

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

October 17, 2022

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 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: Patrick Baker, Christopher Kind, Liz Ratcliff, Erin Roberts, Jodi Sapp, Kristi Schuck (left at 6:50 p.m.) and Shannon Sinning. 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 voice vote.

Open Forum: Julie Strusz, Ronald Schmidt and John Wicklund wished to speak.

Information Reports: Staff Wellness Update presented by John Lustig; Fall Enrollment Report presented by Tom Sager; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the October 3, 2022, regular Board meeting.

Approval of October Bills totaling \$9,090,019.26.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sarah Bjorklund - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Sarah Larson at Jefferson Elementary School beginning January 17 and ending April 28, 2023. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Jared Petersen - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Dwight Lahti at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning October 31 and ending December 5, 2022. He will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Diane Substad - Long-term Substitute Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning September 8 and ending October 6, 2022. She will be placed at step 10 or the M lane on the Teacher Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ann Amaye - Special Education Paraeducator for 0.34 hours per day/5 days per week at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning October 7, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21.5 step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraeducator, classification B21, assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary.

Chastity Cheeseman - Special Education Paraeducator for 0.34 hours per day/5 days per week at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning October 7, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21.5 step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraeducator, classification B21, assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Nancy Goettl - Health Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 24, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Sabrina Hanson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 10, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Hailey Hoppe - Special Education Paraeducator for 0.34 hours per day/5 days per week at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning October 7, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21.5 step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraeducator, classification B21, assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary.

Ronette Hornick - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center for 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning October 11, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21.5, step 7, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Early Learning Paraeducator, classification B21, assignment at MAPS Center for Learning and the Family Learning Center.

Isabelle Olson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 10, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Cheradin Ralph - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary and Monroe Elementary Schools for 2.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 7, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Danica Schmidt - Cook Helper at West High School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 11, 2022. She will be placed at classification A11, step 4, in

accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Skye Schmit - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 5, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Taylor Shelton - Second Cook at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 11, 2022. She will be placed at classification A13, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Todd Substad - Adjust end date to October 14, 2022, as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Dwight Lahti at Prairie Winds Middle School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Katherine Becker - Change in assignment from Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, to Student Success Coach, classification B22, at West High School beginning September 12, 2022. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Minnesota School Employees Association salary schedule.

Morgan Cockrell - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Prairie Winds Middle School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning August 29, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

Jenna Courrier - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning October 10, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Ronette Hornick - Decrease in assignment as Early Learning Paraeducator, classification B21, from 7 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) and 2 hours per day/1 days per week (T) to 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) and 2 hours per day/1 days per week (T) at MAPS Center for Learning and the Family Learning Center beginning October 11, 2022. This is in addition to her Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, assignment at the Family Learning Center.

Janet Knakmuhs - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning September 9, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

Avie Kulseth - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning August 29, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

Emma Loveall - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning August 29, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

Augustus Nelson - Change in assignment as ACES Child Care Assistant from 4 hours a day/2 days per week at Franklin Elementary School to 1 hour per day/5 days per week at Monroe Elementary School beginning October 3, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

Brendan Unger - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning October 3, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Teresa Briggs - Special Education Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 3 and returning to work on January 18, 2023.

David Evans - Technology Teacher at East High School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning November 18 and returning to work on December 9, 2022.

Sarah Larson - 5th Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 17 and continuing for a period of 12 work weeks, then continuing with unpaid leave until returning to work on May 1, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jill Ristau - Adjust return date to October 17, 2022, for Board-approved leave.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kay Dedinsky - Rescind acceptance as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Elizabeth Cress at Roosevelt Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Emmet Anderson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be August 19, 2022.

Jenna Courrier - Rescind resignation as ACES Site Lead at Jefferson Elementary School.

Debra Hiniker - 6-Hour Day, 9-month Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School and PEEK, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 5, 2022.

Brooke Jordan - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 21, 2022.

Anna Kempton - Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 19, 2022.

Oris Ostgarden - Special Education Job Coach at East and West High Schools, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be October 28, 2022.

Luke Pollema - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 24, 2022.

Kristen Rasmussen - Supervision & Security at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 4, 2022.

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jaclyn Jaycox - Media Assistant at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 7 hours per day/5 days per week with a work year of 180 days beginning October 17, 2022. She will be placed at step 5 of the A13 classification on the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Debbra Peterson - Non-classroom (Lunchroom) Paraeducator at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 2.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/TH/F) beginning October 17, 2022, and ending June 5, 2023. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Niki Post - Student Success Coach at East High School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 19, 2022. She will be placed at classification B22, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Christopher Goebel - Change in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator from 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week at Rosa Parks Elementary School to 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week at West High School beginning September 6, 2022.

Conner Harrison - Adjust salary step placement from step 2 to step 3, as 8-Hour Evening Custodian, classification A13, at Rosa Parks Elementary School, beginning July 1, 2022.

