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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

August 24, 2021 and September 7, 2021
Regular Board Meeting



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am honored to serve as Superintendent of Intermediate District 917 and look forward to working in partnership with our families, staff, and member districts as we work collaboratively to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of each and every student. As we navigate this school year, we will do so collectively as we belong to each other. We welcome all. We serve all.

Wishing you your very best school year!

In case you missed the Opening Days Workshop video I presented last week, please see below to view.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TvcOnvFUGoiiRWU3LIrqzH9Fc4gyyx3V/view?usp=sharing

Dr. Michael Favor

PERSONNEL: (From August 24, 2021, School Board Meeting)

New Hires: Miranda Barnhart, Sign Language Interpreter, effective September 2, 2021. Eugene Benhart, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2021. Noah Berg, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Michael Bibro, Computer Network Specialist, effective August 9, 2021. Bethany Carlson, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Lindsay Fitzgerald, Physical Therapist, effective August 24, 2021. Becky Floyd, Health Associate, effective September 1, 2021. Tess Gonyer, Mental Health Professional, effective August 24, 2021. Robert Jameson, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Katherine Johns, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Cora Johnson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 26, 2021. Tess Johnson, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Charity Last, Program Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Allyssa Lind, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Charles Lindstrom, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Cameron Martin, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Melissa McElroy, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. MerriBeth Miller, School Social Worker, effective August 24, 2021. Kimberly Nitcher, Sign Language Interpreter, effective September 2, 2021. Brett Peterson, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Travis Perkins, Program Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Michael Rice, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Kenzie Richards, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Marcus Rothering, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Lauren Studer, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Nkoa Vang, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Cassidy Williams, Mental Health Professional, effective August 24, 2021. Celicia Williams, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Rehires: Kelsey Funk, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher, effective August 24, 2021. Briana Walter (Ruiz-Bruce), Special Education Teacher, effective August 30,2021. Change in Status: Laura Bray, Speech Language Pathologist, .8 FTE to .7 FTE for 2021-2022, effective August 25, 2021. Pearl Devenow, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher, Permanent .8 FTE change effective, August 30, 2021. Carmen Eaton, .5 FTE School Counselor/ .5 FTE Special Education Teacher to 1.0 FTE School Counselor, effective August 30, 2021. Becky McNamara - Rachuy, Teacher Medical Careers .75 FTE salary correction, effective August 24, 2021. Leaves of absence: Andrea Fonseca, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2021- December 19, 2021. Resignations and Terminations: Wakeshia Bean, Classroom Assistant, effective August 16, 2021. Chad Brewer, Classroom Assistant, effective August 19, 2021. Funmilayo Carew, Classroom Assistant, effective August 26, 2021. Rachel Craig, Classroom Assistant, effective August 19, 2021. Lance Demuth, Classroom Assistant, effective August 17, 2021. Patricia Eldred, PHD Teacher, effective August 9, 2021. Jayle Engberg, Classroom Assistant, effective July 29, 2021. Amanda Freeman Fleuriel, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2021. Taylor Freiermuth, Classroom Assistant, effective August 10, 2021. Jenae Hemminger, Classroom Assistant, effective July 22, 2021. Melissa Kinneman, Classroom Assistant, effective August 27, 2021. Jessica Mathison, Program Assistant, effective August 31, 2021. Jennifer Meyer, Classroom Assistant, effective August 8, 2021. Melissa Olsen, Special Education Teacher, effective August 4, 2021. Kennedy Pelzel, Classroom Assistant, effective August 12, 2021. Kate Slind, Classroom Assistant, effective August 18, 2021. Kristen Thoms, Classroom Assistant, effective August 27, 2021. Eric Van Brocklin, Principle, effective September 17, 2021. Summer Vang, Classroom Assistant, effective June 10, 2021. Jennifer Walters, Classroom Assistant, effective August 16, 2021. Joan Wambheim, Program Assistant, effective July 31, 2021.

