



Intermediate  
School  
District 917



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### ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

February 2, 2021

### Regular Board Meeting

At the School Board meeting on February 2, 2021, the School Board unanimously approved to name a space at Concord Education Center in memory of long-standing Board Member Jill Lewis who passed away last year. The new space will be called the "Jill Lewis Training Center." This is where orientation takes place for new staff. We offer graduate education programs for our employees, and all staff attend training on a frequent basis. The school district administration has worked closely with the family of Jill Lewis to find an appropriate and fitting space to name after her. The training center at the Concord Education Center is the perfect space because Jill so strongly believed in education and the space exists within the boundaries of Inver Grove Heights where Jill has been a strong advocate for education for more than three decades. A plaque will be placed in her honor at this location.

**Jill Lewis  
Training  
Center**

## PERSONNEL:

**New Hires:** Fowsiyo Abdulle, Classroom Assistant, effective January 15, 2021. Joseph Heaney, Special Education Teacher, effective January 11, 2021. Janae Hemminger, Classroom Assistant, effective January 11, 2021. Nathaniel Koch, Classroom Assistant, effective January 11, 2021. Kianna Martinson, Program Assistant, effective January 11, 2021. Selena Terrazas, Classroom Assistant, effective January 25, 2021. **Resignations and Terminations:** Jaime Bartels, Classroom Assistant, effective January 21, 2021. Linda Minjares, Classroom Assistant, effective January 20, 2021. Melissa Ludewig, Classroom Assistant, effective January 29, 2021. Brennan Spicer, Classroom Assistant, effective January 22, 2021. **Retirements:** Cherry Cramer, Special Education Teacher, effective June 11, 2021. Teri Erickson, Special Education Teacher, effective June 11, 2021. Scott Teskey, Special Education Teacher, effective June 11, 2021.

**Policies:** *Final reading:* 423 Employee Student Relationships; 424 License Status; 464 General Leave; and 555 (old Policy 6.91) Student Field Trips., 902 Health and Safety Policy. *Remove policies:* 459 Non-Instructional Performance Appraisal; 458 Instructional Staff Performance Appraisal; 422 Policies Incorporated by Reference; 486 Specialized Training at District Expense; 491 Bonding of Personnel; 6.71 Secondary Student Health Service; 6.92 Eating and Beverage Consumption; 6.78 Crisis Intervention. (Addendum A.)

## Calendar Information

**February 15, 2021 — No School for staff or students— Presidents' Day**



**March 2, 2021 —4:30 PM,** Regular School Board Meeting, Google Hangouts

**March 22-26, 2021—917 Spring Break**

**April 2, 2021 4:30 PM,** School Board Meeting, Google Hangouts



## DONATIONS:



Donation of \$300 to be used for the Mitten Day Project at Alliance Education Center, from T Immigration Employee Welfare, Bloomington. (Value: \$300.)

Donation of various types of adolescent and children's behavioral books from the Behavioral Institute for Children and Adolescents, Little Canada. (Value: \$1500.)



## REPORTS AND MOTIONS

- Motion passed approving the Memorandum of Understanding for Extended COVID Leave from March to June 2021 for all union groups.
  - Motion passed to approve the Revised Budget for 2020-2021.
  - Motion passed to approve the maintenance payments to member districts.
  - Resolution passed directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore.
  - The following policies were reviewed on a first reading basis:
    - \* Policy 808 – Face Coverings;
    - \* Policy 815 (old 9.29) Naming of School Buildings;
    - \* Policy 706 (old policy 903) Acceptance of Gifts.
  - The following policies are suggested to be removed:
    - \* Policy 9.28 Buildings and Sites;
    - \* Policy 9.4 Theft and Vandalism.
- The policies listed above will be brought to the March 2, 2021 Board meeting for a final reading.

## Vaccination Role Out

We continue to work with both Dakota County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Education as vaccinations for COVID-19 become available. While we have developed a prioritization list, the latest news from MDE on January 29 and February 1, indicate that staff should respond to a survey from MDE and they will be notified directly when vaccinations are available to them. We will continue to maintain our prioritization list and information from staff indicating their interest in the event that the system for vaccination changes once again.

As a point of information, while there is no perfect system for prioritization, nor are we health professionals, we have considered legal advice we've received in addition to feedback from other educational sources in developing the district's prioritization list. To summarize, we developed our prioritization list based on student needs. Staff most frequently face-to-face with students, working with students that are not able to social distance or maintain safety protocols, and working with medically fragile students may have higher priority than others. Further, because up to this point, the number of vaccines we have been allotted are very few in number, we are considered how to maximize effectiveness based on the number of staff at sites and programs.