



AGENDA
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Monday, October 4, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Intergovernmental Center - Mankato Room

Greeters: Supt. Paul Peterson and Board Member Christopher Kind

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
 - B. Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports
5. CONSENT AGENDA (6:10 P.M.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2021, Regular Meeting
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Approval of Extended Trip, Per Minnesota State High School League Requirement
6. BUSINESS (6:15 P.M.)

- A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants
 - B. Resolution Supporting East and West High School MSHSL Grant Request
 - C. Approval of Refunding 2015A Bonds
 - D. Ratification of 2021-23 Agreement with the Mankato Teachers Association
7. ADJOURNMENT (6:35 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 citizen participation is for the School Board to hear citizen views on ways to improve the educational program and ways to improve processes, including communications, for bringing about such improvements. **It is important for speakers to be aware that the School Board does not comment or ask questions during Open Forum. The School Board's sole role is to listen.**

Each speaker will be asked to state his/her name and address for the record, and will be allowed 3-5 minutes to speak. When there are a large number of speakers, 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.

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Mankato Area Public Schools

District Strategic Roadmap

MISSION STATEMENT *(Our core purpose)*

Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) is committed to working together equitably, with families and communities, so that each learner has the knowledge and skills to be a successful and contributing citizen in a diverse global society.

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)*

Every learner will be seen for who they are inclusive of: race, national origin, home language, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age and/or religion. MAPS learners will experience a school environment that builds their voice and agency. Learners and families will be seen and heard. MAPS will assure that each learner has the skills to enter society with a joy for learning, a positive vision for the future and the ability to navigate the world with hope, dignity and their multiple talents.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS *(Our focus for continuous improvement)*

MAPS will reach its mission and vision when:

- Each student is ready for kindergarten.
- Each student is reading well by 3rd grade.
- All achievement gaps are closed.
- All students are college and career ready by graduation.
- All students graduate.
- Each student, family and staff member feels safe, is welcome, and is treated with dignity and respect.

School Board Regular Meeting**4. A.****Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Information

Subject:

COVID-19 Update

Background:

Health and safety protocols related to COVID-19 are in place at all MAPS schools and sites for the 2021-2022 school year. On a regular basis, district leaders will share updates with the School Board about mitigation strategies, school and community data, and potential changes that may occur due to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and/or the Minnesota Department of Health.

Recommended Action:None

AttachmentsPresentation



COVID-19 Update

October 4, 2021



2021–2022 COVID–19 Dashboard

Confirmed COVID-19 positive cases of student and staff

School Level	Current COVID-19 Reported Cases September 24-30, 2021	Total Cumulative COVID-19 Reported Cases Since September 8, 2021
Early Childhood & Elementaries	7	46
Middle Schools	4	14
High Schools	10	33
District Offices/Departments/SPED	2	3
District Total	23	96

Tracking report started September 8, 2021



CDC Level of Transmission

Level of County Transmission		
	Blue Earth County	Nicollet County
9/30/2021		
9/23/2021		
9/16/2021		
9/9/2021		
9/2/2021		
8/26/2021		
8/19/2021		
8/16/2021		

