

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

March 6, 2023

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 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, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, Erin Roberts, Kristi Schuck and Shannon Sinning. Members absent: Christopher Kind.

Ms. Schuck made a motion, and Ms. Roberts seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

MAPS Student Spotlight - Yasmin Omar - Prairie Winds Middle School

Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Information Reports: Annual School District Radon Report; Elementary STEM Report; and Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Schuck, and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ciara Flugum - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Kasey Hassig at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning March 12 and ending June 8, 2023. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Alexander Gilbertson - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Kristina Bollum at West High School beginning February 20 and ending June 7, 2023. He will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Friday Gora - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Helen Adetunji - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Washington Elementary School for 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 2, 2023. She will be placed at classification B21, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Substitute assignment.

Jennifer Denn - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Washington Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 3, 2023. She will be placed at classification B22.5, 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 assignment at Washington Elementary School.

Sowsan Hassan - Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 8, 2023. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Brooke Roy - Non-classroom (Playground/Lunchroom) Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 24, 2023. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Leia Rutz - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 28 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Sydnee Wand - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning March 13 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Margaret Wood - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 2 hours per day/2 days per week beginning February 27, 2023. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Serenity Zwaschka - Youth Programs Assistant Specialist Substitute with Community Education at Lincoln Community Center for up to 30 hours per week beginning February 17 and ending June 8, 2023. They will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jonathan Morrow - Change in assignment from Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator, classification B21, and Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, to Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week at Eagle Lake Elementary School beginning September 8, 2022. This is in addition to his ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute assignment.

Alexia Thomas - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning March 1, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kristina Bollum - Adjust dates for Board-approved leave beginning February 16, and returning to work on June 8, 2023.

Wade French - Adjust return date to February 27, 2023, for Board-approved leave.

Amanda Kroehler - Adjust start date to February 27, 2023, for Board-approved leave.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jill Mueller - 4th Grade 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.

Leah Ries - Music Teacher at Eagle Lake Elementary and Washington Elementary Schools, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

Kari Welter - Spanish Teacher at East High School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mya Mathiowetz - Student Success Coach at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 8, 2023.

Madeline Veroeven - Health Assistant at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Oscar Andrade Lara - Summer School Administrative Intern beginning March 22 and ending July 27, 2023. This is an unpaid assignment.

Jacquelyn Frayne - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Speech Language Pathologist for the District beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. She will be placed at step 6 of the M+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Collin Seifert - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) School Psychologist for the District beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. He will be placed at step 2 of the M+30

lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule with an additional 10 contract days per year, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Deanna Sforza - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) School Psychologist for the District beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule with an additional 10 contract days per year, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Peter Wittmer - Summer School Administrative Intern beginning March 22 and ending July 27, 2023. This is an unpaid assignment.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Alissa Lien - Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (T/TH/F) beginning March 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.

Margaret Wood - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 28 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour. This is in addition to her Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sowsan Hassan - Adjust start date to March 15, 2023, as Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School.

Avery Mersch - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School and 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 (W) to 7 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/TH) and 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (T) beginning March 9, 2023.

Michael Stoeckel - Change in assignment from 8-Hour Evening Custodian at Dakota Meadows Middle School to Custodian Engineer at Bridges Community School beginning March 6, 2023. He will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Serenity Zwaschka - Adjust start date to March 6, 2023, as Youth Programs Assistant Specialist Substitute with Community Education at Lincoln Community Center.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

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

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kendrick Bates - Student Success Coach at Franklin Elementary School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 9 and returning to work on March 13, 2023.

Patricia Cluka - Extend Board-approved intermittent leave with a reduced schedule of 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week, return to full schedule on March 20, 2023.

Jose Gomez - Special Education Paraeducator at Central High School, has requested leave beginning February 13 and returning to work on February 27, 2023, and continuing leave with a reduced work schedule of 4 hours per day/5 days per week until returning to full schedule on April 28, 2023.

Samantha Guinn - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 9 and returning to work on March 13, 2023.

Mary Nichols - EL Paraeducator at Hoover Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 15 and returning to work on March 27, 2023, and continuing leave with a reduced work schedule of 3 days per week through the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Jennifer Schmitt - Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School, has requested medical leave beginning February 7 and returning to work on February 21, 2023.

Kelli Woelfel - Program Secretary with the Adult Education Program, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 19 and returning to work on July 17, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jean Biesterveld - Special Education Paraeducator at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 7, 2023.

Taylor Exline - Counseling Secretary at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 17, 2023.

TERMINATION (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Wallace Michels - 4-Hour Evening Custodian at Bridges Community School, effective February 1, 2023.

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

Gillette Pepsi Mankato donated \$175 for 2023 Career Expo

CAB Construction & Manufacturing donated 450 2x2 Steel Squares (\$97.50 value) for East High School

Prairie Ecology Bus Center donated \$5,100 for Bridges Community School

Growth Holdings LLC donated \$500 for East High Girls Softball Program

Universal Sounds Production donated \$1,000 for Dakota Meadows Middle School - 6th grade Science Program

Mary Jo Erickson donated \$450 for East High Wolverton Scholarship Fund

Mr. Baker made a motion to accept the gifts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Schuck moved and Ms. Roberts seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:09 p.m., on a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Schuck/Roberts approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 6-0
2. MAPS Student Spotlight - Yasmin Omar - Prairie Winds Middle School
3. Open Forum - No one wished to speak.
4. Information: Annual Radon Report; Elementary STEM Report; and Board Member Reports.
5. Roberts/Schuck approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular meeting; Personnel. 6-0
6. Baker/Ratcliff acceptance of gifts. 6-0
7. Schuck/Roberts adjournment at 6:09 p.m. 6-0

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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.