



Intermediate
School
District 917

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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

August 21, 2018

Regular Board Meeting



ALL STAFF INSERVICE

August 30, 2018—7:30 AM

Come early for Emily's Bakery Donuts and Coffee!

(Sponsored by the Teachers' Union and Interpreters' Union)

Hastings High School

200 General Sieben Drive

Hastings

(Park in lower lot—student parking— and come in those doors)

Check the website at www.isd917.org, (For 917 Staff, Professional Development, Special Education Training) for specific workshop dates

Welcome Back!



PERSONNEL: *New Hires:* Kawausha Adams, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Anna Adrian, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Jemal Amos-Demmaj, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Gina Ashley, Administrative Assistant II, effective July 16, 2018. Kristin Baker, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Wakeshia Bean, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Heather Beigel, Health Associate, effective August 30, 2018. Alexandra Belfield, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Ahmed Bule, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Luke Carlson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Jessica Chamblin, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Christine Chessler, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Dina DeLong, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Ashley DePover, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Mona Dewane, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Jodi Dyvig, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Amy Fillhouer, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 30, 2018. Scott Fisher, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Thomas Garding, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018 (from Community Expert to Special Education Teacher). Fadumo Haji, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Johnathan Harlin, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Christina Johnson, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Alexandra Lang, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Mary Lawrence, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Brennan McGlauchlen, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Samantha Ness, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Michelle Newman, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Mollie Peltier, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Jessica Points, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Alanna Sanchez, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Rebekka Schrank, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Becky Splett, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Jermaine Stansberry, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Jaclyn Suchy, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Anthony Sweats, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Kayleen Taffe, Special Education Teacher Reading Specialist, effective August 23, 2018. Mary Taylor, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective August 23, 2018. Melissa Troska, Administrative Assistant III Benefits, effective August 20, 2018. Cassandra Urbano, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Sarah Waldhauser, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Heather Webb, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018 (from Community Expert to Special Education Teacher). Lori Wilson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Samantha Wittstruck, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. *Change in Status:* Stephanie Bistodeau, Classroom Assistant, maternity disability leave effective September 1, 2018, with an expected return date of October 1, 2018. Elizabeth Cook, Information Management Assistant I, permanent increase from 190 days at 6 hours per day to 200 days at 6.5 hours per day effective August 20, 2018. *Resignations & Terminations:* Ashley Ashbacher, Mental Health Practitioner, effective July 16, 2018. Kennedy Ellinghuysen, Classroom Assistant, effective August 1, 2018. Caitlin Fitzgerald, Classroom Assistant, effective July 31, 2018. Caitlyn Haring, Program Assistant, effective August 6, 2018.

Calendar Information

August 29, 2018—4:30—6:30 PM,
Open House—Gideon Pond Elementary, 613 E. 130th St., Burnsville



August 29, 2018—6:30—8:30 PM,
Open House, Lakeville North High, 19600 Ipava Ave. W., Lakeville

August 30, 2018, 3:30-7 PM, Lebanon Open House, 5800 149th Street, Apple Valley

August 30, 2018- 3:30-7 PM, Cedar Open House, 2140 Diffley Road, Eagan

August 30, 2018—3:30—7:30 PM, Alliance Open House, 14300 Biscayne, Rosemount

September 3, 2018—Labor Day— No School for Staff or Students

September 4, 2018— 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room. DCTC

September 17, 2018—3:30—6:30 PM, Youth Transition Program Open House, 12425 River Ridge Blvd, #200, Burnsville

September 17, 2018 —3:30—6:30 PM, Options, 151 W. Burnsville Parkway, #100, Burnsville

September 17, 2018—3:30-6:30 PM, Juvenile Services Center, 1600 Highway 55 West, Hastings

September 17, 2018—4-7 PM, CONCORD EDUCATION CENTER Open House, 9015 Broderick Blvd, Inver Grove

September 27, 2018 - 3:30 - 7:30 PM, DCALS Open House, DCTC

September 27, 2018—3:30—7:30 PM, DCALS North Open House, 150 E. Marie, West St. Paul