Low
Transmission Rate

Moderate Transmission
Rate

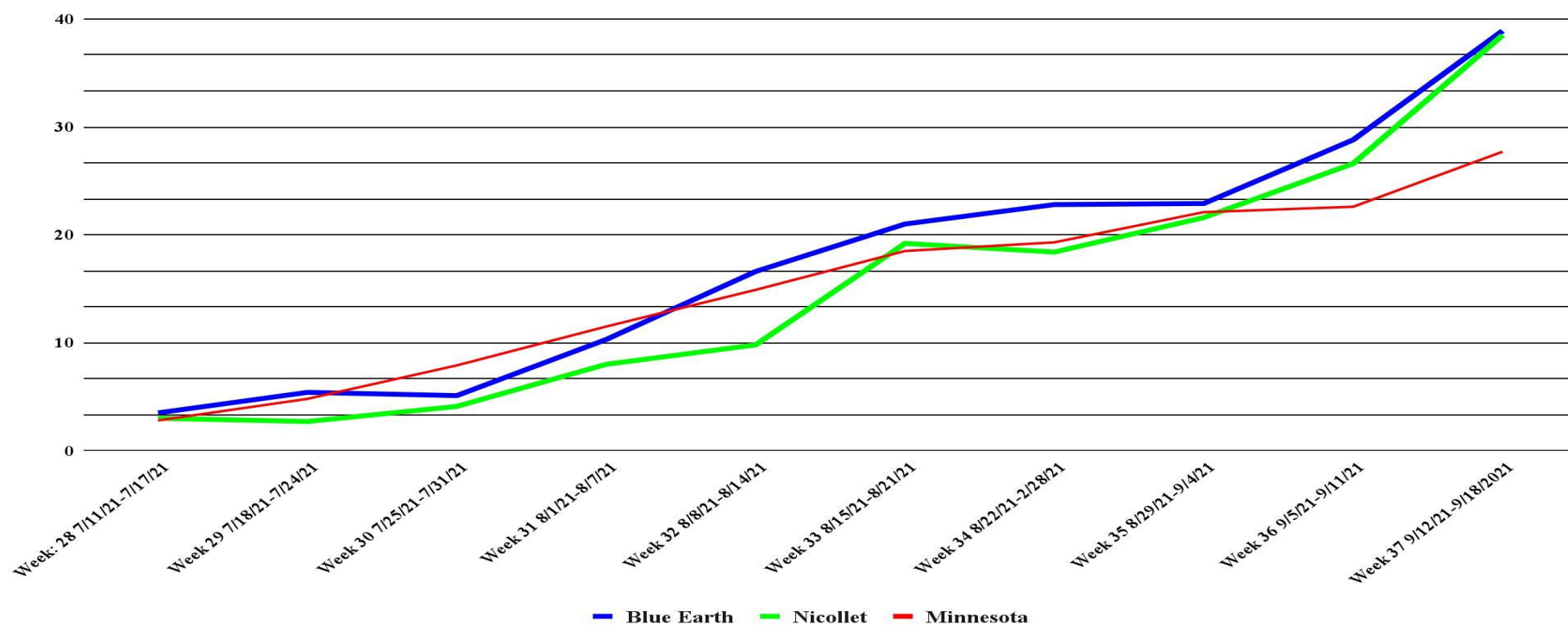
Substantial Transmission
Rate

High
Transmission Rate



County & State Case Rate

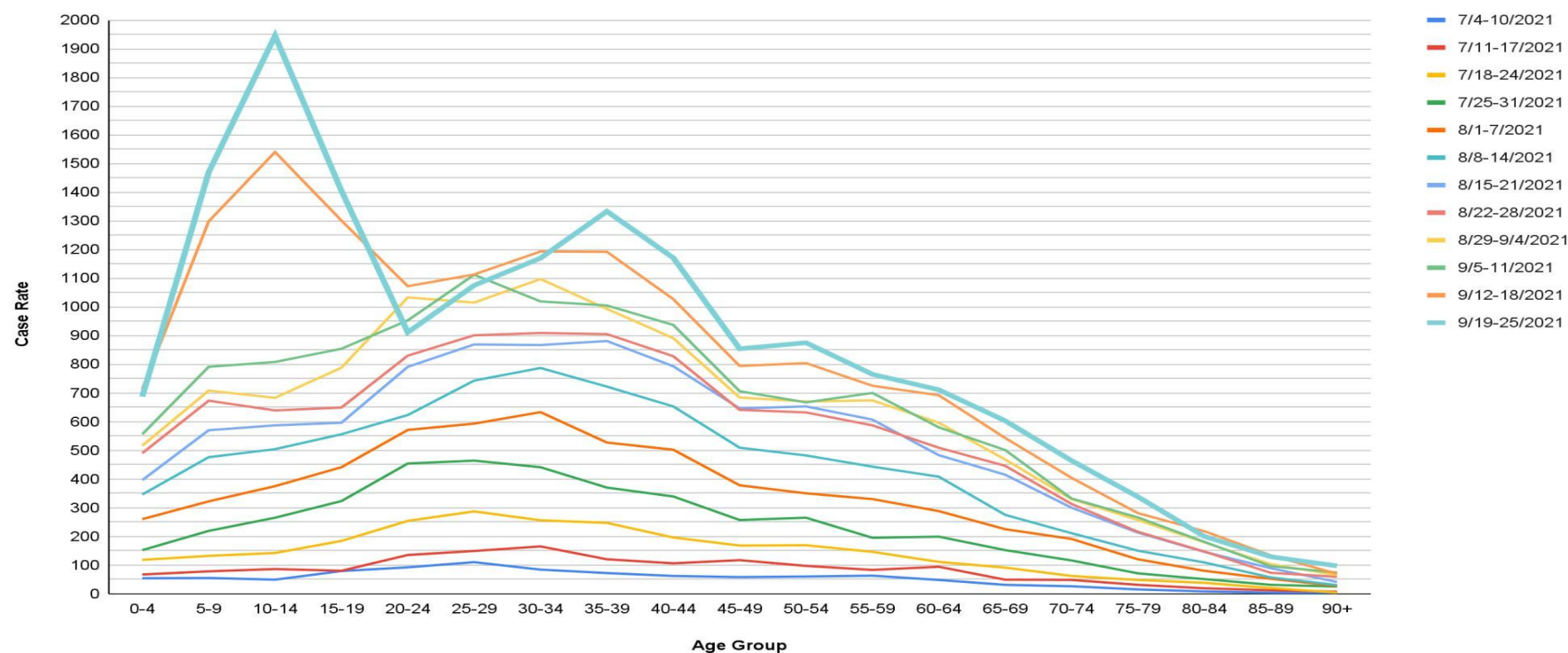
County Case Rate per 10,000 Residents





MN Positive Cases by Age Group

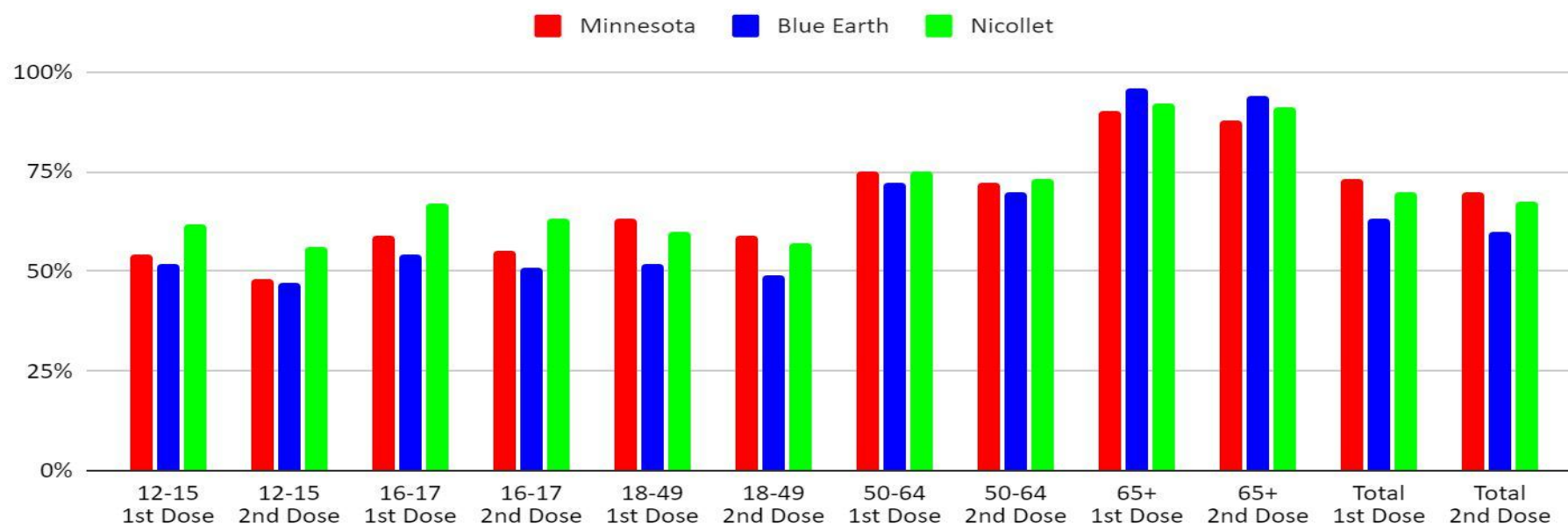
MN Cases by Age Group





Vaccination Percentage

Vaccination Percentage by Age Group



9/30/2021



Thank You!

Questions?

School Board Regular Meeting

4. B.

Meeting Date: 10/04/2021

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: 10/04/2021

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2021, Regular Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes and proceedings as attached.

Attachments

Minutes - September 20, 2021

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

September 20, 2021

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, September 20, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. 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 Ms. Roberts seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Open Forum: Ronald Schmidt, Janet Chamberlain, Ellen Koenigs, Brook Devenport, Elizabeth Hanke, Brianna Weller, John Wicklund spoke on equity, vaccines, and exchange students.

Information Reports: Back to School Report presented by MAPS Cabinet; COVID-19 Update presented by Scott Hogen; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the September 7, 2021, regular meeting.

Approval of September Bills totaling \$8,876,117.00.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Karen Krause - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Annika Olivo at Bridges Community School and Jefferson Elementary School beginning October 4 and ending November 19, 2021. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Aden Ahmed - Continue as Family Ambassador at Jefferson Elementary School for 5 hours per month beginning September 10, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will receive a stipend of \$100 per month.

Habiba Ahmed - Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraprofessional at Bridges Community School for 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Helen Broecker - Non-Classroom (Lunchroom) Paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 20, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Lam Huynh - District Interpreter for varied hours on an on-call basis beginning September 20, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$21.00 per hour for this assignment.

Mohamed Ibrahim - Continue as Family Ambassador at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 5 hours per month beginning September 10, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will receive a stipend of \$100 per month. This is in addition to his Interpreter assignment for the District.

Nicole Marks - LPN/Health Assistant at East High School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 20, 2021. She will be placed at classification B23, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$22.16.

David Milanoski - Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraprofessional at Bridges Community School for 1.5 hours per day/3 days per week (T, W, TH) beginning September 23, 2021. He will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Ahmed (Jaffer) Mohamud - Continue as Family Ambassador at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 5 hours per month beginning September 10, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will receive a stipend of \$100 per month. This is in addition to his Interpreter assignment for the District.

Austin Sellner - Continue as Bus Supervisor for 1.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.73 per hour. This is in addition to his Special Education Resource Paraprofessional assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Alyssa Sorenson - Media Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 5.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 13, 2021. This position has a work year of 180 days, and she will be placed at step 1 of the A13 classification on the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule, with an hourly rate of \$14.75.

