at 5 C's. Verbal resignation as of March 31, 2020.

NON-RENEWAL (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Due to the uncertainty of funding, restructuring, and budget reductions and in accordance with employment contracts, the administration recommends that the employment of the following employees be terminated at the end of the 2020-21 school year effective June 4, 2021.

Cheri Magaard, Sharon Starkey,

TERMINATION (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Due to the uncertainty of funding, restructuring, and budget reductions and in accordance with Article XII, Section 1 of the Agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association (MSEA), the administration recommends that the employment of the probationary paraprofessionals listed below be terminated at the end of the 2020-21 school year effective June 4, 2021.

MiKayla Casias, Nicholas Quevedo, Gaudence Uwamahoro

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Ryan Meyer - Assistant Principal at Mankato West High School beginning July 1, 2021. He will be placed on the Assistant Middle School Principal classification, step 1 of the Association of Principal's salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jenna Helget -Full-time, 1.00 FTEs School Counselor at Kennedy Elementary School beginning August 30, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year. She will be placed at step 8 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Amanda Zakrzewski - Long-term Substitute 6th Grade English Teacher for Hannah Loewen at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning September 8 and ending November 29, 2021. She will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the Teacher Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mary Curtis - Early Childhood Center Summer Secretary for 6.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning July 19 and ending August 12, 2021. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Maribeth Marso - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Franklin Elementary School beginning May 17 and ending June 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.25 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School assignment.

Aidan McGraw - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Hoover Elementary School beginning May 18 and ending June 4, 2021. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jack Bussler - Increase hourly wage to \$12.50 per hour beginning May 24, 2021.

Brittany Goossen - Transfer from Attendance/Assistant Principal Secretary at Dakota Meadows Middle School to Student Information Secretary at West High School for the 2021-22 school year. This is a full-time, 8-hour per day position with a work year of 190 days and 9 paid holidays. She will be placed at step 3, classification B21 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jodi Evers - Special Education teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning August 30 and returning to work on November 12, 2021.

Laura Heinze - Early Intervention Teacher at the Family Learning Center, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning August 30 and returning to work on September 27, 2021.

Brett Riss - Grade 7 Life Science Teacher at Prairie Winds, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning September 8 and returning to work on October 18, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mandi Hubbard - Student Success Coach at Futures, has requested unpaid leave beginning May 24 and returning to work on October 1, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ashley Rehder - 1st Grade Teacher at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 7, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Catherine Allman - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be May 28, 2021.

Kriselle Brobst - General Education Paraprofessional at Bridges Community School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment for this assignment will be June 4, 2021. She will continue her Media Clerk at Bridges Elementary School assignment.

Amira Hasch - ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021. She will continue her Special Education Level 3 Classroom Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School assignment.

Shaylin Leskey - Special Education Resource Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be May 11, 2021.

Holly Peterson - Special Education Resource Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be May 11, 2021.

LuAnn Shoop - Intervention Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, has submitted her resignation for the purpose of retirement. Her last date of employment will be June 3, 2021.

Jonathan Slotten - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be May 21, 2021.

Paul Willaert - Maintenance Engineer at West High School, has submitted his resignation for the purpose of retirement. His last date of employment will be July 30, 2021.

NON-RENEWAL (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Due to the uncertainty of funding, restructuring, and budget reductions and in accordance with employment contracts, the administration recommends that the employment of the following employees be terminated after the 2020-21 school year.

Elizabeth Christopher - Career Development Assistant at East/West/Central High School. Her last date of employment will be May 17, 2021.

Darnell B Hines - 4 Hours Custodian at Monroe Elementary School. His last date of employment will be June 30, 2021.

Debra Loebner - Student Success Assistant at Prairie Winds Middle School. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

James Nielsen - 4 Hours Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School. His last date of employment will be June 30, 2021.

Oman Oman - Special Education Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School. His last date of employment will be June 4, 2021. He will continue his Non-Classroom (Playground/Lunchroom) Paraprofessional assignment.

