

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

February 21, 2023

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Sinning 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.

Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion, and Mr. Kind seconded approval of the agenda and carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Mrs. Ratcliff made an amendment to her motion to add the Personnel Addendum and Approval of the 2022-2023 Calendar Adjustment Addendum to the agenda. Ms. Roberts second the motion and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Information Reports: Talent Development Report presented by Steve Rustad, Monde Schwartz, Jeff Dahline, Rachel Moeller and Tania Lyon; Board Member Workshops/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2023, regular Board meeting.

Approval of February Bills totaling \$17,958,303.14.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Karen Barnett - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Emily Ball at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning March 29, and ending May 5, 2023. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Robin Henke - Long-term (1.066 FTEs) Substitute Teacher for Amanda Kroehler at Jefferson Elementary and Franklin Elementary Schools beginning March 6, and ending May 25, 2023. She will be placed at step 10 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Tatyana Mueller - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Speech Language Pathologist, site to be determined, beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the M+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon program completion and obtaining licensure.

The following will be teachers in the Central High Night School Program beginning February 20 and ending May 24, 2023. They will be compensated according to their placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Frederick Berg, Thomas Boone, Jeremy Burger, David Burgess, Robert Groebner, Russell Groebner, Nathan Hawker, Jeffery Helget, Stephen Hueser, Laura Januschka Blasing, Crystal Kay, Amanda Knode Abel, TerRon Lee, Christina Makela, Aaron Miller, Sherry Miller, Michelle L Peterson, Kirsten Prunty, Rebecca Sellers, Michael Sipe, Camielle Spielman, Daniel Toegel, Matthew Weichert, Anna Wirth

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sydnea Ausen - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 15, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Kennedie Fellman - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 3.5 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning February 14, 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.

Starla Goblirsch - Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W) beginning February 8, 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.

Molly Kahl - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 1.75 hours per day/2 days per week beginning February 13 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Morgan Lau - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary Schools for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 8, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Amina Manguera - Student Success Coach at Monroe Elementary School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 16, 2023. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Casey Marble - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Washington Elementary School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 20, 2023. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Kate Meyer - ACES Student Support Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 9, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Kelsey Meyer- ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 2 hours per day/4 days per week beginning February 8, and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Elliot Peterson - Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School for 1 hour per day/2 days per week (M/W) and 2 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning February 16, 2023. He will be placed at classification B21.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

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

Trey Winkels - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools for 4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning February 8, and ending June 7, 2023. He will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Linda Meixl - Adjust salary placement to B step 10, as Contract Substitute Teacher for Elizabeth Lewis at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning January 9, 2023.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kirsten Elliott - Adjust classification placement as Clerical Assistant/POS Operator at Washington Elementary School from A12 to A13 beginning July 1, 2022. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Brady Haugum - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning March 21, 2023.

Emma Loveall - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning March 14, 2023.

Klara Lybeck - Increase hourly rate to \$12.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School Beginning March 2, 2023.

Ashley Nelson - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning March 14, 2023.

Emma Petersen - Increase hourly rate to \$13.00 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning March 24, 2023.

Jessica Traxler - Decrease in assignment as Non-classroom (Lunchroom) Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School from 3 hours per day/5 days per week to 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 8, 2022.

Noah Wolters - Change in assignment from 6-Hour Day, 9-month, Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School and INSITE to 8-Hour, 12-month Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning February 8, 2023. He will be compensated according to his placement on the Minnesota School Employees Association salary schedule.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Paige Burnham - Adjust start date to February 1, 2023, for Board-approved leave.

Alicia Zimmer - Adjust dates for Board-approved leave begin February 1, and returning to work on June 8, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Gina Henkelman - Physical Therapy Assistant for the District has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Richard Jaqua - 3rd Grade Teacher at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

Jean Jurgenson - ABE Teacher with the Adult Education Program at Lincoln Community Center, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 7, 2023.

Beth Krause - Teacher currently on leave, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 14, 2023.

Pamela Loitz - School Psychologist for the District, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be August 14, 2023.

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

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Donald Gillen - 8-Hour Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 7, 2023.

Elaine Hardwick - Youth Programs Assistant Specialist with Community Education at Lincoln Community Center, has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be February 17, 2023. She will continue her American Indian Liaison assignment for the District.

Chance Knoll - 8-Hour Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 7, 2023.

Mariah Long - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 15, 2023.

Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kennedie Fellman - Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 3 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning February 14, 2023. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Karley Guenther - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 1.75 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 23 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50.

Elliot Peterson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 1.75 hours per day/2 days per week beginning February 16 and ending June 7, 2023. He will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour. This is in addition to his Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Monroe Elementary School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Friday Gora - Adjust start date to February 15, 2023, as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Kristin Van Otterloo at East High School.

Mary Johnson - Adjust end date to February 17, 2023, as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Jeffrey Dittmer at Washington Elementary School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Cassandra De La Cruz - Temporary decrease in assignment as Early Learning Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center from 2 hours per day/1 day per week and 1.5 hours per day/1 day per week to 2 hours per day/1 day per week beginning January 24 and ending March 7, 2023.

Bisharo Farah - Decrease in assignment as Childcare Assistant Teacher at Lincoln Logs Learning Center from 6 hours per day/4 days per week to 5.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning February 20, 2023.

Nicole Helget - Adjust salary step placement to B22 step 2, as Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning November 21, 2022.