Bela Toscani - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning September 10, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Robert Warren - Non-Classroom (Playground/Lunchroom) Paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary School for 2.34 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 13,

2021. He will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73. This is in addition to his ACES Assistant Site Supervisor assignment at Jefferson Elementary School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Kiana Arrieta-Montes - Spelling Correction - ACES Site Supervisor at Franklin Elementary School beginning August 9, 2021.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Carole Chapman - Continue as Part-time, Intervention Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School and increase assignment from 0.80 FTEs to 0.90 FTEs for the 2021-22 school year.

Claire Gilliat - Adjust start date as Long-term Substitute Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School to begin August 16 and ending November 11, 2021.

Joyce Petersen - Increase in assignment as Part-time, Intervention Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School from 0.80 FTEs to 0.90 FTEs for the 2021-22 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Pamela Allen - Continue as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. This is in addition to her Infant Care Provider with the TAPP Daycare assignment at Central High School.

Kya Christiansen - Change in assignment from ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Jenna Courrier - Change in assignment from Assistant Site Supervisor at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Eagle Lake Elementary School for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Nicholas Danger - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will be compensated at the rate of \$10.25 per hour.

Lauren Derleth - Change in classification as Special Education Paraprofessional at Rosa Parks Elementary School from B21 to B21.5 beginning September 10, 2021.

Anamaria Erstad - Spelling Correction - Early Learning Paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center for 11.5 hours per week beginning September 13, 2021.

Hezekyah Flowers - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School to ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Franklin Elementary School for

5-6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Ciara Flugum - Change in assignment from ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Christopher Goebel - Change in assignment from ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will be compensated at the rate of \$12.25 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to his Special Education Paraprofessional assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Lydia Hedlund - Decrease in assignment as ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School from 5-8 hours per day/ 5 days per week to 3-4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022.

Anna Kempton - Voluntary change in assignment from Special Education DCD Paraprofessional, classification B21.5 at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to Special Education Resource Paraprofessional, classification B21 at Kennedy Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Minnesota School Employees Association salary schedule.

Mandy Kurth - Change in assignment from ACES Seasonal Site Supervisor at Lincoln Community Center to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. This is in addition to her Childcare Lead Teacher assignment with Lincoln Logs Learning Center and GED Proctor assignment for the ABE program at Lincoln Community Center.

Jasper Lageson - Change in assignment from ACES Site Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Patrick McCall - Adjust hourly wage as Evening Custodian, classification A13 at Washington Elementary School beginning September 1, 2021, to \$20.10 per hour (\$18.70 base + \$0.95 longevity + \$0.45 boilers license).

Keara Murphy - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Site Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 2 hours per day/4 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.25 per hour.

Angela Peters - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning September 10, 2021.

Nicholas Quevedo - Continue as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022.

Lindsey Rockvam - Increase in rate of pay as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Jefferson Elementary School to \$11.50 per hour beginning September 7, 2021.

Melissa Schneider - Change in assignment from ACES Seasonal Site Supervisor at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.25 per hour.

Jamie Schumacher - Continue as ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022.

Kasja Schumann - Change in assignment from ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 2-3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

LuAnn Shoop - Adjust placement as Intervention Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School from classification B21.5, step 7 to classification B21.5, step 7+, beginning September 10, 2021.

Katelyn Smith - Change in assignment from ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Kennedy Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Ian Verbrugge - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 5-8 hours per day/5 days per week to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022.

Robert Warren - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant to ACES Assistant Site Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Rachel Wendlandt - Change in assignment from ACES Seasonal Site Supervisor at Kennedy Elementary School to ACES Child Care Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.25 per hour.

Luke Williams - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute for varied hours beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022.

Raelea (Rae) Wolfe - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for 5 hours per day/4 days per week to ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy and Washington Elementary Schools for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning September 7, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Heather Brand - 1st Grade Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning November 1, 2021, and continuing for a period of 12 weeks, then continuing as unpaid leave until returning to work on February 14, 2022.

Beth Krause - Assessment Specialist at Dakota Meadows/Central/West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning November 9, 2021, and returning to work on January 3, 2022.

Shelby McKissick - ADSIS/Counselor at Prairie Winds Middle School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 25 and returning to work on December 20, 2021.

Kelsey Riebe - Special Education Teacher at Monroe Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 10 and returning to work on April 4, 2022.

Brianne Wiese - Special Education Teacher at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning November 22, 2021, and returning to work on February 21, 2022.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mavis Gieser - Second Cook at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning September 10 and returning to work on October 4, 2021, and continuing intermittent leave for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Thomas Stolp - Extend Board approved leave, returning to work on December 1, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Fransisko Alhag - Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be September 13, 2021.

Andrew Cress - Special Education ASD Paraprofessional at Prairie Winds Middle School has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be September 28, 2021.

James (Rick) Croce - 8-hour Evening Custodian at West High School has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be September 28, 2021.

