



AGENDA

Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
Intergovernmental Center - Mankato Room

Greeters: Supt. Paul Peterson and Board Member Shannon Sinning

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:30 P.M.)
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (5:30 P.M.)
3. MAPS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT (5:35 P.M.)
4. OPEN FORUM (5:45 P.M.)
5. INFORMATION (5:55 P.M.)
 - A. 2022-23 MAPS Legislative Platform
 - B. 2023 MSBA Leadership Conference
 - C. Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports
6. CONSENT AGENDA (6:35 P.M.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2023, Special Meeting
 - B. Approval of January Bills
 - C. Personnel
7. BUSINESS (6:40 P.M.)
 - A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

8. ADJOURNMENT (6:45 P.M.)



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OPEN FORUM GUIDELINES

The Mankato Area School Board welcomes public participation through open forum. Hearing from citizens is an important aspect of public service, and the School Board appreciates people sharing their views.

It is important to note that School Board meetings are business meetings held in the public. They are not public meetings nor are they a public forum. They are a business meeting of the elected representatives of the school district. The Mankato Area School Board expects that the same etiquette and decorum displayed during the business meeting be present during the open forum.

- Open forum participation is limited to those individuals who wish to speak to an item on the Board agenda.
- The School Board does not comment or ask questions during open forum.
- Each speaker is asked to provide his/her name and city for the record.
- Each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes to speak. The Board Chair will alert speakers when their time is up. Failure to stop speaking and blatantly ignore the cue, will result in an individual losing the ability to participate in open forums for the next two months.
- When there is a large number of speakers, the Board Chair may modify open forum, such as shortening the time allotted for each speaker, adding an overall time limit, or shifting a portion of the open forum to the end of the meeting.
- Open forum participants are prohibited from calling out or addressing any individual School Board or school district staff member. If this occurs, open forum will be closed and the individual will not be allowed to participate in future open forums.
- Crowd noise or any sort of grandstanding during open forum, including applause, talking, shouting, or any outbursts will result in the open forum being closed.

Citizens wishing to speak are asked to fill out the form online by 3 pm the day of the meeting or 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.

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DISTRICT STRATEGIC ROADMAP

Who we are and who we strive to be

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.

Commitment and Values

what drives our actions and words

MAPS works to be:

- Visibly Inclusive
- Intentionally Equitable
- Anti-racist
- Committed to Excellence
- Accountable for Results

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 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 Direction

our focus for continuous improvement

- Improving learning and development for ALL students
- 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

We will reach our 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; and
- each student, family, and staff member feels safe, is welcome, and is treated with dignity and respect.

School Board Regular Meeting**5. A.****Meeting Date:** 01/17/2023**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

2022-23 MAPS Legislative Platform

Background:

The MAPS Legislative Committee met several times in preparation for the 2023 legislative session that has now begun in Saint Paul. The school district's committee is comprised of School Board members, district leaders, students and parents.

At tonight's meeting, an overview of the themes and components of the MAPS 2023 Legislative Platform will be shared, along with an update from the meeting held with area legislators on December 19. Historically, the MAPS School Board has participated in MSBA 'Day at the Capitol' and other public education advocacy events.

Recommended Action:

None

AttachmentsMAPS Legislative Platform



2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mission Statement

our core purpose

Mankato Area Public Schools 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.

Legislative Priorities

fully fund public education

The Mankato Area Public Schools' Legislative Committee developed a legislative platform for 2023 that reflects the urgent challenges of the largest school district in south central Minnesota. When fully funded, Mankato Area Public Schools will be positioned to raise the achievement of all student groups by empowering staff with the resources required to support students in realizing their full potential.

School Funding

- Full funding of all state mandates.
- Increase funding for special education and non-special education staff; intervention staff in the areas of reading and mathematics; classroom staff to lower class sizes; social workers.
- Address the underfunding of special education mandates by eliminating the cross-subsidy.
- Increase special education funding to allow for lower student:teacher ratios and improved wages for support staff.
- Prioritize pre-kindergarten and early childhood education access by funding school-based early childhood programming, including fully funded preschool screening.
- Expand long-term facilities maintenance funding and its eligible uses to address local facility needs.
- Expand reimbursement of third party billing to include social workers providing mental health services for students with special needs.





