

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

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

Members Present:

Bill Addy Tim Riordan
Nicole Culbert-Dahl Polly Sorcan

Brandi Lautigar John Uhan
 Lisa Westby

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent
Willie Spelts, Director of School to Work
Engagement/Fundraising Coordinator

Members Absent:

None

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

- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
 - A. Motion to **approve the agenda** made by UHAN, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL.
 - B. UHAN amended his motion to include the addition of “*Consider approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between RRPS and AFSCME Council 65 Local Union #3 for 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025*” to Administration Items 9.7.
 - C. SORCAN added discussion on the Channel 12 Board to the *Superintendent’s Report*.
 - D. Motion passed unanimously.

- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** CULBERT-DAHL acknowledge the passing of former Virginia teacher, and most recently, Rock Ridge substitute teacher, Mr. Wayne Christiansen. He had an incredible 60+ year teaching career and was loved by so many staff and students. He will be missed and forever remembered.

- IV. **BOYS HEAD HOCKEY COACH APPEAL:**
 - A. Head Coach Ben Johnson had notified the board that he was not able to attend the board meeting.
 - B. Motion to **deny Ben Johnson’s appeal** made by UHAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed 6-1 with SORCAN voting NO.

- V. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by UHAN.
 - A. Approval of June 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Approval of hire of Christopher Fettig for the Secondary Choir Director position with a salary of \$90,420 (MA+18 Step J) effective August 27, 2024.
 - C. Approval of returning coach for the 2024-2025 school year: Chris Ismil (Boys Assistant Track and Field).
 - D. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Karl Hedley from the Handyman/Driver position effective August 1, 2024.
 - E. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation from the Virginia Community Foundation in the amount of \$8,531 - an annual donation from the Education Fund inside the Virginia Community Foundation.

- VI. **REPORTS:**
 - A. Willie Spelts gave a fundraising update – the district is closing in on \$3 million in total donations raised. He also mentioned that school tours are available this summer for class reunions. Finally, he provided an update on the bronze sculptures that once hung on the walls outside Goodman

Auditorium at VHS. The entry way in the Administration Building could be the best location for the sculptures to be displayed.

- B. 2024-2025 MSHSL Membership video – no action needed. This was an informational video from the MSHSL.
- C. Supt. Schmidt provided the Legislative Recap 2024 for board members to use as a resource. He discussed Franklin Elementary – the final Do-Bid auction is now complete. Some of the unsold items were picked up by either the Eveleth Community Foundation or the Eveleth Historical Society. The City of Eveleth is still working on updating the purchase agreement to allow the City to keep the Eveleth gym and band/music part of the Eveleth campus. The new purchase agreement should be on the July 8 agenda. Finally, Channel 12 is looking to fill two seats on their board. We will be sending out an email to employees to see if anyone is interested.
- D. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by UHAN. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **POLICIES – SECOND READING:**

- A. Motion to **approve the second of 533 Wellness** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by UHAN. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the second reading of 606.5 Library Materials** made UHAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed 6-1 with SORCAN voting NO.
- C. Motion to **approve the second reading of 606.5 Form - Formal Request for Reconsideration of Specific Library Collection Material** made by UHAN, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed 6-1 with SORCAN voting NO.
- D. Motion to **approve the second reading of 506 Student Discipline** made by UHAN, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Motion to **approve the second reading of 507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Motion to **approve the second reading of 507.5 School Resource Officers** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Motion to **approve the second reading of 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy** made by RIORDAN, seconded by UHAN. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW – SECOND READING:**

- A. Motion to **approve the first reading of 101.1 Name of the School District, 201 Legal Status of the School Board, 202 School Board Officers, 203 Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules, 203.1 School Board Procedures; Rules of Order, 203.6 Consent Agendas, 212 School Board Member Development, 214 Out-Of-State Travel By School Board Members, 306 Administrator Code of Ethics, 405 Veteran's Preference, 407 Employee Right To Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances, 409 Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations, 412 Expense Reimbursement, 421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members** made by RIORDAN, seconded by UHAN. Motion passed unanimously

IX. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- A. Motion to **approve the use of Wolverine Fund monies for labor costs and product purchase related to scoreboard upgrades in the U.S. Steel Gymnasium** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the proposed school activity fees and spectator ticket prices beginning with the 2024-2025 school year along with setting a Family Maximum of \$40.00 for purchases of student passes and allowing a discount on the cost of a student pass based on Free and Reduced Lunch qualifications** made by RIORDAN, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Motion to **approve the budget for 2024-2025** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed 6-1 with SORCAN voting NO.

- D. Motion to **approve the transfer of committed fund balance to the unassigned fund balance** made by ADDY, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed 6-1 with SORCAN voting NO.
- E. Motion to **approve leaving the NLC after the completion of the 2025-2026 school year** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed 6-1 with SORCAN voting NO.
- F. The board will continue to consider submitting a Proposed Resolution to MSBA to submit to legislature.
- G. Motion to **approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between RRPS and AFSCME Council 65 Local Union #3 for 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.

X. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

CHAIR – BILL ADDY

CLERK – BRANDI LAUTIGAR