Jenna Hewitt - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be September 3, 2021.

Gavin Lyons - Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

Mary Ann Rathman - Secretary to the Principal at Washington Elementary School, has submitted her resignation for the purpose of retirement. Her last date of employment will be October 15, 2021.

Nathan Smith - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be September 3, 2021.

GraceAnne Sterling - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be September 3, 2021.

Cale Stuve - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be September 3, 2021.

David Wing - ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School, has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be August 20, 2021.

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Heather Anderson - High School Equivalency Supervisor with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center beginning October 1, 2021. This is a full-time, 12-month, Non-affiliated, 240-day work year position with an annual salary of \$48,943.00, (prorated to \$36,707.25 for 180 days) for 2021-22, and she will be eligible for category II benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Deidra Gendron - Adjust start date to August 23, 2021, for her full-time (1.0 FTEs) Contract Substitute Teacher assignment at Prairie Winds Middle School.

Alyssa Job - Adjust start date to August 23, 2021, for her long-term Substitute Teacher assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Kelly Krzmarzick - Adjust start date to August 24, 2021, for his long-term Substitute Teacher assignment at Roosevelt Elementary School, and adjust lane placement on the Teacher Association salary schedule to B, step 10.

Kayla Ochs - Adjust start date to August 23, 2021, for her long-term Substitute Teacher assignment at Roosevelt Elementary School.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Olivia Caster - Early Learning Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School for 7 hours per day/4 days per week. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Megan Grant - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 23, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Michael Gustafson - 4-Hour Evening Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School beginning September 20, 2021. He will be placed at step 3, classification A13 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$16.90.

Lydia Kauth - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 2 hours per day/2 days per week beginning September 20, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Andraya Parenteau - Student Success Coach at PEEK Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 20, 2021. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$16.44.

Patricia (Patti) Sjulstad - Special Education Health & Wellness Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 21, 2021. She will be placed at classification B 22.5 step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$16.95.

Hiroko Wollam - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center for 5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning September 13, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$14.95 per hour, and she will be eligible for 6-3-2 benefits. In addition, she will be with the ABE ESL program at Lincoln Community Center for 2.25 hours/3 evenings per week beginning September 14, 2021.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Emily Dauk - Increase in assignment as Math Teacher at East High School from 1.0 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for the 2021-22 school year.

Nathan Hebeisen - Increase in assignment as Math Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School from 1.0 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathryn (Katy) Young - Increase in assignment as Evening ESL Instructor with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center from 329 annual hours (0.23

FTEs) to 466 annual hours (0.32 FTEs) beginning July 1, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Helen Broecker - Change in assignment from Non-Classroom (Lunchroom) Paraprofessional, classification B21 at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week to Special Education, Level 3 Intervention Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 5.84 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 21, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21.5, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$14.95.

Christine Distad - Decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraprofessional at Hoover Elementary from 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021.

Jane Flintrop - Decrease in assignment as Special Education Resource Paraprofessional at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 20, 2021.

Kate Huppler - Increase in assignment as Special Education DCD Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 13, 2021.

Martha Kosovich - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 13, 2021.

Stephanie Maas - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraprofessional (Job Coach) at East/West High Schools from 5.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 16, 2021.

Myra Rocco - Adjust start date to September 13, 2021, for her Full-time 8-Hour Evening Custodian assignment at West High School.

Cathy Schmitz - Increase in assignment as Cook Helper at Franklin Elementary School from 3.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021.

Julie Timmerman - Increase in assignments as Special Education DCD Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 13, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kathleen M Johnson - Special Education Resource Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning September 10 and returning to work on October 1, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Heather Anderson - ABE Teacher with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center, has submitted her resignation so that she can accept the position of High School Equivalency Supervisor. Her last date of employment for this assignment will be September 30, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Paige Bryant - Rescind appointment as Special Education Level 3 Paraprofessional at Prairie Winds Middle School.

Stacy Christensen - Rescind acceptance as Health and Wellness Paraprofessional, Life Skills at Prairie Winds Middle School.

Tonia Jimenez - Full-time, 8-hour Custodian at Futures/Early Childhood Center, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be October 1, 2021.

Stephanie Resner - Full-time, 8-hour Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be September 3, 2021.

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

Prairie Ecology Bus Center donated \$1,700 Ecology Bus grant to Hoover Elementary

Ryan & Teresa Davis donated \$65 to Hoover Elementary School

Erin & Aaron Kuiper donated \$500 to West High VEX Robotics Program

ZOETIS donated \$166.66 to Mankato Area Public Schools FFA Program

MinnStar Bank donated school supplies (\$350 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools ACES Program

FUN.com donated gift cards (\$50 value) to Community Education & Recreation Movie Event

Sam's Club donated gift cards (\$50 value) to Community Education & Recreation Movie Event