Marlene Houg - Increase in assignment as Non-classroom (Lunchroom) Paraeducator at Jefferson Elementary School from 1.5 hours per day/4 days per week to 2.25 hours per day/4 days per week (M/T/TH/F) beginning September 8, 2022.

Patrick McCall - Change in assignment from 8-Hour Evening Custodian at Washington Elementary School to Custodial Engineer at Kennedy Elementary School beginning February 21, 2023. He will be placed at classification B22, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Grace Perschbacher - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21, from 2.25 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) and 3 hours per day/1 day per week (F) to 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week at the MAPS Center for Learning beginning September 12, 2022. This is in addition to her Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator Level 3, classification B21.5, assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

William Robinson - Change in assignment from Custodial Engineer at Bridges Community School to District Maintenance beginning February 27, 2023. He will be placed at classification B23, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Jaymes Sorensen - Increase in assignment as Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Jefferson Elementary School from 2.34 hours per day/2 days per week (M/F) to 2.25 hours per day/4 days per week (M/T/TH/F) beginning February 6, 2023.

Sonja Sowders - Decrease in assignment as Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Jefferson Elementary School from 2.34 hours per day/2 days per week (M/F) to 2.25 hours per day/1 day per week (W) beginning February 6, 2023.

John Stalter - Change in assignment from 8-hour Evening Custodian at West High School to 8-hour Evening Custodian at Hoover Elementary School beginning February 21, 2023.

Ann Vose - Change in assignment from Title 1 Paraeducator to Non-classroom (SSC Supervisor) Paraeducator at Eagle Lake Elementary School beginning February 10, 2023.

Elizabeth Weber - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center from 3.25 hours per day/1 day per week (T) and 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) to 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (T) and 3.75 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning February 2, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Brittany Boyum - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2023-24 school year.

Lexy Braun - 3rd Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 17 and returning to work on June 8, 2023.

Amber Leonhardi - Kindergarten Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave for the 2023-24 school year.

Mary McCuskey Simpson - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2023-24 school year.

Anna Rose - Special Education Teacher at West High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning September 5 and returning to work on December 4, 2023.

Michael Shores - Technology Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has requested an extended unpaid leave of absence per MN Statute 122A.46 beginning with the 2023-24 school year and continuing through the 2025-26 school year.

Renee Unger - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2023-24 school year.

Christina Woodside - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2023-24 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Christinna Olson - Special Education Paraeducator at East High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 21 and returning to work on April 10, 2023.

Karen Rivera - Returning to work on February 15, 2023, and continuing leave with a reduced work schedule of 2 hours per day until returning to full schedule on March 10, 2023.

Margarita Santillan - Cook Helper at Monroe Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave beginning February 16 and returning to work on February 27, 2023.

Karen Severns - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave beginning February 27 and returning to work on April 3, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Tania Lyon - Talent Development Coordinator for the District, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be April 10, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kristina Brummund - School Social Worker at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Karen Hauer - Mathematics Teacher at Central High School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Sarah Hendley - School Psychologist at Franklin Elementary and Washington Elementary Schools, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 15, 2023.

Laura Linde - 1st Grade Teacher at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

Cynthia Nadeau - 1st Grade Teacher at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

Jennifer Steckel - Special Education Teacher at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Amber Volkman - Multi-Language Learner (MLL) Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ona Anderson - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 17, 2023.

Monique Krook - Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 24, 2023.

Sophia Venner - ACES Site Lead at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 10, 2023.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

Jared & Jessica Smasal donated \$1,000 for East High VEX Robotics Program

Scheels donated \$500 for East High Student Lunch Debt

Primesource Funding Inc donated \$500 for West High Adapted Floor Hockey Program

Mankato Area Hockey Association donated \$250 for West High Boys Hockey Program

Kate's Travel LLC donated \$390 for East High Choir Program - Robes

Culver's Corporation donated \$575 for Mankato Area Public Schools FFA Program

East High Girls Basketball Program received the following donations:

- \$100 from John & Kimberly Beaty
- \$914.67 from Kiwanis Holiday Lights, Inc.

Ms. Schuck made a motion to accept the gift. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pratt and carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On an annual basis, The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) issues a vote of concurrence or nonconcurrence. This year the AIPAC has again voted in concurrence and support of the educational programs that are being provided to the American Indian students in Mankato Area Public Schools. A motion was made by Ms. Schuck and seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff to approve the Annual Compliance Documentation submitted by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pratt to approve the 2022-2023 calendar change if days need to be added to the calendar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuck and carried on a 7-0 roll call.

Celebrations: Board members were recognized and thanked for their service to the school district.

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Ratcliff moved and Mr. Kind seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:48 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk _____

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Ratcliff/Roberts approval of agenda with personnel & 2022-2023 calendar adjustment addendum. 7-0
2. Open Forum - No one wished to speak.
3. Information: Talent Development Report, Board Member Reports.
4. Baker/Schuck approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2023, regular meeting; Approval of February Bills; Personnel. 7-0
5. Schuck/Pratt acceptance of gift. 7-0
6. Schuck/Ratcliff approval of Annual American Indian Education Compliance. 7-0
7. Pratt/Schuck approval of 2022-23 calendar adjustment. 7-0
8. Recognition of Board members
9. Pratt/Schuck adjournment at 6:48 p.m. 7-0

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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.