

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

March 17, 2025

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

Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion, and Mrs. Pratt seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on 6-0 voice vote.

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

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

Approval of March bills totaling \$15,650,392.01.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Abraham Kurnia - Long-term Substitute Social Emotional Learning Intervention Teacher at Hoover Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary Schools beginning March 10 and ending May 9, 2025. He will be placed at step 1 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Katherine Rieck - Long-term Substitute Teacher at Franklin Elementary School beginning March 10, and ending June 5, 2025. She will be placed at step 7 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Alivia Berg - Non-classroom (Playground) Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 2.167 hours per day/2 days per week (TH/F) beginning March 20, 2025. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Eldon Cervantes - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 10, 2025. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Deanna Hofmeister - Temporary increase in assignment as ECFE Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning from 211 annual hours (0.147 FTEs) to 256 annual hours (0.177 FTEs) beginning February 25 and ending May 30, 2025.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Pamela Allen - Increase hourly rate to \$19.48 as Infant Care Provider with the TAPP Daycare at Central High School beginning September 1, 2024. This is in addition to her ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute assignment.

Jayda Defoe - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning March 11, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Hibo Hassan - Adjust end date to February 10, 2025, for temporary increase in assignment as Early Learning Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning.

Allison Kolling - Increase hourly rate to \$13.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning March 3, 2025.

Maya Kopp - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute at Kennedy Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Kennedy Elementary School on an on-call basis beginning March 31, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Bryce McGovern - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning March 3, 2025.

Molly Miller - Increase hourly rate to \$13.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School beginning March 17, 2025.

Sarah T Peterson - Increase hourly rate to \$13.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning March 17, 2025.

Emily Vogt - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Hoover Elementary School on an on-call basis beginning March 11, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Paige Burnham - Adjust return date to June 5, 2025, for Board-approved leave.

Michael May - Physical Education Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has requested leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning April 4, and returning to work on April 28, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Paige Burnham - Special Education Teacher at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

Katelyn Kaminski - Licensed School Nurse for the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 3, 2025.

Robin Tidd - Agriculture Teacher at East High and West High Schools, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Carrie Lonneman - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be January 23, 2025.

Jessica Traxler - POS Operator at Roosevelt Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be February 21, 2025.

Antiana Walsh - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 10, 2025.

Joelle Weber - Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-ASD) at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 20, 2024.

Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Wendy Palmer - Director of Early Learning for MAPS Center for Learning beginning July 1, 2025. This is a full-time, 12-month position with an annual salary of \$119,123. She will be eligible for Category III benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Paul Vasquez - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher, Secondary site to be determined, beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. He will be placed at step 10 of the B+15 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

The following will be teachers in the Central High night school Program for approximately 2.5 hours per day/2 nights per week (T/TH) beginning March 13 and ending April 24, 2025. They will be compensated according to their placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Jeremy Burger, David Burgess, Heather Fitzsimmons, Heather Gilman, Russell Groebner, Jeffery Helget, Stephen Hueser, Laura Januschka, Amanda Kline, Amanda Knode Abel, TerRon Lee, Christina Makela, Aaron Miller, Emma Noren, Rebecca Sellers, Michael Sipe, Daniel Toegel, Kristin Van Otterloo, Amber Waibel, Matthew Weichert, Anna Wirth, Peter Wittmer, Christopher Wollmuth

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hishigdelger Burke - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning for 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (M) beginning March 10, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22, step 5, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Early Learning Paraeducator assignment at Eagle Lake Elementary School.

Andrew Heikes - 4-hour, 9-month, Day Custodian at Franklin Elementary School beginning April 7, 2025. He will be placed at classification A13, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Maribeth Marso - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning March 12, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.75 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator and ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute assignments at Franklin Elementary School.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Wendy Palmer - Second grade Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, has requested a leave of absence beginning with the 2025-26 school year for the purpose of accepting the Director of Early Learning assignment.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mark McCarthy - Float Custodian Engineer for the District, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be April 15, 2025.

Emily Price - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning and ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 11, 2025.

Patricia Skalet - Second Cook at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 21, 2025.

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 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Ratcliff/Pratt approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 6-0
2. Kind/Roberts approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2025, regular meeting; Approval of March Bills; Personnel. 6-0
3. Pratt/Kind adjournment at 5:32 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.