Horace Mann donated staff breakfast (\$200 value) to East High School

Potbelly Sandwich Shop donated staff lunch (\$400 value) to East High School

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

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

Tom Sager presented and reviewed the background information for certifying the 2022-2023 school year preliminary property tax levy. Ms. Schuck made a motion to certify the maximum levy for taxes payable in 2022 to accommodate any minor adjustments that might occur before the final levy is submitted to the County Auditor by September 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wacker, and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

The strategic roadmap for Mankato Area Public Schools identifies five strategic priorities: Improving learning and development for each student; Strengthening our welcoming, connecting and partnership; Increasing student readiness for life options after graduation; Optimizing our management of all types of resources; Developing our staff's capacity, skills and accountability. Over the past year, school district leaders and staff have engaged in a comprehensive review process of the measures used in each of these areas. A major aspect of the study has been to ensure that the ways success is measured in the system is equitable and inclusive. Mr. Wacker made a motion to approve the new vision cards A-E. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuck, and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Roberts moved and Mr. Kind seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:54 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

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

September 20, 2021

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, September 20, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. 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.

1. Schuck/Roberts approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Open Forum - Ronald Schmidt, Janet Chamberlain, Ellen Koenigs, Brook Devenport, Elizabeth Hanke, Brianna Weller, John Wicklund spoke on equity, vaccines, and exchange students.
3. Information: Back to School Report, COVID-19 Update, Board Member Reports.
4. Reid/Wacker approval of Consent agenda Items: approval of Minutes of September 7, 2021, regular meeting; Approval of September Bills; Personnel. 7-0
5. Kind/Schuck acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
6. Schuck/Wacker certify maximum levy for taxes payable in 2022. 7-0
7. Wacker/Schuck approval of vision cards A-E. 7-0
8. Roberts/Kind adjournment at 7:54 p.m. 7-0

Independent School District No. 77
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.

School Board Regular Meeting

5. B.

Meeting Date: 10/04/2021

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Personnel

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Todd Kreilkamp - Operations & Culinary Specialist with Nutrition Services beginning October 11, 2021. This is a full-time, 12-month, Non-Affiliated position with an annual salary of \$50,000 (prorated to \$36,206.90 for 189 days) for 2021-22, and he will be eligible for category II benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sarah Barta - Non-Classroom (Lunchroom) Paraprofessional at Hoover Elementary School for 1 hour per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73. This is in addition to her Media Assistant assignment at Hoover Elementary School.

Breanna Cashin - Middle School After School Youth Leader with Community Education at Prairie Winds Middle School for 2.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour. This is in addition to her Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraprofessional assignment at Washington Elementary School.

Makena Dammer - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 4, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Aubrey Denney - Middle School After School Youth Leader with Community Education at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 2.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Emily Dukowitz - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 29, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

Tammy Fienen - Middle School After School Youth Leader with Community Education at Prairie Winds Middle School for 2.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 4, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraprofessional assignment at Prairie Winds Middle School.

Sabrina Hanson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning September 28, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Karlie Hodgman - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 30, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Alicia Jones - Cook Helper at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 29, 2021. She will be placed at classification A11, step 3, of the School Food Service Workers Association salary schedule, with an hourly rate of \$13.13.

Mariana Jordan - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 5 hours per day/2 days per week beginning September 30, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Claire Julian - Title I Reading Intervention Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Adam Krueger - Full-time, 8-Hour Evening Custodian at West High School beginning October 4, 2021. He will be placed at classification A13, step 2 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule, with an hourly rate of \$16.15.

Nathan Kuehn (Pete) - Middle School After School Youth Leader with Community Education at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 2.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 4, 2021. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Beau Lepper - Special Education DCD/ASD Intervention Paraprofessional at West High School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 27, 2021. He will be placed at classification B21.5, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$14.54.

Miriam Narowitz - Non-Classroom (Lunchroom) Paraprofessional at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 10, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Iveth Quiroz Rios - Childcare Aide at Lincoln Logs Learning Center for 6 hours per day/4 days per week beginning September 27, 2021. She will be compensated at the rate of \$14.11 per hour, and she will be eligible for 6-3-2 benefits.

Ashley Simmons - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 30, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Skyler Skjervold - Full-time, 8-Hour Evening Custodian at West High School beginning October 4, 2021. He will be placed at classification A13, step 2 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule, with an hourly rate of \$16.15.

Aidan Toegel - Seasonal Lead Groundskeeper for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 8 and ending November 30, 2021. He will be placed at classification A13, step 2 of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association salary schedule with, an hourly rate of \$15.65.

Kristy Tokheim - Non-Classroom (Lunchroom) Paraprofessional at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 27, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$13.73.

Megan Trnovac - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning September 23, 2021, and ending June 3, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Tammy Lorch - Decrease in assignment as part-time Parent Educator at the Family Learning Center from 86 annual hours (0.06 FTEs) to 61 annual hours (0.042 FTEs) beginning September 13, 2021.

