



## Intermediate School District 917

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### ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

July 10, 2018

### Organizational and Regular Board Meeting

#### Organizational Meeting Notes

The oath of office was administered to reappointed Board Member Vanda Pressnall, representing Randolph.

The Board elected the following officers for 2018-2019

**Chair-Jill Lewis \* Vice Chair-Russ Rohloff \* Clerk-Melissa Sauser \* Treasurer-Bob Erickson**

The School Board set the meeting dates for 2018-2019 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM, with the exception of August which will have two dates of August 7, 2018, at 8:00 AM and August 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Two work sessions have been incorporated into the calendar: January 15, 2019, and April 16, 2019. All work sessions begin at 4:30 PM.

Lillie Suburban Newspapers, Inc., Sun Thisweek/Dakota County Tribune, Sun-Media Bloomington and the Hastings Star Gazette were designated as the official newspapers for ISD 917 for 2018-2019.

Motion was passed to approve the ISD 917 Public Notice regarding student records. This will be included in the Student Handbook.

Motion was passed to increase the school board compensation for District 917 School Board Members to \$4,000 and \$4,250 for the Board Chair for the 2018-2019 school year and stipends remain the same per meeting for Personnel and Insurance Committees only. No other stipends are given.

Committee assignments were reviewed .

Resolution passed Pertaining to Business Operations.

## Calendar Information

**August 7, 2018** – 8:00 AM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room. DCTC  
**August 21, 2018**—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room, DCTC  
**August 29, 2018** - 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Open House, Gideon Pond Elementary, 613 E. 130th Street, Burnsville  
**August 29, 2018** - 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Open House, Lakeville North High School, 19600 Ipava Ave. West, Lakeville  
**August 30, 2018** 3:30 -7 PM, Lebanon Open House, 5800 149th Street, Apple Valley  
**August 30, 2018**—8 AM, All Staff Opening Workshop, Hastings High School, 200 General Sieben Drive  
**August 30, 2018**, 3:30-7 PM, Cedar Open House, 2140 Diffley Road, Egan  
**September 4, 2018** – 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room. DCTC  
**September 17, 2018** - 3:30 - 6:30 PM, Youth Transition Program, 12425 River Ridge Boulevard, #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—TBA**— Open House Concord Education Center, 9015 Broderick Blvd., Inver Grove Heights  
**September 27, 2018**- 3:30 - 7:30 PM, DCALS Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount  
**September 27, 2018** - 3:30 - 7:30 PM, DCALS North Open House, 150 E. Marie, West St. Paul  
**November 1, 2018** - 3:30 - 7:30 PM, TESA Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount

## PERSONNEL

*New Hires:* Shelby Abbott, School Psychologist, effective August 23, 2018. Ashley Ashbacher, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 23, 2018. Keith Bartholomaeus, Developmentally Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Lisa Brandon, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Oliva Brown, Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 23, 2018. Alexandra Buttedal, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. (from Program Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Frank Cacich, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Madison Clark, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Andrea Ellis, Health Associate, effective August 30, 2018. Taylor Freiermuth, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Kirstie Gabbert, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018, (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Megan Glockner, School Psychologist, effective August 23, 2018. Kristin Goesser, Special Education Teacher-DAPE, effective August 23, 2018. Ashley Hauff, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Jessica Hiber, School Social Worker, effective August 23, 2018. Kasondra Janc, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Jana Jonasen, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Abigail Larson, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, effective August 23, 2018. Trila Malone, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Emma Mayes, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Jenna Moon, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. (from Program Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Kaila Palmberg, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective August 23, 2018, (from Classroom Assistant to Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing). Briana Ruiz-Bruce, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018, (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Araceli Salazar, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Samantha Schulz, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 23, 2018. Cassandra Sommervold, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. (from Program Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Jocelyn Thompson, effective August 23, 2018 (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Estanie Tyler, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Brian Waters, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018 (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Susan Watson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Christina Wilkin, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018 (from Community Expert to Special Education Teacher). Hannia Williams, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Mike Zickrick, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. *RE-HIRES:* Jayne Ciodaru, School Psychologist, effective August 24, 2018. Shereen Eldeeb, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018 (from Community Expert to Special Education Teacher). Ashley Gagner, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018. Addie Geske, Physical & Health Disabilities Teacher, effective August 24, 2018. Joseph Lorentz, Special Education Teacher, effective August 27, 2018. Jessica Randol, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018. Nate Steller, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018. Deric Thames, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2018. Andrew Webster, Special Education Teacher-DAPE, effective August 24, 2018. *Change in Status:* Emily Clark, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, increase to 1.0 FTE effective August 27, 2018. (Emily was hired at .8 FTE and will be permanently increasing to 1.0 FTE) Richelle Gernes, Administrative Assistant II, increase from 215 to 225 days effective July 1, 2018 (permanent change). *Resignations and terminations:* Ashley Dunlap, Special Ed Community Expert, effective June 8, 2018. Cassandra Ehly, Classroom Assistant, effective July 8, 2018. Timothy Puch, Special Ed Community Expert, effective June 8, 2018. Sarah Rabe, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective June 29, 2018. Stephanie Walter, Program Assistant, effective July 20, 2018. *Retirements:* Gretchen Becherer, Classroom Assistant, effective June 5, 2018.

