

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

**ROCK RIDGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1405 PROGRESS PARKWAY, VIRGINIA, MN 55792
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Members Present:

Jennifer Bonner John Uhan
Nicole Culbert-Dahl Lisa Westby
Brandi Lautigar (arrived at 6:12 P.M.)
Tim Riordan

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent
Scott Manni, North Star Principal
Chad Hazelton, Community Education Director
Andrea Lintula, Business Manager
Bill Bryson, Technology Director

Members Absent:

Jodi Westby

Student Representative:

None

- I. Chair UHAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
 - A. UHAN added *6.7 Technology Strategic Plan* and *6.8 Discussion on event parking at RRHS* to Reports.
 - B. Motion to **approve the agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** Cassandra Hainey: Budget – look at all other budget reduction options before cutting teaching staff, attempt to pass the budget within the next month to allow students time to decide between CIS classes and PSEO registration.

- IV. **CONSTRUCTION:**
 - A. Kraus Anderson provided the Final Project Budgets Presentation.
 - B. Motion to **approve the Contract Amendment No. 17 to the Construction Management Agreement** made by RIORDAN, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

- V. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by BONNER. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Approval of February 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Approval of hire of Kiara Laube for the Paraprofessional (PES) position at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective February 11, 2025.
 - C. Approval of hire of Paul Powers for the Paraprofessional (RRHS) position at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective February 11, 2025.
 - D. Approval of hire of Kathleen Tappe for the Custodian/GM/Grounds/Driver (NSE/PES) position at a rate of \$25.75/hour effective February 20, 2025.
 - E. Approval of hire of Dezirae Drumm for the Paraprofessional (RRHS) position at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective February 21, 2025.
 - F. Approval of additional duty of Lunch Supervisor with a stipend of \$1,513 for the following Secondary staff for the 2024-25 school year: Troy Caddy, Jill Oja, Sean Streier, Brandon Borich, Elisa Boe, Taryn Greiner, Kyle Hammer, Emily Jankila-Christiansen, Paul Brainard, Stephanie Stefanich, Todd Ufford, Tara Peshel, Dawn Savela, Aimee Krebs, Mike Kowalski.
 - G. Approval of spring coaches, spring volunteer coaches, and stipends for the 2024-25 school year.
 - H. Approval of transfer of Steve Manninen from 10 hours/week to 29 hours/week at Parkview Elementary at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective March 3, 2025.
 - I. Acceptance of resignation of Tricia Riedberger from the Paraprofessional position effective February 21, 2025.

- J. Acceptance of resignation of Mary Ratzlaff from the Paraprofessional position effective February 24, 2025.
- K. Approval of rate of pay for school district election judges for the April 8, 2025 Special Election: \$15.00/hour for election day judges and \$18.00/hour for head judges, absentee ballot judges, and healthcare facilities judges.
- L. Approval for out-of-state travel for Willie Spelts, Jill Oja, Kyle Hammer, and Aimee Krebs for the National Work Based Learning Conference in Seattle, WA on April 1-5, 2025. This conference is funded by True North Stars Perkins Consortium, Perkins V.
- M. Approval of lane change for Nikki Young from MA Step J to MA+10 Step J effective February 11, 2025.
- N. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation of women’s clothing from the Virginia Soroptimists to Rock Ridge High School to be given to students in need.
- O. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation of school supplies from the Dollar Tree (Virginia, MN) for the students of Laurentian Elementary.

VI. **REPORTS:**

- A. Chad Hazelton provided an update to the Community Education portion of the Strategic Plan.
- B. Andrea Lintula discussed the preliminary and estimated budget parameters for FY25-26.
- C. Student Representative – discussion was had and LAUTIGAR, CULBERT-DAHL, and BONNER will review the submitted applications and interview. A current sophomore and junior will be needed for next year.
- D. Scott Manni gave a report from North Star Elementary.
- E. Supt. Noel Schmidt discussed the FY25-26 budget. A committee of the whole working session was set for March 4 at 8:30 AM to continue discussing the budget. The March 10 regular meeting was also moved to 7:00 PM from 6:00PM to allow for more board members to be able to attend on time.
- F. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by L. WESTBY, seconded by BONNER. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Bill Bryson gave a Technology update from the Strategic Plan.
- H. Event parking in the evenings at the RRHS gymnasium has had some issues – signs are being made to provide additional handicap parking in front of the Activities Commons during “after hours” events.

VII. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- A. Motion to **approve the Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Health Care Facilities Election Judges** made by RIORDAN, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

CHAIR

CLERK