

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

October 19, 2026

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, October 19, in the Media Center at Eagle Lake Elementary School. 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. Absent: None.

Mrs. Pratt made a motion, and Mrs. Ratcliff 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 October 5, 2026, regular Board meeting.

Approval of October Bills totaling \$14,982,107.14.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hector Aguilar - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Student Support Coordinator at East High School beginning October 19, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. He will be placed at step 1 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Drew Burling - Part-time (0.667 FTE) Long-term Substitute Teacher at West High School beginning October 6, 2026, and ending January 29, 2027. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Alexander Gilbertson - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Contract Substitute Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning October 13, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. He will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Jon Krueger - Long-term Substitute Teacher at West High School beginning October 6, 2026, and ending January 29, 2027. He will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Samantha Bork - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning October 14, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Cloe Eller - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School for 5.5 hours per day/1 day per week (M) and 6.5 hours per day/2 days per week (W/F) beginning October 13, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Starla Goblirsch - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning October 8, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Huda Hassan - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community School for 2.25 hours per day/3 days per week (T-TH) beginning October 8, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.51 per hour.

Avery Hibbard - Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 13, 2026. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Olivia O'Hara-Hulett - Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 3 hours per day/3 days per week (M/T/TH) beginning October 13, 2026. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Alison Pasbrig - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 13, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Shawn Sickler - Cook Helper at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 19, 2026. She will be placed at classification A11, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Cassy Smith - Kitchen Float Cook Helper at West High School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 13, 2026. She will be placed at classification A11, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Kaitlyn Stern - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 9, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Emma Tagatz - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning October 8, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Annika Wheeler - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/1 day per week beginning October 12, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.75 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Zachary Mathiasen - Adjust start date to September 21, 2026, training August 24, 2026, as Contract Substitute Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jessica Badon - Adjust start date to October 5, 2026 as Special Education Paraeducator at Bridges Community School.

Shelby Brown - Change in assignment from Health & Wellness Paraeducator, classification B22.5, at Washington Elementary School for 2.5 hours per day/1 day per week (M), 6.25 hours per day/1 day per week (T), 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (W) and 3.25 hours per day/2 days per week (TH/F) to Special Education Paraeducator, classification B22, at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/1 day per week (T) and 3.25 hours per day/2 days per week (TH/F) beginning October 20, 2026.

Kathleen Duenes - Adjust start date to October 5, 2026, as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at West High School.

Yurub Kulmie - Increase in assignments as Health & Wellness Paraeducator from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week at Prairie Winds Middle School to 7 hours per day/5 days per week at INSITE beginning October 13, 2026.

Anna Leafblad - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School from 5.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) to 6.25 hours per day/1 day per week (M) and 5.25 hours per day/2 days per week (W/F) beginning October 6, 2026.

Cole O'Hearn - Adjust start date to October 1, 2026, as Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning.

Haylee Palmer - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning from 5.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) and 2.25 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) to 3 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F), 1.5 hours per day/1 day per week (T) and 3.5 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning October 13, 2026.

Diya Pirani - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate at Franklin Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning October 21, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Carlese Ronning - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School from 4.25 hours per day/5 days per week to 4.17 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) and 3.25 hours per day/1 day per week (F) beginning September 28, 2026. This is in addition to her Non-classroom Paraeducator assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Kelsey Surrett - Increase in assignment as Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning from 4 hours per day/3 days per week (T-TH) to 4.5 hours per day/1 day per week (M), 6.5 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH), and 3.5 hours per day/2 days per week (W/F) beginning September 10, 2026.

Sabrina Van Denburgh - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at West High School from 6.75 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) to 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 6, 2026.

The following ACES Child Care Assistants have received salary adjustments beginning October 1, 2026.

Laynie Feucht - \$15.25
Matthias Wheeler - \$15.25
Sophia Willmert - \$15.25

The following ACES Child Care Assistants have received salary adjustments beginning October 16, 2026.

Macie Hoolihan - \$15.25
Vivianna Kerich - \$15.25

The following ACES Student Support Assistants have received salary adjustments beginning October 1, 2026.

Brea Tonsager - \$16.50

The following ACES Site Leads have received salary adjustments beginning October 1, 2026.

Isabella Alioto - \$19.75

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jake Aukes - Special Education Teacher at Franklin Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave beginning September 18, 2026, and continuing through the 2026-27 school year.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Maria Kruger - English Language Arts Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 9, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Julie Schwamberger - Kitchen Float Cook Helper at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 9, 2026.

Personnel – Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Yasmin Ahmed - Special Education Paraeducator at Franklin Elementary School for 3.75 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning October 19, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Non-classroom Paraeducator assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Carley Bjur Frost - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning October 16, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Roqaya Mohammed - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 19, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Heather Pasbrig - Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 26, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Michaella Steiner - Special Education Paraeducator at Hoover Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 21, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Isabella Suchla - ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for 1.5 hours per day/3 days per week beginning October 16, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Carlea Trumble - Kitchen Float Cook Helper at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning October 19, 2026. She will be placed at classification A11, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Rachel Zimmerli - Special Education Paraeducator at West High School for 5.5 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W), 7.25 hours per day/2 days per week (T/F), and 4.75 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) beginning October 13, 2026. She 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)

Adam Arnst - Overload assignment as Health/Physical Education Teacher at East High School beginning August 31, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027.

Lillian Meier - Overload assignment as English Language Arts Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning October 13, 2026, and ending January 29, 2027.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kennedi Carstensen - Voluntary decrease in assignment as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at INSITE from 7 hours per day/5 days per week to 7 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning October 14, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kelly Andresen - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be October 30, 2026.

Approval of Extended Trip - West Softball

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Pratt 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. Pratt/Ratcliff approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Ratcliff/Kind approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the October 5, 2026, regular meeting; Approval of October Bills; Personnel; Approval of Extended Trip - West Softball. 7-0
3. Pratt/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.