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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

May 4, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

ISD 917 LICENSED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
MELISSA HO

During the 2020-2021 pandemic Melissa has accepted numerous responsibilities outside of the traditional LSN roles. She had provided a lot of behind the scenes research and education for the entire school district. Melissa has been involved with mentoring three new LSNs and health service workers. She has been unwavering in her commitment to safety and wellness for district employees, families and students. She is an invaluable resource for all of us! Congratulations Melissa!

ISD 917 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
KEARSTON LAZARETTI

Kearston is a huge support for the first grade individual classroom at LEC. She goes above and beyond her duties as a para. She helps prepare lesson plans, helps set up and put into action all supports for our team and does an amazing job implementing the students behavioral plans. She picks up on the students needs extremely quickly and models for other paras how to implement the behavioral plans for the students. Her care and love for the students is something to be admired by all. She truly takes the time to know the students and figure ways we can help the student's succeed. Kearston has an amazing work ethic and is an extremely hard worker. She is quick to step in for the teacher if she is out for the day, or in a meeting. Kearston also is a great coworker. She helps model Nurtured heart and behavioral plans for the other staff, she fills in for staff when needed, and she has a great attitude no matter the situation. With her busy life of four kids at home, two with special needs, she still takes home work at times to assure we are prepared for our students. Congratulations Kearston!

PERSONNEL

Personnel: *Change in Status:* Taylor Thomas, Special Education Dean to Special Education Assistant Director/Principle, effective July 1, 2021. Teri Welch, Accountant, 0.6FTE to 0.7FTE, effective July 1, 2021. *Leave of absence:* Joan Wambheim, Program Assistant, effective 04/05/2021 through June 11, 2021. *Resignations and Terminations:* Shelby Abbott, School Psychologist, effective June 11, 2021. Kathryn Crone, Classroom Assistant, effective May 7, 2021. Craig Curtis, Computer Network Specialist, effective May 28, 2021. Kristin Goeser, DAPE Teacher, effective July 29, 2021. Angela McIntyre, School Psychologist, effective June 11, 2021. Shelby Nero, Teacher for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, effective June 11, 2021. Paula Olson, Program Assistant, effective June 10, 2021. Hannah Pitzl, Classroom Assistant, effective May 21, 2021. Whitney Richardson, Special Education Teacher, effective June 11, 2021.

Calendar Information

June 15, 2021– 4:30 PM, School Board Meeting , Google Hangouts

Policies: *Final reading*: Policy 494(b) Deferred Compensation Plan, Policy 493 – Credit Card Program and 493.1 Wireless Devices all moved to procedures. Final reading: Policy 722 Public Data Requests; and Form 722.1 Form; Policy 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students.

Motions and Reports

- Motion passed approving Donations of $325.
- Motion passed approving the Blood Borne Pathogens Control Plan for 2021-022.
- Resolution passed approving Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Motion passed approving the Lease Levies, SafeSchools Levy, and LTFM (Long-term Facilities Maintenance) 10-year Plan.
- Resolution passed approving the ISD 917's Long-term facility maintenance program budget and authorized inclusion of those projects in the districts' application for long-term facility maintenance program revenue.

Baby Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matt Bruns and his wife Stevie on the birth of Magnus Alexander. Magnus was born on April 21, 2021, at 4:30 AM, and weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of Janell Stiel, age 61 of Hastings. Janell passed away on May 1, 2021. Janell was an Administrative Assistant at Alliance Education Center. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 21, at 11 AM at Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel, 3075 Vermillion St. in Hastings. Visitation is from 10-11 AM.

Our condolences also go out to the family of Ann Wengeler. Ann retired from 917 in 2019 and was the administrative assistant to the Special Education Director. Ann passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from complications of pneumonia.