PERSONNEL: (From September 7, 2021, School Board Meeting)

New hires: Jessica Dipple, Math Teacher, effective August 31, 2021. Christina Gillard, Occupational Therapist, effective August 24, 2021. Ramla Hussein, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Jonathan King, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Katie Lauer, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2021. Mary Willman, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2021. Jennifer Williams, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Cassandra Wronka, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Rehires: Kaytlyn Knight, Classroom Assistant, effective September 2, 2021. Change in status: Nicholas Reding, Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2021. Resignations and Terminations: Bruce Alexander, Delivery, effective June 30, 2021. Billie Edmonds, Program Assistant, effective June 7, 2021. Steven Hadrits, Classroom Assistant, effective August 20, 2021. Roselaine, Jozamar-Inoussa, Program Assistant, effective September 10, 2021. Ibrahim, Kalejaiye, Classroom Assistant, effective September 13, 2021. Jessica King, Classroom Assistant, effective September 15, 2021. Sarah Kruse, Classroom Assistant, effective September 19, 2021. Samantha Larsen, Classroom Assistant, effective July 22, 2021. Megan Petersen, Classroom Assistant, effective September 1, 2021. Kimberly Wiklund, Classroom Assistant, effective August 13, 2021.

Information

The School Board has the following Committees:

- ⇒ **Budget and Finance** (Kathy Lewis, Cindy Nordstrom, Tom Bennett)
- ⇒ **Buildings and Grounds** (Wendy Felton, Lisa Ehleringer, Dave Pemble)
- ⇒ Instructional Programs (Kathy Lewis, Byron Schwab, Cindy Nordstrom)
- ⇒ **Insurance** (Cindy Nordstrom, Kathy Lewis)
- ⇒ **Personnel** (Tom Bennett, Dave Pemble, Melissa Sauser)
- ⇒ Policy (Wendy Felton, Lisa Ehleringer, Lesley Chester)
- Reminder: All Intermediate School District 917 staff, students, and visitors will be required to wear face coverings in school district buildings, effective August 10, 2021 (District Policy 808).
- **Equity Audit:** The Equity Audit is complete and will be summarized at the next school board meeting on October 5, 2021.
- **DCALS:** We are in the process of hiring a new principal to replace Eric VanBrocklin. More information to come.
- **Welcome Andrew "Drew" Woods!** Andrew will be starting as the new Principal of DCALS. More information will be sent out shortly.

Calendar Information

October 5, 2021, 4:30 PM, School Board meeting, Dakota Room, DCTC, First Floor October 21-22, 2021—No school for staff or students

October 28, 2021—8:30 AM, School Board and Member District Superintendent Workshop, Dakota Room, DCTC, First Floor

November 2, 2021, 4:30 PM, School Board meeting, Dakota Room, DCTC, First Floor **November 25-26, 2021,** Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 7, 2021, 4:30 PM, School Board Meeting, Dakota Room, DCTC, First Floor

Motions and Reports

- Motion passed approving donations in the amount of \$1538.
- Motion passed approving the agreement between ISD 917 and ISD 271 and ISD 192 for the purchase of Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for early childhood mental health programs.
- The following policies were approved for the annual review.
 - o 410 Family and Medical Leave
 - o 413 Harassment and Violence
 - o 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
 - o 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
 - o 506 Student Discipline
 - 514 Bullying Prohibition
 - o 524 Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
 - o 616 School District System Accountability
 - o 806 Crisis Safety Management
- First reading on the following policies: Policies 101 Legal Status of the School District, 101.1 the Name of the School District, 102 Equal Educational Opportunity, 103 Complaints Students, Employees, Parents, Other persons and 104 School District Mission Statement.

REMINDER FOR ALL COMPUTER QUESTIONS OF ANY KIND— EVERYONE—THIS MEANS EVERYONE

MUST PUT IN A TICKET INTO THE TICKET REQUEST SYSTEM.
GO TO THE WEBSITE WWW.ISD917.ORG, for 917 Staff,
IT Help Request Form



Please be patient—Cory, Pam and Michael have over 550 staff and numerous computer labs to attend to and the sooner you are in the system, the sooner they will get to your request. Thank you!

ANNUAL ONLINE TRAINING—SAFESCHOOLS IS READY!

Log onto www.isd917.org, For 917 Staff, SafeSchools Online Training, to begin your annual training. **All due by October 1, 2021.** Go to the website: www.isd917.org and "Login." Username and password is the same one you use to log into your e-mail or use GOOGLE sign in. 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."

Baby Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Emily Goodson and her husband Alex** on the birth of **Luca Matthew Goodson**, born July 26, 2021, weighing 8 lb 2 oz, and 19.75 inches long. Luca Matthew Goodson was born on Monday night at 7:42 PM.