Jody Skorr - Receptionist at Dakota Meadows Middle School. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

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

Cooperative Math Games, Jefferson Elementary, Grades K-5

Amount Requested: \$2,061.03 Amount recommended: \$2,061.03

ARC Reading Resources, Jefferson Elementary, Mostly Grades K-2, but with opportunities for use by students in Grades 3-5

Amount Requested: \$13,670

Amount Recommended: \$13,670

Interactive Math on the Go, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Grade 6

Amount Requested: \$18,000

Amount Recommended: \$13,500

Robotics and Electronic Upgrade, Prairie Winds and Dakota Meadows Middle School, Grade 8

Amount Requested: \$11,051.08

Amount Recommended: \$11,051.08

Mr. Kind made a motion to accept the grants as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuck and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Reid made a motion to accept the following gifts:

West High Orchesis Program received the following donations:

- \$100 from Wanda Lloyd
- \$100 from Nick Frentz
- \$150 from Jenice Fallenstein
- \$250 from Valley News Company Charity Fund
- \$100 from Southern Minnesota Orthodontics PA
- \$250 from Blinds & More
- \$124 from Dairy Queen West
- \$500 from Consolidated Communications

Lake Washington Improvement Association donated \$500 to West High Boys Hockey Program

South Central College - North Mankato Campus Foundation - Andy Wendinger Memorial donated \$1,000 to Mankato West Automotive Program

Scheels donated Golf Balls & Tees (\$70 value) to Community Education & Recreation Junior Golf Program

Carol Hiler donated \$1,000 to Washington Elementary School

An anonymous donor donated \$600 to Washington Elementary School

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council donated \$4,800 to Mankato Area Public Schools Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for StoryArk Festival/Camp

University of Minnesota donated \$3,300 Mankato Area Public Schools Agricultural Diversity & Leadership/Technical Skills (ADLTS) Grant for the FFA Program

Mr. Wacker seconded the motion and it carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

On May 6, 2021, three bids were received for milk for the Food Service Program for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years(see page _____). The administration recommends that the bid submitted by Prairie Farms be accepted by the School Board. Ms. Schuck made a motion to accept the bid as recommended, seconded by Mr. Kind, and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Schuck and seconded by Mr. Wacker to dissolve the current Girls Hockey Cooperative with East-Loyola. The motion carried on a 5-2 roll call vote with Mr. Reid & Ms. Roberts voting no.

A motion was made by Mr. Kind and seconded by Mr. Wacker to approve the proposed Girls Hockey Cooperative with West-Loyola. The motion carried on a 5-2 roll call vote with Mr. Reid & Ms. Roberts voting no.

There being no further business to consider, Mr. Wacker moved and Mr. Reid seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:07 p.m., on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Schuck/Ratcliff approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Open Forum - none
3. Information: Recognition of Employees for Years of Service, Educare Overview & 2021 Grants, COVID-19 Update, Board Member Reports.
4. Ratcliff/Wacker approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the May 3, 2021, regular meeting; Approval of May Bills; Personnel. 7-0
5. Kind/Schuck acceptance of Educare grants. 7-0
6. Reid/Wacker acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
7. Schuck/Kind approval of milk bids for 2021-22 and 2022-23. 7-0
8. Schuck/Wacker approval of dissolution of East/Loyola Girls Hockey Cooperative. 5-2 (Reid & Roberts voting no)
9. Kind/Wacker approval of West/Loyola Girls Hockey Cooperative. 5-2 (Reid & Roberts voting no)
10. Wacker/Reid adjournment at 7:07 p.m. 7-0

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Mankato, Minnesota
By: Erin Roberts

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.

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**MILK BIDS
BID TABULATION SHEET**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRAIRIE FARMS	HASTING CREAMERY	KEMPS
1% MILK - ½ PINT	\$0.1893	\$0.2093	\$0.210
SKIM MILK - ½ PINT	\$0.1823	\$0.2009	\$0.206
CHOCOLATE MILK - ½ PINT	\$0.2017	\$0.2243	\$0.215
LACTOSE MILK - ½ PINT	\$0.685	\$0.7028	\$0.689
BUTTERFAT (PRICE PER 100 WEIGHT)	\$1.7217	\$1.7188	\$1.6735
SKIM MILK (PRICE PER 100 WEIGHT)	\$14.82	\$14.53	