## MOTIONS, REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- ◆ Motion was passed to approve the Temporary Work Agreement Report and Addendum.
- ◆ Motion was passed to approve the membership with Metro ECSU, AMSD, and MSBA for the 2017-2018 school year.
- ◆ Motion was passed to approve the Indoor Air Quality Management Plan and Written Plans for 2017-2018.
- ◆ Motion passed to approve the Substitute Teacher Pay Rate of \$24 per hour for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the draft of DCALS and DCALS North Student Handbook, Special Education Student Handbook, and the 917 Staff Handbook for 2018-2019.
- ◆ Resolution passed accepting donations in the amount of \$1,550. Donation of \$300 from Deb and Richard Clark of West St. Paul to honor the 2017-2018 graduates. (Value: \$300). Donation of a stander valued at \$1,250 from Larry Jones of Lakeville to be used for students and staff. (Value: \$1,250).

## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

### SUMMER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Main Campus - 28 students - 391 mods (65+ semester credits) - 6 Graduates  
North Campus - 12 students - 96 mods (16 semester credits)  
Sibley - 3 students - 24 mods (4 semester credits)

There are still a lot more students still working and earning credits!  
-Pam Biegler, Summer School Teacher

### SkillsUSA

Three students attended the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships in Louisville, KY. June 25-29, 2018 with **Trina Walter** as their Advisor.

**Nolan Dynan** from TESA, placed 23rd in the Advertising Design Contest.  
**Brian Cunicelli** from Farmington placed 20th in the T-shirt Design contest and  
**Michaela Langeness** from Farmington placed 18th in the Nurse Assisting contest!

Students got to hear encouraging messages from **NASCAR driver Brad Keselowski** representing Team Penske and **Mike Rowe, from Dirty Jobs**. 3M was the closing awards ceremony sponsor, nice to see Minnesota Corp. involved this year! All went well and students experienced an opportunity of a lifetime!

## **SafeSchools IS READY!**

Please log onto **www.isd917.org** to begin your annual training. This is an annual requirement for all staff. If you are new, please go to the website and then to:



- For 917 Staff (**log in** to this area first)
- Then go to SafeSchools Online Training and at the bottom of the page it says “Employee On-Line Training Website (SafeSchools)—Click here
- Username is your work e-mail
- No password is required. Just “Log Me In!”
- OR go to <http://www.isd917.mn.safeschools.com>

Required courses are Blood Borne Pathogens and Sexual Harassment. Additional courses may be assigned depending on your position such as back safety, defensive driving, personal protective equipment, etc.

**All courses must be completed by October 1, 2018.** Thank you.

## **ALL STAFF WELCOME BACK!**

**The All Staff Welcome Back event is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2018.**

**The location for this years’ event is being held at Hastings High School, 200 General Sieben Drive, Hastings. It begins at 7:45 AM with coffee and donuts.**

**Tables will be set up for union groups and vendors.**



New and current staff—the ISD 917 Staff Handbook is available online at [www.isd917.org](http://www.isd917.org) under “For 917 Staff.”

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Extended School Year began on July 9<sup>th</sup> for staff and July 10<sup>th</sup> for students and will run through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In total, we anticipate 225 students participating in ESY:

- ✦ DASH – 12
- ✦ PACES – 23
- ✦ TESA – 40
- ✦ CASE – 8
- ✦ IDEA – 12
- ✦ SUN – 65
- ✦ TEA – 24
- ✦ DHH Preschool – 8
- ✦ DHH - 24VI-ECC – (to be held in August) – 9

### From our new Superintendent Mark Zuzek



" I am excited to be the Superintendent of Intermediate School District 917. I have spent time during my transition learning more about the district. I am in the process of meeting people. I have enjoyed hearing about each person's role and listening to their perspective. It is a resounding theme that all of the people I have met are proud of their work, enjoy collaborating with their peers, and are committed to serving the needs of children, families, and the member districts. I am very impressed with the commitment, dedication, and professionalism.

" I look forward to meeting you as well! If you are at the district office for some other purpose this summer, I encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself.

