

## School Board Report

We've had a couple sudden changes to the elementary with staff resignations. Two of our new teachers resigned this past week leaving us two open positions in the second grade. We have managed to fill one of these positions, and are awaiting applicants for the second. Both teachers that resigned found positions closer to their homes which reduced lengthy drives for them. Both shared how hard this decision was to make and that they had applied for the positions back in March prior to committing to stay. They expressed great appreciation for the fantastic learning they'd received in Tomahawk and were sad to leave.

Welcome Hannah Jarvensivu. Hannah is a UWSP graduate with two years of teaching experience. She looks forward to purchasing a home in the Tomahawk area and settling down with her husband Jacob (Math teacher at THS). The second grade team is looking forward to developing their new team this year with delightful new staff members.

### What's new for 2017-2018

- We will be following a five day schedule to ensure all students receive the same number of special classes this next school year. Rather than following a Monday – Friday schedule, we will have numbered days on our schedule. This way if there is a holiday on a Monday, this is not a missed class, Monday may have been a day 3. The day students return will then be that very day 3 and no special area classes are missed. This is true for most of our grades (K, 2-5). Grades 4K and 1 will still be following a Mon. – Fri. schedule since 4K attends set week days and these two grade levels are scheduled for special area classes at the same times.
- Teachers will have a bit more time to meet and prepare lessons this school year as we've been creative with our scheduling to allow for opportunities for our interventionists and special education teachers to spend time with classroom teachers through recess coverage. This was a challenge to work through, but we believe the schedule is well established now and should function to allow more common planning time for teams once weekly also.
- We will have our community based Open House on Aug. 30 from 2:00 – 5:00. School pictures will be taken, Boy/Girl Scouts will be available, Taher Food Service, the Bus Garage, Head Start, several sport teams, etc. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for everything in one visit.
- The building is looking amazing! It will be ready for the return of staff and students.
- The 4K-First grade playground equipment has been installed and is ready to be used. This will prove to be an excellent replacement.