

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

November 18, 2024

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, November 18, in the Minnesota River 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. Absent: None.

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

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

Approval of Minutes of the November 4, 2024, regular Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2024, special Board meeting.

Approval of November Bills totaling \$10,119,527.54.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Laura Dauffenbach - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Lillian McNamara at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning November 6, 2024, and ending March 7, 2025. She will be placed at step 3 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Amelia Schutte - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Licensed School Nurse at MAPS Center for Learning beginning November 25, 2024. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sandra Harang - Cook Helper at MAPS Center for Learning for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 12, 2024. She will be placed at classification A11, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Ryan Leinen - 8-hour, 12-month Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning November 26, 2024. He will be placed at classification A13, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Braeden Metzler - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 1.75 hours per day/2 days per week beginning November 7, 2024. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Maryam Mohamud - Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-ASD) at Kennedy Elementary School for 4.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 12, 2024. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Abbie Perry - Student Success Coach at Kennedy Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning November 19, 2024. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Courtney Reeves - Cook Helper at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 6, 2024. She will be placed at classification A11, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Charles Reilly - Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-Behavior Support) at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 18, 2024. 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)

Jennifer Snyder - Change in assignment as part-time Alternative Instruction Teacher (PEEK) at Dakota Meadows Middle School from (0.50 FTEs) beginning November 11, 2024, to (0.60 FTEs) beginning November 6, 2024.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Gibson Blackstad - Increase hourly rate to \$13.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning December 2, 2024.

Anisa Egal - Increase hourly rate to \$11.13 as ACES Child Care Associate at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning January 1, 2025.

Jayda Defoe - Increase hourly rate to \$11.13 as ACES Child Care Associate Substitute beginning January 1, 2025.

Susana Garcia-Cruz - Change in assignment from 8-Hour Evening Custodian to 8-hour Lead Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning November 4, 2024. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Minnesota School Employee Association salary schedule.

Ella Haggerty - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 16, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00.

Maryan Hersi - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention) at MAPS Center for Learning from 7 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) to 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning November 22, 2024.

Payton Pietsch - Increase hourly rate to \$13.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School beginning December 2, 2024.

Cloey Ruch - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 22, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Matthew Simonson - Increase hourly rate to \$15.00 as ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School beginning December 2, 2024. This is in addition to his Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Anne Sweeney - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-DCD) at East High School from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 4, 2024.

Darshawn Walker - Increase in assignment from 4-hour, 9-month Evening Custodian to 8-hour, 12-month Evening Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School beginning November 4, 2024.

Addison Wilhelm - Increase hourly rate to \$11.13 as ACES Child Care Associate Substitute beginning January 1, 2025.

Hiroko Wollam - Increase hourly rate to \$17.87 as ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center beginning July 1, 2024.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Danielle Edstrom - Adjust dates for Board-approved leave beginning November 5, 2024, and returning to work on February 10, 2025.

Betsey Matas - ECFE Parent Educator and Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has requested unpaid leave beginning October 21 and returning to work on November 12, 2024. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits available.

Lillian McNamara - Adjust start date to November 5, 2024, for Board-approved leave.

Jesse Pigman - Mathematics Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 28 and returning to work on May 26, 2025.

Amanda Sellner - Science Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has requested unpaid leave beginning October 22, 2024, and returning to work on January 27, 2025. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits available.

Serenity Zwaschka - Special Education Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave beginning October 25 and returning to work on December 17, 2024. They are eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits available.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Melanie Gerold - Custodian Engineer at Lincoln Community Center, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning October 24 and returning to work on November 18, 2024.

Taylor Homan - Adjust return date to February 14, 2025, for Board-approved leave.

Rita Jones - Early Learning Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has requested unpaid leave beginning October 15 and returning to work on October 31, 2024. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits available.

Michael Stoeckel - Adjust return date to November 11, 2024, for Board-approved leave.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jennifer Clausen - Adjust end date to October 30, 2024, as Building Secretary at Futures/SUN.

Mindy Fritz - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 15, 2024.

Maryan Hersi - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention) at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 26, 2024.

Lindsey Rockvam - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be August 16, 2024. She will continue as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN.

Angie Yang - Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be August 16, 2024.

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Lisa Vasquez - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Danielle Edstrom at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning December 2, 2024, and ending February 7, 2025. She will be placed at step 1 of the PhD lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Siham Abdulla Ali - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center for 2.25 hours per day/3 evenings per week (T-TH) beginning November 19, 2024. Training date November 12, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to her Child Care Aide assignment at Lincoln Logs Learning Center.

Noura Kurdi - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning November 15, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.50 per hour.

Ei Min - ACES Child Care Assistance Roosevelt Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning November 18, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Jeonghwa Mun - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center for 4 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning November 5, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Sharon Soliz-Arndt - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning November 14, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to her Student Success Coach assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Macy True - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 1.5 hours per day/4 days per week beginning November 18, 2024. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Leslie Twesten - 8-hour, 12-month Evening Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School beginning November 15, 2024. He will be placed at classification A13, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Abdifatah Aden - Increase in assignment as Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School from 4.5 hours per day/2 days per week (T/W) and 6.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) to 4 hours per day/3 days per week (M-W) and 6 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning November 15, 2024.

Olivia Hamond - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning November 25, 2024. This is in addition to her ACES Early Learning Aide assignment at MAPS Center for Learning.

Owen Krause - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Child Care Associate Substitute beginning January 1, 2025. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.13 per hour.

Hussein Mohamoud - Increase in assignment as Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School from 7 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) to 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning November 15, 2024.

Cade Schiller - Increase hourly rate to \$17.00 as Building Supervisor with Community Education beginning November 1, 2024.

Bridget Tester - Decrease in assignment from 8-hour, 12-month Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School to 4-hour, 9-month Evening Custodian at Bridges Community School beginning November 11, 2024.

Teagan Tester - Decrease in assignment from 8-hour, 12-month Evening Custodian at Prairie Winds Middle School to 4-hour, 9-month Evening Custodian at Franklin Elementary School beginning November 11, 2024.

Darshawn Walker - Decrease in assignment from 8-hour, 12-month Evening Custodian to 4-hour, 9-month Evening Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School beginning November 15, 2024.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kelsey McConkey - Kindergarten Teacher at Kennedy Elementary School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning March 17, and returning to work on June 6, 2025.

Joyce Petersen - Intervention Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary, has requested intermittent leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning November 8, 2024, and ending May 2, 2025.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Simon Gatluak - Evening Custodian at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave beginning November 14, 2024, and returning to work on December 2, 2024. He is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits available.

Janet Jagerson - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work on December 2, 2024.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Natalie Eckstein - Early Learning Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 31, 2024.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kimberly Brown - Second Cook at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 29, 2024.

Maryan Hersi - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention) at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 25, 2024.

Hussein Mohamoud - Student Success Coach at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 26, 2024.

Alicia Musa - Non-classroom Paraeducator (Lunchroom) at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 14, 2024.

Jackson Ungar - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be November 26, 2024.

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Pratt moved and Mr. Kind seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:32 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk _____

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Schuck/Roberts approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Ratcliff/Schuck approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the November 4, 2024, regular meeting; Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2024, special meeting; Approval of November Bills; Personnel. 7-0
3. Pratt/Kind adjournment at 5:32 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.