" A little about myself... Janet and I have three adult children who are all teachers. Katie teaches fifth grade in Cannon Falls, Abbie (Budin) will be teaching elementary music in Kasson-Mantorville, and Alex will begin his teaching career this year as a Social Studies Teacher at Farmington High School. Janet and I both come from large families, and we live in Hastings. I enjoy woodworking, landscaping, construction, community theater, and road trips!

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Cedar SUN and Lebanon IDEA were excited to have two students graduate from each program on June 1, 2018. We had both families attend graduation along with our superintendent, board members and many students and staff. We would like to congratulate Heccsiva Campuzano (271), Aaron Davidson (194), Alex Fuhrman (194), and Ryan Lavendowski (197) and wish them good luck in their futures!
- We closed our school year with many bittersweet celebrations. We celebrated two high school graduations: Jose Gonzalez (District 6) and Calvin Rodriguez (District 192)
- We celebrated students "graduating" from Alliance Education Center and going on to alternative programming:
  - ⇒ Mary Jo Hammons (District 192)
  - ⇒ JF Nunn (District 200)
  - ⇒ Christian Lewis (District 194)
  - ⇒ Angelina Morris (District 192)
- A huge thank you to our school board from Alliance Education Center for the continued support of our work here in ISD 917.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup> the DASH classroom at Henry Sibley High School held their 6<sup>th</sup> annual prom event. This year's theme was superheroes. The classroom spent months building the props and decorations for prom. We had a DJ and a photographer for the event. Many people came to the event including: parents, friends, and lots of general education students. A fantastically fun time was had by all.



## CONDOLENCES

*Lynette Spurgin on the passing of her mom Betty Jane Taylor. Betty was 89 years old and passed away on Wednesday, June 13. Lynette is a program assistant at Lakeville North High.*



*Our condolences to Amy Lafreniere, Program Assistant at McGuire, on the passing of her dad Gary Zimmerman, who passed away on Sunday, July 8. Gary was 77 years old.*

## GOOD NEWS—SPECIAL EDUCATION

- The END-OF-THE-YEAR Family Fun Night for the **ISD 917 deaf/hard of hearing preschool** was held on May 10, 2018. Good weather and great attendance made this an enjoyable evening of fun outside on the playground for parents and families of students in the deaf/hard of hearing preschool program. With hot dogs on the menu, families have an opportunity for conversation, networking, and socialization with parents, students, and staff. Thanks go to **Roxy Johnson, teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing** for early childhood learners, for organizing this successful event and to all the preschool staff for their participation in making the evening a positive experience for everyone. Additional thanks to **Mary Stadelman, program assistant**, for a fun art project!



## GOOD NEWS—DCALS and DCALS North

DCTC will have MVTA bus service beginning this fall. Below is more detailed information regarding the new bus service.

**Start date for service:** Monday, Aug. 20

**Schedule for DCTC:** Attached

**Marketing and Communication:** There is information on DCTC's website at: <http://www.dctc.edu/>. Additionally, a press release will go out soon.

**Connections:** Route 420 directly connects to Rosemount Transit Station and Apple Valley Transit Station. Red Line (Apple Valley to Mall of America) connects to Apple Valley Transit Station. Route 477 connects Lakeville to Apple Valley Transit Station. Route 442 connects Burnsville to Apple Valley Transit Station.

**Bus Shelter:** The location will be just east of the front door.

**Funding:** Dakota County has provided financial support for the route for 2 years.

**College Pass Program:** The pass costs \$165 per semester (Aug. 15-Dec. 31; Jan. 1-May 31). There is also a summer pass (June 1 – Aug. 14) that is cheaper. Passes will be sold in DCTC's bookstore beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On May 23rd, the New Chance school staff and county staff joined together to bring their students to the MN Twins baseball game against the Detroit Tigers for "Math Days". It was the first time any of the students had attended a professional baseball game, and we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. Although the Twins ended up losing 4-1, it was actually a win for all of us that day. With the fun we had, the learning experience we gained while watching the game, and the laughs we shared that day, we built memories that cannot be gained while sitting in the classroom. We are all very thankful we were given the opportunity to go.
- We continue to work on staffing for the 2018-2019 school year. At this time a number of positions are still available. We also have a variety of openings for paraprofessionals.
- **Our annual event for member district directors and school board members is on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Mount Olivet in Farmington beginning at 11 a.m.**

## GOOD NEWS—DCALS—Medical Careers

What a whirlwind year of excitement, ups and downs, happy tears and sad tears . . . especially when the end of the year is here! However, they all made it, the hard work and hardships did pay off. Some students made a few mistakes but they signed back up again and corrected them. All of these students amaze Becky and myself!