Mental Health Support

- Support increased mental health staff to address social-emotional learning needs.
- Fund mental health screener tools to identify student needs and interventions.



Teacher Recruitment & Retention

- Restore funding for “Grow Your Own” concurrent enrollment courses and expand funding for community-wide opportunities focused on developing the Minnesota teacher workforce. This includes diversifying the state’s teaching ranks and providing incentives for paraprofessionals to become licensed teachers.
- Provide funding for school districts to establish accessible mental health supports for educators to ensure a healthy and sustainable workforce.
- Expand student loan forgiveness to encourage retention in local school districts.
- Review teacher retirement age and benefits and align to neighboring states.



Innovation

- Establish a streamlined process to seek waivers from state statute or department requirements to provide flexibility for school districts to conduct action research on innovative teaching and learning ideas. For example, school district and higher education collaboration, school-business career pathways, classroom-childcare-community partnerships.
- Support flexibility to expand teacher licensure pathways.

Legislative Committee Members

Audra Nissen Boyer
Jolly Corley
Emily Dauk
Caia Fredrickson
Mark Gewerth
Scott Hare
Amanda Heilman
Scott Hogen

Christopher Kind
John Lustig
Travis Olson
Akram Osman
Paul Peterson
Angie Potts
Stephen Rustad
Jodi Sapp

Isaac Shetka
Samuel Stier
Jill Storm
Darcy Stueber
Meghan Velasquez
Caleb Watson
Andy Wilke

For additional information, please contact Superintendent Paul Peterson at 507-387-1868.

School Board Regular Meeting

5. B.

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

2023 MSBA Leadership Conference

Background:

Board members will have an opportunity to provide brief reports on the 2023 MSBA Leadership Conference.

Recommended Action:

None

School Board Regular Meeting

5. C.

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

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

6. A.

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2023, Special Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes and proceedings as attached.

Attachments

Minutes - January 5, 2023

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

January 5, 2023

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in special session on Thursday, January 5, in the Mankato Room in the Intergovernmental Center to organize for 2023.

Vice Chair Schuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Patrick Baker, Christopher Kind, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, Erin Roberts, Kristi Schuck, and Shannon Sinning. Members absent: none.

The Honorable Kristine Weeks swore in new School Board members Patrick Baker, Kari Pratt, Kristin Schuck and Shannon Sinning.

Ms. Roberts moved, and Mr. Kind seconded, approval of the agenda together with a personnel addendum. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Special Recognition: Kyle Baynes was recognized and thanked for his generous donation to Jefferson Elementary School.

Open Forum: Brad Potter wished to speak.

Nominations were opened for the position of Chairperson. Ms. Roberts nominated Shannon Sinning. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Schuck closed nominations and an unanimous ballot for Mr. Sinning was casted with the following result: Mr. Sinning - 7 votes. Mr. Sinning was declared Chairperson.

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Mrs. Ratcliff nominated Kristi Schuck. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Sinning closed nominations and an unanimous ballot for Ms. Schuck was casted with the following result: Ms. Schuck - 7 votes. Ms. Schuck was declared Vice-Chairperson.

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

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

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

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the following resolution designating official depositories for the School District. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, US Bank Mankato, Old National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., ProGrowth Bank, 1st National Bank, Frandsen Bank, MinnStar Bank, CCF Bank, Bank of Utah, MN Trust, Twin City Federal National Bank, Pioneer Bank and the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund Plus, and are hereby designated as depositories of this School District with authority to accept or receive, at any time, deposits for the credit of this School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That checks, drafts, or other orders for payment with the depositories must be signed, actually or by use of a facsimile signature, by all three of the following officers of Independent School District No. 77:

_____, Clerk
_____, Chairperson
_____, Treasurer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Amanda Heilman is authorized to transfer between depository accounts School District funds as they determine necessary in the normal operation of the School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Amanda Heilman is authorized to purchase Certificates of Deposit and Commercial Paper in name of Independent School District No. 77, Mankato, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Amanda Heilman is authorized to wire transfer funds to pay principal and interest payments due on school building bonds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall continue in force until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been furnished to and received by the depositories.