October 2, 2018 - 5:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Concord Education Center, 9015 Broderick Blvd., IGH

November 1, 2018—3:30—7:30 PM, TESA Open House, DCTC

Personnel Continued: Danielle Hewitt, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2018. Nicole Hird, Health Associate, effective August 29, 2018. Courtney Inman, Classroom Assistant, effective August 2, 2018. Kimberly Jorgensen, Classroom Assistant, effective August 23, 2018. Bridget Kopp, Classroom Assistant, effective July 11, 2018. Christine Livingston, Special Education Teacher, effective August 2, 2018, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Margaret Locke, Classroom Assistant, effective August 3, 2018. Nicole McCall, Classroom Assistant, effective August 2, 2018. Eleanore Miller, Program Assistant, effective August 17, 2018. Troy Neumann, Classroom Assistant, effective July 8, 2018. Jacob Skerletts, Classroom Assistant, effective August 2, 2018. Luke Sommerlot, Classroom Assistant, effective August 6, 2018. Evan Stoesz, Classroom Assistant, effective August 4, 2018. Laura Suflita, Classroom Assistant, effective August 27, 2018. Varo Zembryki, Classroom Assistant, effective August 8, 2018.

Good News—DCALS

- **Lynn Morris and Dale Engman**, teachers within our programs, recently attended Mechatronics/Robotics training at Gateway Technical College in Racine, WI. They received training in teaching part of the Industry 4.0 curriculum for Introduction to Mechatronic Systems. They will both imbed parts of this curriculum into their Math and Computer Science classes this school year. The program was sponsored by **Lab Midwest**.
- Due to the generous **donation by the Inver Grove Rotary** we were able to purchase an AC/DC Electrical trainer that will be used in our hands-on Math classes within our DCALS programs. It will also be used as part of the introduction to Mechatronics/Robotics classes.
- Our upcoming workshop week will include the following: Tour of Cambria headquarters and fab lab, Dakota County Library partnership, meetings with South Central Services on ESSA, tour of Quality Forklift in Shakopee, presentation by Dakota County Drug Task Force, and presentation by Lab Midwest on Industry 4.0. We will also cover many program needs and individual site needs.

Good News—Special Education

- In July, over 70 district educators attended the first annual Intermediate School District 917 Summer Institute, a four-day professional development camp hosted at Alliance Education Center. Teachers attend sessions of their choice taught by other licensed staff members that deepened their understanding of a wide variety of subjects. The sessions also gave teachers opportunities to connect and collaborate with their colleagues. Some of the topics included Mental Health in Students, Student-Based Trauma Training and Increasing Reading and Language Through Visualization.
- **Concord Education Center** is nearing completion. Throughout the week we will be installing furniture and cubicles at the sight.
- Staffing for the 2018-2019 school year continues. We have four licensed staff positions open as well as many paraprofessional positions.
- Details of the August workshop schedule can be found on the website. Monday, August 27th will begin with all licensed special education staff gathering for a morning session in the Dakota Room at DCTC. We will be celebrating our super powers and learning about literacy.

MOTIONS AND REPORTS

- Motion passed approving the Program Assistant Contract for 2018-2020.
- Resolution passed Ratifying and Approving TIES Reorganization and Definitive Agreements.
- Board member DeeDee Currier, Burnsville, was reappointed for another three years as the 917 School Board Member.

ANNUAL ONLINE TRAINING SAFESCHOOLS IS READY!

Log onto www.isd917.k12.org, For 917 Staff, SafeSchools Online Training, to begin your annual training. **All due by October 1, 2018.** Go to the website: www.isd917.org and "Login." Username and password is the same one you use to log into your e-mail. Go to "For 917 Staff." Then go to the bottom to SafeSchools Online Training. At the bottom click on "Employee On-Line Training Website." The Username for SafeSchools training is your FULL email. No password required. Just hit "Log me in!"



Or go directly to: www.isd917.mn.safeschools.com and type in your full e-mail and click on "Log me in."

Boardbook!

