

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

May 1, 2023

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, May 1, in the Mankato Room - 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. Absent: None.

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

MAPS Student Spotlight: Dawson King - Futures

Open Forum: Elizabeth Hanke wished to speak.

Information Reports: Summer Programs Preview presented by Melissa Brueske, Kayla Lewis and Oscar Andrade Lara; Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports.

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

Approval of Minutes of the April 17, 2023, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sarah Bjorklund - Long-term Reading Intervention Substitute Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School beginning April 14 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Anne Muske - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) French Teacher at East High School and West High School beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. She will be placed at step 10 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Samantha Bubalo - Special Education Paraeducator at West High School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 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.

Natalie Laciskey - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 8 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Tallon Mickley - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools for 5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 8 and ending June 7, 2023. He will be compensated at the rate of \$12.75 per hour.

Brianna Prince - ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute at Roosevelt Elementary School on an on-call basis beginning May 1 and ending June 7, 2023. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Kristine Rude - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at INSITE for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 5, 2023. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Madelyn Rasmussen - Adjust end date to June 8, 2023, as Contract Substitute Teacher for Erica Demmer-Kennedy at Dakota Meadows Middle School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Helen Adetunji - Increase hourly rate to \$13.00 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning May 3, 2023.

Alexander Dittbenner - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning May 24, 2023.

Andrew Franke - Increase hourly rate to \$13.00 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning May 3, 2023.

Benjamin Groebner - Increase hourly rate to \$13.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School beginning May 30, 2023.

Desiree Maloney - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning May 24, 2023.

Keandra Olson - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning May 3, 2023.

Evelyn Scheibe - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) to 6.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M/W/TH/F) beginning April 20, 2023.

Jennifer Schmitt - Temporary change in assignment from Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21.5, to Special Education Paraeducator, classification B21, for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week at Kennedy Elementary School beginning

April 25, 2023. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Minnesota School Employee Association salary schedule.

Taylor Shelton - Change in assignment from Second Cook at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week to Second Cook at Franklin Elementary School for 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 8, 2023.

Kinsley Thomas - Increase hourly rate to \$12.75 as ACES Child Care Assistance Substitute at Eagle Lake Elementary School beginning May 31, 2023.

Deontae Veney - Increase hourly rate to \$14.00 as ACES Student Support Assistant at Bridges Community School beginning May 5, 2023.

Zoey Weller - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (W-F) to 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 1, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Erica Demmer-Kennedy - Extend Board-approved leave through the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Julia Milne - Extend Board-approved unpaid leave, returning to work on January 3, 2024.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mandi Hubbard - Student Success Coach at Futures, has requested unpaid leave beginning May 5 and returning to work on October 6, 2023. She will be eligible to use fringe benefits.

Jennifer Schmitt - Adjust return date to April 25, 2023, for Board-approved leave.

RESIGNATIONS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Ryan Meyer - Assistant Principal at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 30, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Crista Attig - Special Education Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Heather Boettcher - Occupational Therapist for the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

McKenzie Carper - Social Studies Teacher at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Erica Demmer-Kennedy - Social Studies Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Heather Hedin - School Nurse currently on leave has submitted a resignation, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Rachael Hudson - School Psychologist at Rosa Parks Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be July 27, 2023.

Kirsten Prunty - Secondary Mentor Coach and Dean of Students (TOSA) at Central High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Ashley Schneider - Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Teacher at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Samuel Stier - Social Studies Teacher at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Caroline Brand - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 7, 2023.

Vanessa Dahlgren - ACES Child Care Substitute at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 27, 2023.

Danyella DeWitte - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 3, 2023.

Brandon Eggersdorfer - 4-Hour Evening Custodian at Bridges Community School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 24, 2023.

Kennedie Fellman - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator and Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 25, 2023.

Linda Gravley- Secretary to the Principal at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 13, 2023.

Aubrey Makela - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 7, 2023.

Evalynn Martinez - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment for this assignment

will be April 24, 2023. She will continue as Youth Leader with the Community Education program at Lincoln Community School.

Ashley Nelson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 28, 2023.

Daniel Nelson - Head Custodian Engineer at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 5, 2023.

Maria Richardson - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at the Family Learning Center, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 4, 2023.