School Board Policy 216 provides for the appointment of legal counsel for the School District. Ms. Roberts made a motion to name the following firms as legal counsel for 2022 to be paid on an hourly basis for services rendered:

Blethen Berens Law Firm
Knutson, Flynn and Deans, P.A.
Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.
Kennedy and Graven Chartered
Dorsey & Whitney LLP

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

A motion was made by Ms. Schuck, seconded by Mr. Baker, to name the Mankato *Free Press* as the School District's official newspaper for 2023. The motion carried on a 7-0

voice vote.

A motion to approve the following resolution relating to expenses for School Board meetings was made by Ms. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 77 that:

- 1. WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the School District to occasionally invite members of the public, members of other public boards and bodies, and members of the school staff to School Board meetings, and*
- 2. WHEREAS, at many School Board meetings, good public relations make it advisable to provide coffee and meals on special occasions as determined by the School Board, to persons attending such meetings in the interest of the District,*
- 3. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District pay the cost of meals when occasionally furnished to members of the School Board and others who attend meetings held in the interest of the School District and that the School District do likewise provide, at the expense of the District, coffee for all persons attending said meetings in the interest of good public relations for the benefit of the School District and the students served thereby.*

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency LEA. Ms. Schuck made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff, to designate Paul Peterson, Superintendent, and Becky Bailey, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/School Board Deputy Clerk to the role of Identified Official with Authority. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Most state- and federally-funded programs require that the School Board, in official session, authorize an agent to execute and file funding applications for the School District and act as its official representatives in those state- and federally-funded programs. Mr. Kind made a motion to designate Superintendent Paul Peterson or his designee as the School District's agent for filing the applications and representing the District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion to affirm the meeting schedule for 2023 as shown below. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuck and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 17, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 6, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 6, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 20, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 3, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 17, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 1, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 15, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 19, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 17, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 21, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 5, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, September 18, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 2, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 16, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 6, 2023 (World's Best Workforce Mtg at 5 pm)	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 20, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 18, 2023	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.

A school board member may be employed by a school district as an employee as long as the board member's annual earnings do not exceed \$20,000 per year. The school board must give unanimous approval for a board member to be employed. Ms. Schuck made a motion to employ Board member Kari Pratt for calendar year 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Anne Anderson - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 19, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Danielle Borgman - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 1, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Olivia Engels - Nutrition Services Intern for up to 150 annual hours beginning January 18, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$14.95 per hour.

Natasha Garbers - Child Care Classroom Teacher at Lincoln Logs Learning Center for 7 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning January 3, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.25 per hour and will be eligible for 6-3-2 benefits.

Megan Grant - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 1, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Student Support Assistant assignment at Monroe Elementary School.

Adelynn Mason - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Hoover Elementary School on an on-call basis beginning December 21, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Wallace Michels - 4-Hour, 9-month, Evening Custodian at Bridges Community School beginning January 3, 2023. He will be placed at classification A13, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Lily Pokornowski - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 1 and ending December 29, 2022. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Washington Elementary School.

Emily Price - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 1, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Bridges Community School.

Rebecca Stark - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 1, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Kennedy Elementary School.

Elizabeth Weber - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center for 3.25 hours per day/1 day per week (T) and 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning January 17, 2023. 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 ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute assignment.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ann Amaye - Change in assignment from Non-Classroom (Lunchroom) Paraeducator, classification B21, and Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, at Rosa Parks Elementary School to EL Paraeducator, classification B21, at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 23, 2023.

Hailey Beer - Increase hourly rate to \$13.00 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 12, 2023.

Karen Hammerlein - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School from 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 8, 2022.

Hailey Hoppe - Change in assignment from Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, for 4.84 hours per day/5 days per week, and Non-Classroom (Playground) Paraeducator, classification B21, for 2 hours per day/5 days per week to Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning January 3, 2023.

Abigail Lampert - Increase hourly rate to \$13.00 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning January 31, 2023.

