

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

November 7, 2022

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 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 and Shannon Sinning. Absent: None.

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

Open Forum: Ronald Schmidt, Kari Pratt and John Wicklund wished to speak.

Information Reports: MAPS Principal Report provided by Mollie Meyer, Akram Osman, Jeff Dahline, Travis Olson and Scott Hare, Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2022, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

**APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)**

Laura Dauffenbach - Long-term Substitute DAPE Teacher for Renee Unger beginning September 13 and ending October 31, 2022. She will be placed at step 3 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

**APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)**

Brooklynn Bedney - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning November 1, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.75 per hour.

Joneesha Fischer - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 24, 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.

Amanda Frasier - Health and Wellness Paraeducator at SUN for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 24, 2022. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step

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

Charles Jansen - 8-Hour, 12-month Floating Day Custodian for the District beginning October 24, 2022. He will be placed at classification A13, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Terrance Maher - 4-Hour Evening, 9-month Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School beginning October 24, 2022. He will be placed at classification A13, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Cassandra Schmit - Health and Wellness Paraeducator at West High School for 3.58 hours per day/5 days per week and 3.25 hours per day/5 days per week at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning November 3, 2022. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Alexia Thomas - Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (W-F) beginning September 19, 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.

Danyel Zuehlke - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning November 1, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

#### CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ethan Dado - Increase in assignment as Agriculture Teacher at West High School from 1.00 FTEs to 1.083 FTEs for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year.

Laura Dauffenbach - Change in assignment from Long-term Substitute Teacher to Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Contract Substitute DAPE Teacher for Renee Unger beginning November 1, 2022, and ending June 8, 2023. She will be placed at step 3 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

#### CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Danielle Borgman - Increase hourly rate to \$13.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School beginning October 17, 2022.

Eldon Cervantes - Increase hourly rate to \$11.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning November 1, 2022.

Danyella DeWitte - Increase hourly rate to \$12.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School beginning September 20, 2022.

Megan Grant - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant to ACES Student Support Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week

beginning October 17, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.50 per hour.

Grace Hansen - Increase hourly rate to \$12.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning September 30, 2022.

Desiree Maloney - Increase hourly rate to \$12.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning September 21, 2022.

Annalise Rundquist - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning October 17, 2022.

Madeline Saye - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School beginning August 24, 2022.

#### REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Justina Bisch - School Counselor at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning November 22, 2022, and returning to work on January 3, 2023.

Mignon Disney - MLL Teacher at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 27 and returning to work on December 12, 2022.

Megan Hoffman - English & Language Arts/AVID Teacher at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 27 and returning to work on June 8, 2023.

Margaret Mueller - Special Education Teacher at Washington Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 24 and returning to work on December 19, 2022.

Callie Pengilly - MAPS Preschool Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning, has requested leave beginning April 17, 2023, and continuing through the end of the 2022-23 school year. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits.

#### REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Shipra Chowdhury - Early Learning Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center, has requested leave beginning November 11 and returning to work on January 3, 2023. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits.

Kelsey French - Secretary to the Principal at Hoover Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning December 5, 2022, and returning to work on January 16, 2023.

Karen Rivera - Cook Helper at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has requested leave beginning October 17 and returning to work on November 14, 2022. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits.

#### RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Fransesisko Alhag - Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 28, 2022.

Christopher Hagen - Health and Wellness Paraeducator at SUN, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 4, 2022.

Quinn Hansen - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 4, 2022.

Vanessa Netro Moua - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 3, 2022.

Andraya Parenteau - Student Success Coach at PEEK, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 3, 2022.

Sharon Starkey - Reading Intervention Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 31, 2022.

#### Addendum:

#### APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kay Dedinsky - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Margaret Mueller at Washington Elementary School beginning October 31 and ending December 16, 2022. She will be placed at step 10 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Madelyn Rasmussen - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Contract Substitute Teacher for Erica Demmer-Kennedy at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning December 13, 2022, and ending April 28, 2023. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

#### APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jennifer Denn - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Washington Elementary School for 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 10, 2022. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Ola Hassan - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning November 8, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Alyssa Saiquita - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning November 7, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Calie Schumann - ACES Site Lead at Bridges Community School for 5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 7, 2022, and ending September 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour.

#### CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Vesna Bozhinowska - Adjust salary placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule to step 10 of the M+45 lane beginning with the 2022-23 school year.

