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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

March 2, 2021

Regular Board Meeting



School Boards are Essential to School Success!

Celebrating School Board Recognition Week February 22-26, 2021

The Intermediate School District 917 School Board members serving our district and their years of service are as follows:

Also in memory of deceased School Board Members Jill Lewis and Deb Clark.

Chair—Dr. DeeDee Currier – Board Member since 2017 – three years - representing Burnsville

Vice Chair—Melissa Sauser – Board Member since 2013 – eight years (Officer for three years) – representing Farmington

Clerk - Vanda Pressnall – Board Member since 2001 - 20 years (Officer for 15 years) – representing Randolph

Treasurer—Byron Schwab – Board Member since 2017 - four years – representing West St. Paul/ Eagan/Mendota Heights

Dave Pemble – Board Member since 2020 – one year - representing Hastings

Cindy Nordstrom— Board Member since 2020—representing Inver Grove Heights

Kathy Lewis - Board member since 2019 – one year—representing Lakeville (Kathy was a previous 917 Board member from 2007-2013 and also Treasurer for one year)

Tom Bennett – New Board Member as of January 2020 – one year—representing Bloomington

Wendy Felton – Board Member since 2016 – five years – representing South St. Paul

School Board members play a vital role in establishing policies to ensure an efficient, effective school system and represent our local education interests to state and federal government, ensuring compliance with state and federal law.

School Board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public. All School Board members recognize the importance of public education in our community.

Thank you to all our School Board members for their year-round commitment to 917!

Calendar Information

PERSONNEL:

New Hires: Keith Malone, Classroom Assistant, effective February 22, 2021. Ibnplongsab Vang, Classroom Assistant, effective February 22, 2021. Shana Wright, Classroom Assistant, effective February 3, 2021. **Change in Status:** Molly Peterson, Physical Therapist moving from .4FT to .25 FTE, effective February 1, 2021. **Leaves of Absence:** Daniel Crawford, Classroom Assistant, effective 02/10/2021 - 06/01/2021. **Resignations and Terminations:** Makayla Keith, Classroom Assistant, effective January 25, 2021. Erin Vettters, Classroom Assistant, effective June 10, 2021. **Retirements:** James Cochran, Special Education Teacher, effective June 11, 2021. Donna Greenfield, Special Education Teacher, effective June 11, 2021. Patricia Mattos, Enrollment Coordinator, effective June 30, 2021.

March 16, 2021—Deadline for applications for Superintendent opening



March 23, 2021— 4:00 PM, Special School Board Meeting, Determine Superintendent Finalists

March 25-26, 2021—First round interviews for Superintendent position

March 29, 2021—Final interviews for Superintendent position.

March 29-April 2, 2021—917 Spring Break

April 6, 2021, 4:30 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Google Hangouts

April 20, 2021—4:30 PM, School Board Work Session, 917 Board Room

May 4, 2021—4:30 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Google Hangouts

MOTIONS AND REPORTS

- Motion passed to remove the following policies: 9.12 – Resale of items through ISD 917; 9.13 – Selling and Accepting Vehicle Donations; 9.21 – Student Activities; 9.24 – Imprest Petty Cash Fund; 9.25 – Direct Deposit.
- Motion passed on the following policies: Remove Policy 9.28 – Buildings and Sites; Remove Policy 9.4 – Theft and Vandalism. Final readings on revised policies: 815 – Naming of School Buildings; Policy 706 – Acceptance of Gifts and Procedure; and Policy 516 – Student Medications.
- Motion passed to go into closed session per Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05.

DONATIONS:

Donation of 67 lined face masks for staff and students of the TESA Program from Ann Marie Patterson of Inver Grove Heights. (Value: \$469.) These were all hand made!

917 Licensed Employee of the Winter Quarter Melissa Ho

- Melissa Ho, Licensed School Nurse, has had to accept numerous responsibilities outside of the traditional LSN roles. Melissa has had to provide a lot of behind the scenes research and education districtwide. She has been involved with mentoring three new LSN's and health service workers. She has been unwavering in her commitment to safety and wellness for district employees, families and students. Melissa has been a strong and dedicated leader with her compassion, determination and experience. This has helped the LSN team to navigate 917 as safely and well-educated as possible through this school year amongst a pandemic. Melissa has been an invaluable resource for all of us and an absolute asset to the nursing team! Thank you Melissa!

917 Non-Licensed Employee of the Winter Quarter Darla Donnelly

- Darla is a technical tutor for the Career and Technical Education secondary programs. Over the past years, Darla has always been an instrumental part of the Fundamental Chef Training team. However, during this unique time of COVID, distance learning, hybrid learning with a variety of home district schedules and social distancing in a busy kitchen classroom, she has been such a positive influence on all of us on the team. She has shared ideas for reaching the students whether they are face to face or in a Google Meet from their homes. She has spearheaded the process of packing recipe ingredients that the students take home. They use these when they are distance learning. She has taken the following into account: when the student will be using the item, how the ingredient will have the longest shelf life and the labelling/packaging systems. She also was able to get coolers and ice packs donated through her connections in the Farmington area. The students are enjoying their cooking at home experience and it has been a huge positive influence on their interest in continuing in this "hands-on" class during distance learning. Darla has also become a videographer when we tape our first shift cooking demonstrations. In a time when flexibility is vital, Darla has shown her ability to adjust and change to make the Fundamental Chef Training program an amazing place to learn and grow. Thank you Darla!

