

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

April 21, 2025

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, April 21, in the Minnesota River Room - Intergovernmental Center. Chair Sinning called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Members present at roll call: Patrick Baker, Christopher Kind, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, Erin Roberts, and Shannon Sinning. Absent: Elizabeth Hanke.

Mr. Baker made a motion, and Mr. Kind seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Mrs. Ratcliff, seconded by Mrs. Pratt, and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2025, regular Board meeting.

Approval of April Bills totaling \$11,898,628.31.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Lucinda Mendez - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Tanya Loewen at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning April 10 and ending May 9, 2025. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Linette Moyer - Part-time ECFE Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning for 75 annual hours (0.052 FTEs) beginning August 11, 2025. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the ECFE Teachers Association salary schedule.

Blake Neumann - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. He will be placed at step 5 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Sadie Strand - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. She will be placed at step 10 of the M+45 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Christopher Willette - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Special Education Teacher, site to be determined, beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. He will be placed at step 7 or the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Chandler Hassing - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning April 14, 2025. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Ronnez Morris - ACES Child Care Associate Substitute on an on-call basis beginning April 14, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.13 per hour.

Daniela Ramirez - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning April 10, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.75 per hour.

Jada Sorenson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/4 days per week beginning June 2, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.50 per hour.

McKenzie Wilkins - ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School for 3-4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning April 11, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Ashley Iverson - Change in assignment from full-time (1.00 FTEs) Social Studies Teacher to part-time (0.50 FTEs) Social Studies Teacher and part-time (0.50 FTEs) Mentor Coach at West High School beginning August 18, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Anna Downs - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-ASD) at Monroe Elementary School from 6.25 hours per day/1 day per week (F) to 5 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) and 6.25 hours per day/1 day per week (F) beginning April 15, 2025.

Madalyn Roberts - Temporary increase in assignment as Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning from 3.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) to 4.25 hours per day/2 days per week (M/T) and 3.5 hours per day/2 days per week (W/TH) beginning April 14 and ending May 30, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Patrick Burmeister - Adjust end date to August 18, 2025, as Physical Education Teacher.

Isabella St. John - English Language Arts Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sydnea Ausen - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 8, 2025.

Brielle Bushaw - ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be February 21, 2025. She will continue the Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Kimberly Dublin - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 2, 2025.

Jessica Garrison - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 9, 2025.

Claire Hansen - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 10, 2025.

Lydia Hoikka - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 1, 2025.

Molly Kahl - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 5, 2025.

Allison Kolling - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 5, 2025.

Elizabeth Palumbo - ACES Child Care Assistant and ACES Site Lead Substitute at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 8, 2025.

Chloe Peterka - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 1, 2025.

Sophie Privette - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning and ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 16, 2025.

Josie Robertson - ACES Early Learning Aide at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 25, 2025.

Amal Sharafkhodjaeva - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 1, 2025.

Meghan Sullivan - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 30, 2025.

Emily Vogt - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 5, 2025.

Kennedy Weis - Early Learning Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 29, 2025.

Teagan Wendland - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be March 7, 2025.

Justin Westphal - Grounds Manager at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be April 25, 2025.

TERMINATION (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Thomas England - Grounds Manager, effective April 16, 2025.

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Britt Cline - Part-time MAPS Preschool Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning for 1395 annual hours (0.969 FTEs) beginning August 18, 2025. Training date August 11, 2025. She will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the ECCE Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Lisa Downs-Kohn - Part-time MAPS Preschool Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning for 1395 annual hours (0.969 FTEs) beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. She will be placed at step 10 of the B lane on the ECCE Teachers Association salary schedule.

Natalie Kazynski - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) School Social Worker, site to be determined, beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. She will be placed at step 1 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

David Ruiz - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Spanish Teacher at West High School beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. He will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Jessica Villery - Full-time (1.00 FTEs) Occupational Therapist with the District beginning August 11, 2025, for the 2025-26 school year. She will be placed at step 6 of the PhD lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Victoria Garza - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning April 21, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.50 per hour.

Kayleigh Hulzebos - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 2, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Desirea Provost - Special Education Paraeducator (Intervention-ASD) at Monroe Elementary School, has requested Medical leave beginning April 3 and returning to work on May 17, 2025. She is eligible to use any applicable fringe benefits available.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Miranda Hoffmann - First Grade Teacher at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

Tanya Loewen - Spanish Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

Ashlee Nichols - Family and Consumer Science Teacher at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

There being no further business to consider, Mr. Kind moved and Mrs. Pratt seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:03 p.m., on a 6-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk _____
Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Baker/Kind approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 6-0
2. Ratcliff/Pratt approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2025, regular meeting; Approval of April Bills, Personnel. 6-0
3. Kind/Pratt adjournment at 5:03 p.m. 6-0

Independent School District No. 77
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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.