Emily Hed - Change in assignment from Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, to Health and Wellness Paraeducator, classification B22.5, at West High School beginning October 11, 2022. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Minnesota School Employee Association salary schedule.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Erica Demmer-Kennedy - Social Studies Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning December 1, 2022, continuing for a period of 12 work weeks, then continuing leave until returning to work on May 9, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jennifer Schmitt - Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 5 and returning to work on November 16, 2022.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Dominick Johnston - ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be August 19, 2022.

Amanda Jordan - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 27, 2022.

Amanda Leuthner - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 27, 2022.

Ian Verbrugge - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be August 19, 2022.

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

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

The following donors donated for East High Girls Hockey Program:

- \$200 from Madison Lake Family Dental Care
- \$200 from GMS Industrial Supplies
- \$200 from Dale's Marine LLC
- \$200 from Bank Vista
- \$200 from Unique Specialty & Classic Cars
- \$200 from Freyberg Management Company Inc
- \$200 from Countryside Refrigeration & Heating LLC
- \$200 from Scheels
- \$200 from Ross Thate Custom Welding
- \$200 from Progrowth Bank
- \$200 from Peters Lawn Service Inc
- \$200 from Minnstar Bank
- \$200 from JMMN Investments LLC
- \$200 from Shine-Way Janitorial Services Inc
- \$200 from US Bank N.A.
- \$200 from United Prairie Insurance Agency
- \$200 from Shelly One LLC DBA the Landing on Madison
- \$200 from DWC Holdings DBA The Goalie Club

- \$200 from Stoufer's Auto Sales Inc
- \$200 from Craig & Mary Megard
- \$200 from Kato Family Chiropractic PA
- \$100 from Eric Means Insurance Agency
- \$100 from Giddie Skin
- \$100 from Kato Glass
- \$100 from Ka-Sha

Kathy Thielges donated \$100 for Prairie Winds Middle School Robotics Program

Choose Kindness Foundation donated \$2,000 for Washington Elementary PBIS Program

Holtmeier Construction Inc donated \$500 for West High Angie Peters Family Scholarship

East High Planetarium received the following donations for the Telescope:

- \$10,000 from the Page Jones Richards Family Fund of the Mankato Area Foundation
- \$10,000 from the Kendall & Rod Meyer Fund of the Mankato Area Foundation
- \$15,000 from the Thin Film Technology Fund of the Mankato Area Foundation

Crossview Church & My Place donated Backpacks & Supplies (\$2,000 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

Tradehome Shoes donated 50 pairs of shoes (\$2,500 value) for Monroe Elementary

Snell Motors donated School Supplies (\$500 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

Scheels donated Activewear (\$2,000 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

Frandsen Bank donated School Supplies (\$500 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

North Mankato Library donated School Supplies (\$500 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

YMCA donated School Supplies (\$500 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

Store It donated School Supplies (\$500 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

Mankato Cars & Credit donated Backpacks & School Supplies (\$200 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

Walmart donated School Supplies (\$3,700 value) for Mankato Area Public Schools

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

A tentative agreement was reached between Mankato Educational Secretaries Association (MESA), representing the District 77 secretarial and clerical employees, on September 20, 2022. Board members have received a detailed analysis of the new agreement. The District 77 Secretarial Staff approved the tentative agreement on October 4, 2022. Ms. Roberts made a motion to ratify the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

The Mankato Area Public Schools and our current bus operators have come to a mutual agreement for transportation services for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Kind made a motion to approve the one-year extension 2022-2023 with the monthly rates on page _____. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Each year, school districts in Minnesota must submit an Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal laws prohibiting discrimination to the Department of Education. Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit the report electronically on behalf of the District. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion and it carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no further business to consider, Mr. Baker moved and Mr. Kind seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:59 p.m., on a 6-0 voice 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 - Julie Strusz, Ronald Schmidt and John Wicklund wished to speak.
3. Information: Staff Wellness Update, Fall Enrollment Report, Board Member Reports.
4. Schuck/Baker approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the October 3, 2022, regular meeting; Approval of October Bills; Personnel; Approval of Extended Trip. 7-0
5. Kind/Ratcliff acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
6. Roberts/Ratcliff ratify agreement with Mankato Educational Secretaries Association. 6-0
7. Kind/Baker approval of 2022-23 transportation contract extension. 6-0
8. Ratcliff/Roberts approval of Assurance of Compliance report. 6-0
9. Baker/Kind adjournment at 6:59 p.m. 6-0

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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.

RATES PER STUDENT PER MONTH

YEAR	OPERATOR	CITY	RURAL	SP.ED.	TAPP – AREA 5
2021-22	Palmer	\$56.52	\$90.94	\$396.92	\$396.92
2021-22	Yaeger	\$56.52	\$90.94		
2022-23	Palmer	\$57.09	\$91.85	\$400.89	\$400.89
2023-24	Palmer	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
2022-23	Yaeger	\$57.09	91.85		
2023-24	Yaeger	TBA	TBA		