Faith Schlecht - Decrease in assignment as part-time Early Childhood Teacher at the Family Learning Center from 611 annual hours (0.42 FTEs) to 586 annual hours (0.40 FTEs) beginning September 13, 2021. This is in addition to her Preschool Teacher assignment at the Early Childhood Center.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Olivia Caster - Change in classification as Early Learning Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School from B21 to B21.5 beginning September 27, 2021. She will be placed at classification B21.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association, with an hourly rate of \$14.14.

Stephanie Maas - Adjust start date to September 13, 2021, for her Special Education Paraprofessional (Job Coach) assignment increase at East/West High Schools.

Elder Romero Mujica - Adjust start date to September 13, 2021, for his EL Paraprofessional assignment at East High School.

Patricia Sjulstad (Patti) - Adjust start date to September 24, 2021, for her Special Education Health & Wellness Paraprofessional assignment at Dakota Meadows Middle School.

REQUESTS FOR SALARY LANE ADVANCEMENT (INSTRUCTIONAL)

In accordance with the terms of the agreement between the Mankato Teachers Association and the District, teachers have submitted their requests for salary lane advancement. Each of these requests has been reviewed and a list of those qualifying for salary lane advancement for September of the 2021-22 school year is shown below. The salary lane advancements will be retroactive to the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. The Administration recommends that the Board approve the salary lane advancements.

Name	From	To
Summer Boettcher	B	B+15
Cindy Borth	M	M+45
Tricia Conetta	M	M+30
David Evans	M+30	M+45
Makenzie Evans	B+30	M
Kelly Firkins	B+15	B+30
Heather Gilman	M	Specialist
Neely Hagedorn	B+15	B+30
Heather Hedin	B+30	M
Jenna Helget	M	M+30
Erica Hengel	B+30	M
Brittany Jensen	B+15	M
Molly Lout	B+15	B+30
Emily Lowry	M	M+30
Shelbi Morton	B	B+15
Sean O'Connell	B+30	M

Amanda Shaw	B+15	B+30
Chelsea Silvers	B+30	M
Mikala Simon	B+30	M
Amanda Sonnenfeld	M	Specialist
Abby Steffensmeier	M+30	M+45
Mary Jo Tischler	M	M+30
Jessica Waterstreet	B+30	M
Katie Wheelock	M+30	Specialist
Robbi Brooke Will	M	Specialist
Linnea Wilson	M	M+30
Peter Wittmer	B+15	M
Rebecca Zenk	B	B+15
Alicia Zimmer	M	M+30
Kristin Zimmerman	B+30	M

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kiersten Fennern - Special Education Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 12 and returning to work on March 25, 2022.

Jessica Kingston - 1st Grade Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 13 and returning to work on April 7, 2022.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Alyssa Coughlin - Media Assistant at Franklin Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave beginning September 24 and returning to work on November 8, 2021.

Jaclyn Rademaker - Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning September 29 and returning to work on October 29, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Patti Elmer - Early Learning Regular Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be October 7, 2021.

Ciara Flugum - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be September 24, 2021.

Amber Schenk - Health & Wellness Paraprofessional at Futures SUN, has submitted her resignation. Her last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

Glen Shouts - Student Success Coach at East High School, has submitted his resignation. His last date of employment will be June 4, 2021.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Omot Okuot - Full-time, 8-Hour Evening Custodian at West High School, effective August 31, 2021.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends the approval of the personnel items.

School Board Regular Meeting**5. C.****Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021**Prepared By:** John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Approval of Extended Trip, Per Minnesota State High School League Requirement

Background:

The Mankato East Softball and Baseball programs request school board approval of an extended trip and out-of-state travel March 30 through April 3, 2022 for the purpose of spring practice and scrimmages.

Under Minnesota State High School League bylaw 411.00 Travel For Out-of-State Practice and Scrimmages, if a member school's League-sponsored athletic team requests out-of-state travel for a practice or scrimmage for the varsity, junior varsity, or "B" squad teams, the school board must complete the following steps prior to any travel by the team:

1. Review a complete copy of the itinerary planned for the school team.
2. Review the financial aspect of the trip including the funds to be received from and expended by the school team.
3. Identify the manner in which the school board will comply with the Title IX relative to travel opportunities for each gender.
4. Approve travel for the school team at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

This request also received prior approval by Principal Dahline and is in alignment with District Policy 610 Field Trips for school sponsored extended supplemental trips that are considered to be a part of the school's program.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the School Board approve the extended trip, per MSHSL requirement.