Matthew Sellner - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 19, 2023.

Sydney Spitzner - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 14, 2023.

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Erin Quast - Physical Therapist Assistant for the District for 7.83 hours per day/5 days a week, with a work year of 191 days beginning August 28, 2023. This is a Non-affiliated assignment, with an hourly rate of \$31.00. She will be eligible for Category I benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Abigail Ellis - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, 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, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Rebecca Larson - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, beginning August 21, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. She will be placed at step 8 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ruth Jensen - 4-Hour, 9-month, Evening Custodian at Bridges Community School beginning May 8, 2023. 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)

Kristine Barnes - Increase in assignment as German Teacher at West High School, from 0.666 FTEs to 0.833 FTEs beginning August 28, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year.

Carma Carpenter - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Music Teacher at Kennedy Elementary School from 0.57 FTEs to 0.50 FTEs beginning August 28, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Lindsay Cortese - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (W-F) to 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 8, 2023.

Taryn Orser - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.83 hours per day/3 days per week (M/TH/F) and 4.25 hours per day/2 days per week (T/W) to 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning April 27, 2023.

Alexia Thomas - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (T/TH/F), and 4.75 hours per day/1 day per week (W) to 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 1, 2023.

McKenna Wheeler - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) to 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning May 8, 2023.

Changkouth Wie - Increase in assignment as Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.92 hours per day/3 days per week (T/TH/F) and 4.25 hours per day/1 day per week (W) to 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 1, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Crystal Kay - English Teacher at Central High School, has requested intermittent leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 17, and continuing through the end of the 2022-23 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mandi Hubbard - Adjust start date to May 8, 2023, for unpaid leave request.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Sarah Morrison - Professional Development Coordinator for the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 30, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Anna Ammerman - Science Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2023.

Ethan Dado - Agriculture Teacher at East High School and West High Schools, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 30, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Andrea Arnold - Adjust end date to May 12, 2023, as Health and Wellness Paraeducator at Futures.

Alana Lund - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 12, 2023.

Allyson Zuleger - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 3, 2023.

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

The following were donated for the West High VEX Robotics Program:

- \$300 from WEB Construction
- \$500 from Stifel Nicolaus
- \$300 from Salas O'Brien North, LLC
- \$500 from Kelly Peterson
- \$250 from Midwest Machinery Co.
- \$150 from Ronald R. McDaniel
- \$350 from Maschka, Riedy, Ries & Frentz
- \$100 from John & Carolyn Hinz
- \$100 from Frandsen Bank & Trust
- \$1,000 from E.I. Microcircuits, Inc.
- \$250 from Cinch Connectivity Solutions
- \$250 from Brown & Brown, Inc.
- \$500 from Bolton & Menk
- \$200 from Jeff & Julie Berndt

Peggy & Melissa Walters donated \$1,000 for East High VEX Robotics Program

Don Foudray's Family donated \$10,710 for Mankato East High School from memorials for Don Foudray

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

The following grants were presented for Board approval:

INDI Robot Initiative, Franklin Elementary School, Grades K-5

Amount Requested: \$3,219.98 Amount recommended: \$3,219.98

Earth Science Visual Planetarium Dome Project, East High School, Grades K-12,

Amount Requested: \$30,000.00 Amount Recommended: \$30,000.00

Tchoukball, Roosevelt Elementary School, Grades K-5

Amount Requested: \$1,415.25 Amount Recommended: \$1,415.25

Adventure ED, Future/SUN Program, Grades K-12

Amount Requested: \$3,128.08 Amount Recommended: \$3,128.08

Podcasting in the classroom, East & West High Schools, Grades 9-12

Amount Requested: \$3,844.24 Amount Recommended: \$3,844.24

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

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Ratcliff moved and Ms. Roberts seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:08 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

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1. Schuck/Pratt approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. MAPS Student Spotlight: Dawson King - Futures
3. Open Forum - Elizabeth Hanke wished to speak.
4. Information: Summer Programs Preview, Board Member Reports.
5. Roberts/Kind approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2023. Approval of Personnel. 7-0
6. Ratcliff/Pratt acceptance of gifts. 7-0
7. Pratt/Schuck approval of Educare Grants. 7-0
8. Ratcliff/Roberts adjournment at 6:08 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.