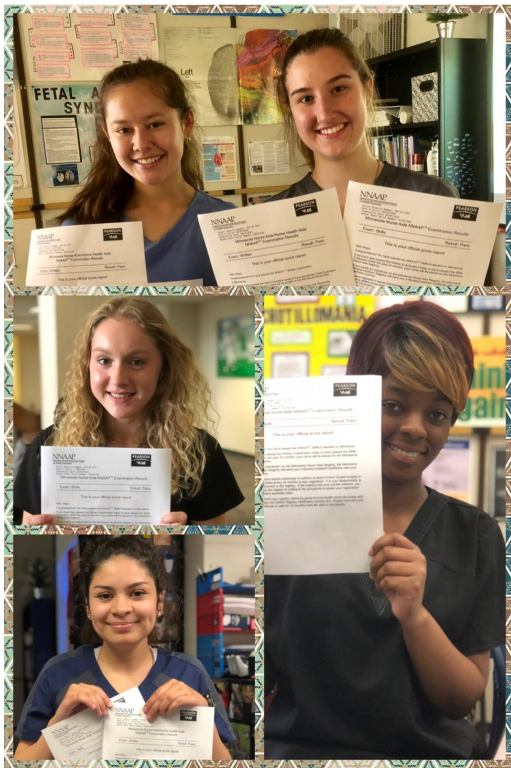
We first had the Skills USA State Assessments with some students passed early on during their pre-test . . . And have already earned their “Skills Point Certificate” for placement in their portfolio right away. Others took the posttest Nursing Assisting Exam, and 98 percent passed with flying colors!

Clinical rotations were amazing, our **Adjunct RN’s, Rita Winkler and Marcy Borchardt** were thrilled with their excitement and skill sets! We had 17 students complete and pass their skills.

Next comes the State of Minnesota State Certification Exam. Tests were offered June 1, June 6, June 11, June 20, and June 25<sup>th</sup>. So far, covering the dates of June 1, June 6, and June 11 . . . We have introduced 15 students who are now Certified Nursing Assistants. We have more students registered on June 20 and June 25. WHEW!

We obviously have some pretty happy and proud professional CNA’s, along with their teachers.

**Carol Lundquist and Becky Rachuy**



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

Our ISD 917 elementary students in the deaf/hard of hearing program participate in the Health and Wellness Summit that took place on May 22, 2018 at the West Minnehaha Recreation Center in St. Paul. We had the most students (43) in attendance out of every other district who attended. There were a total of 180 students from all over the metro in attendance and about 80 adults/parents/support staff.

Throughout the day, students participated in 7 different events including physical fitness events, such as football, soccer, and African dance. Students also learned about building healthy friendships, how the use of closed captioning can improve access when watching movies/television, and healthy eating. Students had the opportunity to collaborate with peers and practice compensatory skills in real-life situations. Finally, students had the opportunity to see inside of their ear with a video otoscope.

Dairy Queen donated Dilly Bars for all of the students and staff in attendance as a special surprise!

Our ISD 917 Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, **Taylor Thomas**, was a member of the planning committee for the event. **Kelsey Mlodozyniec and Gubby Kubik** raised \$250 for the event from her 'Closed Captioning is Cool' shirt fundraiser. With this money and an additional \$500 donation from Quota International, the entire event was planned and executed. The committee received over \$16,000 worth of in-kind donations and volunteering!



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Lebanon Education Center had its annual, school-wide field day directed by **Mary Callister, physical education teacher**. Each class chose an activity that they wanted to have students and staff try. Activities included: washer toss, disc jam, sponge toss, giant paper/rock/scissors, potato sack race, parachute fun, ball on the spoon race, and beach ball partner race. Students rotated through each of the areas every 6 minutes and at the end they had freeze pop treats. Everyone had a blast.



- The staff at Lebanon Education once again held their end of the year food drive. Even more food was collected this year! The mother of staff members **Richelle Gernes and Amber Kneer** asked that guests to her birthday party bring a food item rather than gifts and donated the items to the drive. There was enough food collected to send more than 40 students home with a grocery bag full of food. It was wonderful to listen to the students as they filled their bags talk about selecting items because it was what a sibling or parent liked or needing to pick a variety of items to make complete meals.
- For the final day of school at Cedar, SUN staff put together an awards ceremony and carnival for students and families. We had 34 family members from 22 families join us for an amazing day of activities and fun. The day started with an awards ceremony during which teachers presented certificates to each student highlighting their accomplishments over the year. The carnival included games, face painting, an obstacle course as well as snow cone and popcorn stands. It was a big hit for all the students and families.