Attachments

School Board Regular Meeting**6. A.****Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

Old National Bank and Greater Mankato Area United Way donated backpacks and supplies (\$2,000 value) to Mankato Area Public Schools

The following were donated to East High Girls Hockey:

- \$500 from Tibodeau Farms
- \$150 from Mankato Motor Company
- \$150 from Progrowth Bank
- \$300 from PEY Inc DBA Pet Expo
- \$150 from Midwest Fitness Centers LLC
- \$150 from JBKD LLC

Seijen Takamura donated \$250 to West High Boys Cross Country

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council donated \$6,000 to Prairie Winds Middle School Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant

Brown & Brown of Minnesota Inc donated \$2,200 to Mankato Area Public Schools 2021-22 Opening Day Event for VetterStone Amphitheater

Minnesota State University Mankato donated \$500 to Mankato Area Public Schools 2021-22 Fall Workshop Breakfast at VetterStone Amphitheater

Cars-N-Credit donated backpacks & supplies (\$450 value) to Mankato Area Public Schools

Minnesota Education Equity Partnership donated \$4,000 to Mankato Area Public Schools Equity Summit for Tech Expense Reimbursement

An anonymous donor donated Pony Walker (\$2,200 value) to Special Education Department

An anonymous donor donated Stander (\$2,600 value) to Special Education Department

Recommended Action:

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

School Board Regular Meeting**6. B.****Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021**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 support scholarships for students qualifying for a free or reduced price lunch to participate in co-curricular activities. 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 A.

AttachmentsResolution

FORM A

RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A 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 in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mankato Area Public Schools' School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

Date

Board Chair

Date

Board Clerk - Treasurer

School Board Regular Meeting**6. C.****Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021**Prepared By:** Tom Sager, Director of Business Services**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Approval of Refunding 2015A Bonds

Background:

During favorable market conditions with low interest rates on the cost of borrowing, school districts can take advantage of refinancing existing debt to lower debt service payments and save money for property tax payers. Most recently, the district did this in September 2020, and in doing so saved taxpayers \$3,500,000 over the term of the payment schedule.

Since that time, the district has continued to work closely with the district's financial municipal advisor, PMA, to monitor any other emerging opportunities. Information on this topic and a market update was shared with the board finance committee in June 2021.

At this time, the district has another opportunity to refinance a different bond series at a lower interest rate and again save money for taxpayers. Originally, this was the series 2006A General Obligation bonds that were issued as a result of a voter approved referendum in November 2005. The \$6,000,000 in proceeds were used to finance the betterment of several school sites and facilities.

The current interest rate on this series is 2.19 percent. The estimated true interest cost on refunding these bonds is 1.54 percent. This includes the cost of issuance. The total savings to taxpayers will be \$27,000. While this savings is not as substantial as the savings incurred last September, it does represent the district's vigilance and commitment of leveraging every opportunity to save money for property owners.

Tonight's recommendation for approval is the first part of a two part process. Tonight, administration will recommend the board approve the parameters set in the attached resolution for the bond sale, and authorize the Superintendent/Director of Business Services and a Board Officer to execute a Bond Purchase Agreement for the stated purposes. The second part of the process will occur at a school board meeting in November when the board will ratify the resolution for the award of the sale, anticipated to occur in October.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the School Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the Superintendent/Director of Business Services and Board Officer to execute a Bond Purchase Agreement. The bond sale will occur in October 2021.

AttachmentsResolution

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A

Issuer: Independent School District No. 77 (Mankato Area Public Schools), Minnesota

Governing Body: School Board

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held on October 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
at the Civic Center Plaza.

Members present:

Members absent:

Documents attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES AND ANY BOARD OFFICER TO AWARD THE SALE THEREOF AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SAID AWARD AND SALE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR CREDIT ENHANCEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the bonds referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said bonds; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this 4th day of October, 2021.

School District Clerk

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member _____:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES AND ANY BOARD OFFICER TO AWARD THE SALE THEREOF AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SAID AWARD AND SALE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR CREDIT ENHANCEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 77 (Mankato Area Public Schools), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the District to issue its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$1,600,000 (the Bonds). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used, together with any additional funds of the District which might be required, to refund in advance of maturity and prepay on February 1, 2022, the 2023 through 2026 maturities, aggregating \$1,575,000 in principal amount, of the District's outstanding \$3,680,000 General Obligation Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A, dated originally as of January 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF SALE OF THE BONDS. The District has retained PMA Securities, Inc., in Albertville, Minnesota (PMA), as independent municipal advisor in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The Board desires to proceed with the sale of the Bonds by private placement. The Superintendent or Director of Business Services and any Board officer, in consultation with and upon the advice of representatives of PMA, are hereby authorized to approve the sale of the Bonds and directed to execute a contract on the part of the District for the sale of the Bonds to a purchaser to be selected by such officers, provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$1,600,000, the total net savings is at least \$10,000, and the true interest cost shall not exceed 2.00%. This Board shall meet at an upcoming regularly scheduled or special board meeting to adopt a bond resolution prepared by the District's bond counsel ratifying the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. STATE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the registrar for the Bonds or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of

Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. The authorization provided in Section 2 hereof shall expire on December 31, 2021.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

School Board Regular Meeting**6. D.****Meeting Date:** 10/04/2021**Prepared By:** John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services**Item Type:** Action

Subject:

Ratification of 2021-23 Agreement with the Mankato Teachers Association

Background:

A tentative agreement was reached between District 77 and the Mankato Teachers Association on August 26, 2021. Board members have received a detailed analysis of the new agreement.

The Mankato Teachers Association approved the tentative agreement on September 23, 2021.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the School Board ratify the agreement.