Alison Leighton - Increase hourly rate to \$13.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 8, 2023.

Abby Lundquist - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 12, 2023.

Avery Mersch - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School from 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) to 7 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W) and 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (W) beginning January 3, 2023.

Augustus Nelson - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning November 18, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023.

Cammi Nordmeyer - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School beginning January 25, 2023.

Kallie Schneider - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School beginning January 25, 2023.

Lillianna Swenson - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning January 25, 2023.

Rylee Thompson - Increase hourly rate to \$13.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School beginning January 8, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Alissa Ross - School Counselor at Washington Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 7, 2023, and continuing through the 2022-23 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Karen Rivera - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work on January 17, 2023.

Cathy Schmitz - Cook Helper at Franklin Elementary School, has requested leave beginning December 12, 2022, and returning to work on February 6, 2023. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits.

Addendum

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hailey Hoppe - Decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.25 hours per day/4 days per week (M/T/W/F) and 4.42 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning January 9, 2023.

Cheresa Puhmann - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center from 2 hours per day/1 day per week (M) and 1.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) to 2 hours per day/2 days per week (M/T) and 1.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning December 5, 2022.

Alexia Thomas - Increase in assignments as Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School from 4.25 hours per day/1 day per week (M), 6.25 hours per day/1 day per week (T), and 4.75 hours per day/1 day per week (W) to 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (T/TH/F), and 4.75 hours per day/1 day per week (W) beginning January 9, 2023. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Cassandra Kolhoff - Adjust start date to January 3, 2023, for Board-approved leave.

Elizabeth Lewis - Extend Board-approved leave for a total of 12 workweeks, then continuing with unpaid leave through the end of the 2022-23 school year. She will be eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits.

Sarah Larson - Revised - 5th Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 9 and continuing for a period of 12 workweeks, then continuing with unpaid leave until returning to work on April 13, 2023.

Michelle Makela - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work on February 6, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Steven Piroso - ABE College Readiness Right Start! Navigator with the Adult Education Program has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be January 5, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Julia O'Neil - Teacher currently on leave, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be January 3, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jamie Bahl - Early Childhood Screener with the Early Learning Program, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 23, 2022.

Neil Hardie - Adjust end date to January 6, 2023, as ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School.

Kevin Hermanson - Head Building Engineer at East High School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be January 31, 2023.

Lily Pokornowski - Rescind resignation as ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School.

Rebecca Shouts - Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be January 13, 2023.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

Barbara Young donated \$50 for Mankato Area Public Schools Angel Fund.

Carlson Tillisch Eye Clinic donated \$500 for West High Robotics Program

Robert & Carla Chesley donated \$1,500 for Central High Warm Coats Fund

The following were donated for Central High Student Adventures:

- \$8,145 from Anne Chesley Herlihy
- \$8,145 from Robert & Carla Chesley

Mankato Clinic donated Mental Health Matters T-Shirts (\$3,237.42 value) to West High School

MEI - Total Elevator Solutions donated 92 Kwik Trip Gift Cards - \$50 each (\$4,600 value) to ACES Direct Service Staff

Schmidt Siding & Windows Inc. donated \$100 for West High Robotics Program

Marshall Building & Remodeling, Inc donated \$1,000 for East High VEX Robotics Club

Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union donated \$1,500 for Nick Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund

The following were donated for Mankato Area Public Schools Student Support Fund:

- \$1,010 from North Mankato American Legion Post 518
- \$2,000 from Walmart Supercenter

The following were donated for the West High Orchestras Program:

- \$100 from Sandra M. Cesafsky
- \$100 from Dairy Queen West

- \$100 from Steve & Kathy Duea
- \$100 from Mankato Motors Co.
- \$500 from Maschka, Riedy, Ries & Frentz
- \$250 from Operose Manufacturing
- \$100 from H. Oscar & Frieda Schlenker
- \$150 from Skogen Mechanical, LLC
- \$500 from The Aesthetic Loft, LLC

Kyle Baynes donated \$500,000 for Jefferson Elementary School

Mr. Kind made a motion to accept the gifts. 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 Mrs. Ratcliff seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:04 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk _____

