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AGENDA

Special Board Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2024 6:00 PM
Deer River High School Media Center

1. Call to Order
   Chairperson
   Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Approval
   Chairperson
3. Consent Agenda 3
   Chairperson
4. Action Items
   Chairperson
   A. Approve FY25 District Budget Reductions
      Chairperson

      High School:
      1.0 Math
      0.5 Science
      .15 HS Admin Assistant from 12mos to 11 Mos
      .64 Media Center Paraprofessional
      .20 ATS Reduction

      District Wide:
      2.0 District Office
      1.0 Instructional Coach
      2.0 District Guest Teachers

      King:
      1.0 Interventionist
      1.0 Special Education
      4.0 K-6 Educator

B. Approve FY25 Probationary Contract Non-Renewals
Chairperson
Hannah Brandanger
Adrianne Carstensen
Kellie Humble
Megan Lessin
Allison Trombley
Sydney Watland

C. Approve Math Credit Reduction 5
Chairperson

D. Approval of Donations
Chairperson
Junior Class
- Office of Itasca County Attorney $200.00
- Acheson Tires, Inc. $50.00

5. Adjournment
Chairperson

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Consent Agenda

April 15th, 2024

~Any Board Member may request that any item be removed from this consent agenda and moved to a regular agenda item~

- Appointments
  - Taylor Goggleye, Assistant Softball Coach
  - Rob Albrect, Part Time Assistant Golf Coach

- Resignations/Retirements/Terminations:
  - Retirement: Theresa Grossell, High School Administrative Assistant, effective August 1, 2024

- Leaves:
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- Contracts:
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April 1, 2024

Dr. Delana Smith
Principal
Deer River High School
PO Box 307
Deer River, MN 56636

Dear Dr. Smith,

Please accept this letter as a notice of my retirement, effective August 1, 2024.

I have enjoyed working at the Deer River High School for the past thirty-four years and wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve such an outstanding school. When I started in 1996, I was the youngest employee and it's hard for me to believe, but I am now one of the oldest! I learned a great deal and hope that my contributions to the school were as valuable to you as my tenure here has been to me.

I look forward to retiring and spending more time with my family but will miss DRHS students, staff, and colleagues. I have witnessed over a thousand students go through the graduation ceremony and can honestly say that I felt like a proud parent each time they walked across the stage. I have watched staff come and go and have made some wonderful friendships that I will carry with me into retirement. I will always look back on my career at DRHS with fondness.

Thank you,

Theresa Grossell
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TO: ISD 317 Board of Directors
FROM: Dr. Delana Smith
DATE: 4/10/24

Special Board Report

With the district reductions, we will be losing one math position to retirement. The high school currently requires 2 more credits than the state requirement for math.

I am requesting to reduce the math credits by 2 credits to match the state requirement of 6 credits for math. This change would have to begin during the 2024-2025 school year.

We will continue to have students in next year's 9-12 needing 7 credits of math to match the requirements, not all but some. This will be worked out with Lael when we build the course schedule for next year.

I am also requesting that we keep the current graduation credit requirement at 47 credits with no reduction.

State Graduation Requirements coming:

1. Personal Finance
2. Ethnic Studies (possibly be embedded into social studies courses)