

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

October 20, 2025

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 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, Elizabeth Hanke, Christopher Kind, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, Erin Roberts, and Shannon Sinning. Absent: None.

Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion, and Ms. Roberts 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. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Kind, and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the October 6, 2025, regular Board meeting.

Approval of October Bills totaling \$14,398,892.34.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Lucinda Mendez - Long-term, part-time (0.83 FTEs), Substitute Teacher for David Ruiz at West High School beginning October 3 and ending November 7, 2025. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Adyson Erickson - Non-classroom Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 2.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 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.

Ifrah Garad - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning October 13, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Tatiana Garcia - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning October 13, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Bryn Hacker - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning October 8, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Morgan Hanson - ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 16, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Maryan Hersi - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning October 13, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Odalys Lopez - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning October 13, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Emeri Meger - ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning October 16, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.75 per hour.

Diana Snow - Non-classroom Paraeducator at Bridges Community School for 2 hours per day/2 days per week beginning October 20, 2025. She will be placed at classification B21, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Melissa Vaubel - Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 10, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Matthias Wheeler - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 13, 2025. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Benjamin Winans - Non-classroom Paraeducator at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 10, 2025. He will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Tava Wrage - Interpreter for the District on an on-call basis beginning October 13, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Quincy Zarn - 8-hour, 12-month, Evening Custodian at Hoover Elementary School beginning October 9, 2025. 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 (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Pamela Bartels - Increase in assignment as Assessments Specialist with the District from 1.00 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for the 2025-26 school year.

Shelby McKissick - Voluntary decrease in assignment from full-time (1.00 FTEs) School Counselor to part-time (0.50 FTEs) PEEK Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning November 3, 2025.

Kelly Neubauer - Increase in assignment as Family and Consumer Science Teacher at West High School from 1.00 FTEs to 1.167 FTEs for the 2025-26 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Toni Gohlke - Change in assignment from Cook Helper at Dakota Meadows Middle School to Cook Substitute on an on-call basis beginning October 9, 2025.

Jaydin Hanson - Change in assignment from Early Learning Classroom Aide to Early Learning Classroom Aide Substitute at MAPS Center for Learning on an on-call basis beginning October 13, 2025.

Breanna Johnson - Increase in assignment as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN from 7 hours per day/4 days per week (T-F) to 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning August 27, 2025.

Elizabeth Miedtke - Change in assignment as Health & Wellness Paraeducator from 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) and 5.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) at Futures to 7 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) and 4.75 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning October 8, 2025.

Calleejo Sohn - Change in assignment from Non-classroom Paraeducator and Special Education Paraeducator to Special Education Paraeducator at Hoover Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/4 days per week (M/W/TH/F) and 3.75 hours per day/1 day per week (T) beginning October 20, 2025.

Myzel Williams - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Dakota Meadows Middle School from 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 5 hours per day/2 days per week (M/T) and 4.5 hours per day/3 days per week (W-F) beginning October 7, 2025.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Shelby McKissick - Adjust return date to November 3, 2025, for Board-approved leave.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Lisa Smith - Adjust return date to October 21, 2025, for Board-approved leave.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Austin Sellner - Physical Education Teacher at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 6, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

William Nason - Special Education Paraeducator at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 1, 2025.

Reese Siedow - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 1, 2025.

Calleejo Sohn - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be October 16, 2025. She will continue as Special Education Paraeducator at Hoover Elementary School.

TERMINATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Grace Johnson - Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School, effective July 18, 2025.

Margaret Kirby - Student Success Coach at Dakota Meadows Middle School, effective June 5, 2025.

Personnel – Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Laurin Chambers - Communications and Customer Experience Assistant Specialist with Community Education beginning October 20, 2025. This is a full-time, 12-month, Non-affiliated position with an annual salary of \$50,960 (prorated to \$35,535.50 for 182 days for 2025-26). She will be eligible for Category II benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mya Harrington - Long-term Substitute Teacher for Daniel Tinaglia at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning October 20 and ending November 21, 2025. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Macie Hoolihan - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 1.5 hours per day/1 day per week. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Sienna McConville - ACES Site Lead at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 16, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute assignment.

Iveth Quiroz Rios - ABE Teaching Assistant at Lincoln Community Center for 2.25 hours per day/3 evenings per week (T-TH) beginning October 21, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to her Childcare Assistant Teacher assignment at Lincoln Logs Learning Center.

Megan Worms - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary and Washington Elementary Schools for 3-4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 16, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Stone Bridges - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning from 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week to 8 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) and 4.75 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning October 13, 2025. This is in addition to his ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute assignment.

Sophia Hooverson - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning October 12, 2025.

Rennardo Lampley - Increase in assignment as Student Success Coach at East High School from 5.25 hours per day/5 days per week to 7.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 14, 2025.

Claire Westendorf - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 16, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.50 for this assignment. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Jordan Westhoff - Increase hourly rate to \$15.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning August 18, 2025. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead assignment.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Elizabeth Castanon - Adjust dates for Board-approved leave beginning October 15 and returning on December 11, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Stacie VanOverbeke - 2nd Grade Teacher at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be December 23, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Farhiyo Halane - Interpreter for the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 13, 2025.

Macy True - ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 23, 2025.

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

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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1. Ratcliff/Roberts approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Pratt/Kind approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the October 6, 2025, regular meeting; Approval of October Bills; Personnel. 7-0
3. Roberts/Ratcliff 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.