Lucinda Mendez - Adjust end date to November 23, 2022, for her Long-term Substitute Teacher assignment at Prairie Winds Middle School.

#### CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jordyn Manderscheid - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning from 7 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W) and 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (T) to 7 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W) and 4.25 hours per day/1 day per week (T) beginning October 3, 2022.

Rose McGregor - Decrease in assignment as Health Care (LPN/RN) Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School from 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.5 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning December 1, 2022.

Zoey Weller - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.83 hours per day/2 days per week (W/TH) to 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (W-F) beginning November 9, 2022.

Amanda Yock - Adjust start date to June 20, 2022 for her Health and Wellness Paraeducator, assignment at Washington Elementary School.

#### REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kristina Bollum - Health/Physical Education Teacher at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 27, 2023, and continuing through the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Wade French - Health/Physical Education Teacher at Central and East High Schools, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 17 and returning to work on February 24, 2023.

#### REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Karen Rivera - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work on December 17, 2022.

Gregory Thompson - Head Custodian at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 17 and returning to work on November 1, 2022.

#### RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Melody Born - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 16, 2022.

Claire Gilliat - Special Education Paraeducator at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 3, 2022.

Zoe Macklanburg - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 28, 2022.

Haley Ross - ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 14, 2022.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

Kato Insurance Agency Inc. donated \$986.42 for Nick Hoffman Scholarship Fund

Mankato Digital Photography Club donated \$500 for Central High School

The following donors donated for INSITE Program:

- Gift Cards (\$117 value) from Papa Murphy's
- 17 Dilly Bars (\$60 value) from Dairy Queen
- 5 - \$10 Gift Cards (\$50 value) from McDonalds
- Gift Cards (\$100 value) & Earrings (\$50 value) from Exclusively Diamond
- Free Meal Gift Cards (\$100 value) from Arby's
- Recliner (\$600 value) from Rooms & Rest
- 31 Products (\$120 value) from Thirty-One - Kandi Hemingway

Ron Boelter Window, Siding & Roofing donated \$500 for Hoover Elementary PBIS Program

Mary Huntley donated \$100 for West Hall of Fame

Anthony & Joan Czmowski donated \$100 for VEX Robotics

The following donated to Pack the Stands:

- \$100 from A R Fitness, LLC
- \$50 from Jewison & Associates, Inc.
- \$100 from Andring Collins Norman CPA's
- \$100 from Commerce Drive Dental Group
- \$100 from Community Bank
- \$100 from Exclusively Diamonds
- \$100 from Southern Minnesota Orthodontics, P.A.
- \$125 from Mankato United Soccer Club
- \$150 from Mankato Clinic, LTD
- \$250 from Buffalo Wild Wings
- \$250 from Consolidated Communications
- \$250 from Gish Electric
- \$250 from LJP Waste & Recycling

- \$250 from Mankato East High School Booster Club
- \$250 from Schwickerts Tecta America of Mankato LLC
- \$300 from Kato Family Chiropractic PA
- \$350 from 7 Systems LLC
- \$500 from Mankato West High School Booster Club
- \$500 from Birkholz & Associates LLC
- \$500 from I & S Group, Inc.
- \$500 from Knutson - Casey PC

Jerry's Body Shop Inc. donated \$500 for Mankato FFA Chapter

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

The state law requires school districts to enter contracts with all individuals or companies who transport students. There are a number of individuals with whom we must reach an agreement with each fall. There are various situations in the school district for which a special arrangement for transportation has been made with either the parent or a private contractor for example: There are situations where the bus is unable to travel on a road because of location and condition. The bus routes are too long for some students that have very special needs or are medically fragile. Some are just not able to make arrangements suitable for the child's specific needs and therefore enter into a contract with the parent or guardian. The district has a number of students that participate in a work program and are being transported to and from their work experience sites on a daily basis. Following questions, Ms. Schuck made a motion to approve the contracts and the motion was seconded by Mr. Kind. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Roberts moved and Ms. Schuck seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:46 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
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1. Baker/Schuck approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Open Forum - Ronald Schmidt, Kari Pratt & John Wicklund wished to speak.
3. Information: MAPS Principal Report, Board Member Report.
4. Schuck/Ratcliff approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2022, regular meeting; Personnel. 7-0
5. Ratcliff/Baker acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
6. Schuck/Kind approval of individual transportation contracts. 7-0
7. Roberts/Schuck adjournment at 7:46 p.m. 7-0

Independent School District No. 77  
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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](http://www.isd77.org).