917 is using Boardbook for School Board meeting agendas and minutes. You may view it online at www.isd917.org under About, School Board. Minutes are published the month after they are Board approved.

Condolences

*Our condolences go out to **Mary Weiland, Physical Therapist**, on the passing of her sister Ann Miller and also her mom Mary Pat. Ann passed away on July 29, 2018, and Mary Pat passed away on August 7, 2018. Ann was 67 years old and Mary Pat was 94.*

***Jim Cochran's**, Special Education Teacher in TESA at DCTC, on the passing of his mother-in-law Helen Virginia Molenaar on August 12. Virginia was 89 years old.*



Good News—Special Education

- **Amy Grainger, Gubby Kubik, and Kelsey Mlodozyniec**, teachers for students who are deaf/hard of hearing, received certificates of completion for participating in Literacy in Disabilities Camp. This is a week-long camp that provides professional development for educators to increase their knowledge of literacy instruction for students with significant disabilities.
- The movement of items from Cherry View to Christina Huddleston PACES went smoothly this summer. PACES staff in that classroom room are looking forward to continuing to meet student needs in the new setting.
- On Thursday, August 2nd **Betsy Larsen's** students at Christina Huddleston PACES, put on a play performance "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The performance was a big success, refreshments were served after the show.
- The students from the **New Chance program** worked the last two days of July to complete a service project to restore the basketball court at Pioneer Park in Hastings, Minnesota. This project, called Rebuilding Together, was in partnership with the Minnesota Timberwolves organization.



The boys worked hard to restore the court to its "like new" state. The first day they scraped debris off the court and picked up garbage to prep for the next day. On Tuesday things started to take shape. The boys filled in the cracks on the court and resurfaced the court using five-gallon buckets filled of a tar-based rubber sealant. They also put up new backboards, new hoops, and nets. Overall, the boys thought it was a good experience and would like to continue to participate in community service projects.

- On June 4th, the sign language club at **Century Middle School**, had an ASL Flash Mob during lunch! The club is led by ISD 917 staff and students in the deaf/hard of hearing resource program. The students performed "A Million Dreams" from the movie, Greatest Showman.
- Extended School Year programs went well at both Cedar SUN and Lebanon TEA programs. Cedar had twenty-eight students attend and TEA had sixteen students.
- Now that Extended School Year is completed, improvement projects have begun at Cedar and Lebanon. At Lebanon, masonite is being put in on the bottom half of the hallways and the gym lights are being upgraded to LED. At Cedar, the metal roll-up metal gates that remained from the cafeteria are being removed and the openings filled in to match the hallway.
- Our students in CASE spent ESY planting many different varieties of plants in our new sensory garden. They successfully built planter boxes, hauled loads of dirt, watered, weeded, and watched it grow. It has been a tremendous effort of teamwork by our students and staff.

Good News—Special Education

- Alliance has been very busy over the past few months. Students from our IDEA, SUN, and CASE programs came for four weeks of Extended School Year. Many of our classes took the opportunity to spend time volunteering in the community, taking field trips to practice social skills in the community, and spending time outside working on academic projects while enjoying the sun.
- Alliance, as many other sites have reported, has also started working on general improvement projects over the summer. On the interior we upgraded and added some cameras to increase safety in the building, we did some work on classroom doors to allow for some student offices in Room 115, and we added some speakers to the exterior of the building to allow for greater communication throughout the building. The biggest change has taken place outside. Our parking lot was resurfaced and repainted. It looks brand new! The sidewalk in front of the building was also widened to allow for more students and staff to walk together as needed. Three trees were removed to allow for this project, but four new trees were planted and will be a wonderful addition to our landscape once matured. We continue to prepare boxes and materials for their eventual move over to Concord Education Center and look forward to utilizing this new found space at Alliance in creative ways for our students and staff.
- The 917 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Preschool Program had five graduates this spring! These students are either returning to their home district or transitioning to the ISD 917 program at Gideon Pond Elementary. It was a great morning filled with music and cake! The ISD 917 staff created an excellent slideshow with student pictures and fantastic decor with student art projects.



**Deaf/Hard of
Hearing Preschool
Program**