Chairperson _____

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

January 5, 2023

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1. Honorable Kristine Weeks swore in new School Board members Patrick Baker, Kari Pratt, Kristin Schuck and Shannon Sinning.
2. Roberts/Kind approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
3. Special Recognition: Kyle Baynes' donation
4. Open Forum - Brad Potter wished to speak.
5. Shannon Sinning elected as Chairperson.
6. Kristi Schuck elected as Vice-Chairperson.
7. Erin Roberts elected as Clerk.
8. Christopher Kind elected as Treasurer.
9. Baker/Schuck appoint Becky Bailey as Deputy Clerk. 7-0
10. Baker/Ratcliff approval of resolution designating official depositories for 2023. 7-0
11. Roberts/Kind approval of legal counsel for 2023. 7-0
12. Schuck/Baker named Mankato *Free Press* as official newspaper. 7-0
13. Roberts/Ratcliff approval of expenses for Board meetings. 7-0
14. Schuck/Ratcliff designate Supt. Peterson and Deputy Clerk Becky Bailey as Identified Official with Authority for MDE Secure Website Access. 7-0
15. Kind/Baker designate Superintendent Peterson or his designee as the official agent for filing and executing funding applications for state- and federally-funded programs. 7-0
16. Ratcliff/Schuck confirm meeting schedule for 2023. 7-0
17. Schuck/Ratcliff approval of Kari Pratt as substitute teacher for 2023. 7-0
18. Kind/Roberts approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular meeting; Approval of Personnel Items. 7-0
19. Kind/Schuck acceptance of gifts and grants. 7-0
20. Roberts/Ratcliff adjournment at 6:04 p.m. 7-0.

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Mankato, Minnesota
By: Erin Roberts, Clerk

The complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review in the Superintendent's Office, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2 and on-line at www.isd77.org.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. B.

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Prepared By: Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Subject:

Approval of January Bills

Background:

At our meeting on Tuesday evening, the administrative team will be prepared to answer any questions you might have regarding the report on claims and accounts for January. The total of the bills for January of 2023 is \$8,480,687.26.

Recommended Action:

The claims are recommended for payment as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. C.

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Subject:

Personnel

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sarah Bjorklund - Adjust dates as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Sarah Larson at Jefferson Elementary School beginning January 9, and ending April 12, 2023.

Mary Johnson - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Jeffrey Dittmer at Washington Elementary School beginning January 9 and ending February 28, 2023. She will be placed at step 10 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Norma Gonzalez - ACES Site Lead at Roosevelt Elementary School for 5-6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 10 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.50 per hour.

Joshua Pahl - Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School for 7 hours per week/5 days per week beginning January 9, and ending January 20, 2023. He will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Tresa Reuter - Decrease in assignment as Spanish Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School from 1.167 FTEs to 1.00 FTEs for the second semester of the 2022-23 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Madonna Bengtson - Change in assignment from Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21, for 7 hours per day/4 days per week to Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21, for 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week and Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5 for 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week at Franklin Elementary School beginning January 9, 2023. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Minnesota School Employees Association salary schedule.

Lily Pokornowski - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute and ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 29, 2022, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.75 per hour as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute and \$16.00 per hour as ACES Site Lead Substitute.

Maria Stock - Increase in assignment as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 10, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Laycon Robinson - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work on January 24, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Jeffrey Dahline - Principal at East High School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 30, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jacob Umbreit - Teacher currently on leave has submitted a resignation, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Thomas Woodside - Speech Clinician at West High School, Central High School, and Dakota Meadows Middle School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends the approval of the personnel item

School Board Regular Meeting**7. A.****Meeting Date:** 01/17/2023**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

John & Jennifer Shain donated \$200 for West High Girls Hockey Program

The following were donated for East High Girls Hockey Program:

- \$250 from CLJ Enterprises LLC
- \$250 from Mankato Area Hockey Association

Eagle Lake American Legion Post 617 donated \$500 for Eagle Lake Elementary School

Urbanworks Architecture, LLC donated \$1,500 for Central High School

Recommended Action:

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