

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

February 18, 2025

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, in the Minnesota River Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Sinning called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Members present at roll call: Patrick Baker, Elizabeth Hanke, Christopher Kind, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, Erin Roberts, and Shannon Sinning. Members absent: None.

Ms. Roberts 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.

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

Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2025, regular Board meeting.

Approval of February Bills totaling \$13,786,599.89.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Maria Stock - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher at SUN beginning February 10, 2025. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Peyton Berreman - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 1.5 hours per day/1 day per week beginning February 10, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Andie Burns - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning February 10, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.25 per hour.

Edith Chacon - Building Supervisor with Community Education on an as needed basis beginning February 1, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to her Middle School After School Site Supervisor assignment at Dakota Meadows Middle.

Heather Hoernemann - Cook Helper at East High School for 8 hours per/5 days per week beginning February 10, 2025. She will be placed at classification A11, step 5, in

accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Rachel Jahnke - 4-Hour, 9-month Day Custodian at Franklin Elementary School beginning February 10, 2025. She will be placed at classification A13, step, 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Sandra Mertesdorf - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Futures for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning February 10, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Skylar Smithers - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning February 10, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Emily Bartels - Increase annual salary to \$54,288 as ACES Site Specialist at Lincoln Community Center beginning February 16, 2025.

Kiana Montes-Chrisman - Increase annual salary to \$54,288 as ACES Site Specialist at Lincoln Community Center beginning February 16, 2025.

Kristina Niner - Increase annual salary to \$54,288 as ACES Site Specialist at Lincoln Community Center beginning February 16, 2025.

Amy Phares - Increase annual salary to \$54,288 as ACES Parent Specialist at Lincoln Community Center beginning February 16, 2025.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Christina James - Correction - Increase in assignment as Art Teacher at East High School from 0.417 FTEs to 0.584 FTEs beginning August 26, 2024, for the 2024-25 school year.

Anica Myhr - Increase in assignment as Speech Language Pathologist at MAPS Center for Learning from 0.80 FTEs to 1.00 FTEs beginning February 18, 2025.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ella Cordes - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School to ACES Early Learning Aide Substitute at MAPS Center for Learning on an on-call basis beginning February 10, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Maryam Mahamud - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Preschool Paraeducator 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 February 10, 2025. This is in addition to her Interpreter assignment for the District.

John Stalter - Change in assignment from Custodian in Charge of Building at MAPS Center for Learning to Custodian Engineer at Washington Elementary School beginning February 3, 2025. He will be compensated according to his placement on the Minnesota School Employees Association salary schedule.

Deontae Veney - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead Substitute and ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 2-3 hours per day/1 day per week beginning February 11, 2025. He will be compensated at the rate of \$16.75 per hour.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Thomas Murray II - School Social Worker at Futures, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 23 and returning to work on February 11, 2025.

Stacy Vilt - Adjust return date to February 10, 2025, for Board-approved leave.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Tonia Johnson - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at East High School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 3 and returning to work on March 11, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Patrick Burmeister - Physical Education Teacher, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be August 25, 2025.

Betsey Matas - ECFE Parent Educator and Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 11, 2025.

Amber Volkman - Adjust end date to February 20, 2025, as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Erin Krueger at Washington Elementary School.

Cindi Wacker - Special Education Teacher at Washington Elementary School has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kate Cashin - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 21, 2025.

Darien Cervin - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 5, 2025.

Jaydin Hanson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 6, 2025.

Erika Henrichs - Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-ASD/DCD) at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be February 19, 2025. She will continue as a Substitute Teacher for the District.

Beth Schmitz - Accounts Payable Clerk with Business Services, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 21, 2025.

Maria Stock - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN, has submitted a resignation in order to accept the Teaching position. The last day for this assignment will be February 7, 2025.

TERMINATION (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kjersten Johnson - Paraeducator Student Intern at MAPS Center for Learning, effective January 31, 2024.

Gabrielle Kaiser - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, effective April 22, 2024.

Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Cynthia Foix - Building Technology Assistant at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week, with a work year of 170 days beginning February 12, 2025. This is a Non-affiliated assignment, with an hourly rate of \$18.54. She will be eligible for Category I benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Bethany Ehmcke - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Callie Pengilly at MAPS Center for Learning beginning February 7 and ending March 7, 2025. She will be placed at step 1 of the B B lane on the ECCE Teachers Association salary schedule.

Brittany Wundermachen - Change in assignment from Long-term Substitute Teacher to Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher at Futures beginning February 7, 2025. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ashlyn Guse - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning February 17, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.25 per hour.

Mariama Lebbie - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning February 18, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Mathea Ray - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 13, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Josie Robertson - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning February 17, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Brittany Amborn - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2025-26 school year.

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Jessica Kingston - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2025-26 school year.

Mary Mccuskey Simpson - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2025-26 school year.

Renee Unger - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2025-26 school year.

Christina Woodside - Teacher currently on Board-approved leave has requested unpaid leave for the 2025-26 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mary Adiel - Custodian at West High School, has requested unpaid leave beginning June 30 and returning to work on August 1, 2025.

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

Jaclyn Rademaker - Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning February 12 and returning to work on March 6, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Katie Gag - Assistant Director of Early Learning at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 4, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Barbara Enderle - Physical Education Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2025.

Annette Fischer - Title I Reading Intervention Teacher at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

Sandra Hatlestad - 3rd Grade Teacher at Bridges Community School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2025.

Jane Windschill - Special Education Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be June 9, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Bethany Ehmcke - Early Learning Preschool Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation in order to accept the Long-term Substitute Teacher position. The last day for this assignment will be February 6, 2025.

TERMINATION (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Nimo Abdi - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, effective February 14, 2025.

Leah Beery - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning, effective February 14, 2025.

Sandra Mertesdorf - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Futures, effective February 11, 2025.

Ava Sietsema - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School, effective February 14, 2025.

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 5:33 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk _____

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Roberts/Pratt approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Ratcliff/Kind approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2025, regular meeting; Approval of February Bills; Personnel. 7-0
3. Ratcliff/Roberts adjournment at 5:33 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.