

**School Board Meeting:****March 24, 2025****Subject:**

Appointment of Parkside Elementary School Principal

**Presenter:****Evan Ronken, Director  
Human Resources  
Pam Miller, Director  
Teaching and Learning**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend appointment of Jake Hockinson as Parkside Elementary School Principal, effective April 7, 2025.

**DESCRIPTION:**

We have a new Parkside Elementary School Principal! The position was offered to and accepted by Jake Hockinson who is currently a Dean of Students for BHM Schools. Through the search process, it became clear that Jake has the experience, background, and passion to successfully lead Parkside Elementary School as their new principal. As an internal selection, Jake will have the ability to assume the Parkside Elementary Principal responsibilities on April 7, 2025. Matt Lubben will continue to provide support throughout the school year to assist in the transition.

**Professional Experience:**

- Dean of Students, Montrose School of Innovation and Buffalo Community Middle School (2023-present)
- Teaching and Learning Manager, Waconia Public Schools, Waconia, MN (2022-23)
- Instructional Coach, Waconia Public Schools, Waconia, MN (2017-2022)
- Elementary Teacher, Waconia Public Schools, Waconia, MN (2010-2017)

**Educational Background:**

- B.A., Elementary Education, Northwestern College, Iowa
- M.S., K-12 Education, Winona State University
- Administrative (Principal) License, Hamline University

**What did we hear about Mr. Hockinson during the selection process?**

- Jake is enthusiastic, passionate, and optimistic.
- He connects with kids and staff on a personal level.
- He believes in collaboration with staff and families to provide the best possible education for Parkside Elementary students.

**What words did others use to describe Mr. Hockinson?**

- Jake is approachable and believes in a team approach to solving problems.
- He has a strong instructional background and seeks a data-informed approach to the classroom.
- He wants to unite students, staff, and parents at Parkside Elementary School.
- He is one of the most skilled leader's colleagues have ever worked alongside.