

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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
Brandi Lautigar	Jodi Westby
Tim Riordan	Lisa Westby

Members Absent:

Nicole Culbert-Dahl

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent
Willie Spelts, Director of School to Work
Engagement/Fundraising Coordinator
Bob Voss, Transportation Director
Scott Manni, North Star Elementary Principal
Angie Williams, Laurentian Elementary Principal
Sheena Stefanich, Parkview Elementary Principal

Student Representative:

Cora Eilola Zallar

- I. Chair UHAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Uhan added to agenda: *Seat new school board member* to Reports 5.05. Motion to **approve the agenda as amended** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** None.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by J. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Approval of April 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Approval of hire of Leah Ryan for the Junior High Speech Coach position with a stipend of \$1,584 for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - C. Approval of hire of Peter Wargowsky for the PT Permanent Bus Driver position at a rate of \$25.14/hour effective April 23, 2025.
 - D. Acceptance of resignation of Ashley Strukel from the Paraprofessional position (LES) effective April 24, 2025.
 - E. Acceptance of resignation of Kylie Ashby from the Lunch and Playground Aide position (PES) effective April 26, 2025.
 - F. Acceptance of resignation of Katie Anderson from the Paraprofessional position (PES) effective May 29, 2025.
 - G. Approval of out-of-state travel for Noel Schmidt to present about Rock Ridge High School at the National Association for Career Technical Education Conference in Tucson, Arizona, on May 5-7, 2025. There is no cost to the district.
 - H. Approval of lane change for Kristy Hill from MA+10 to MA+18 Step J effective April 23, 2025.
 - I. Acceptance and appreciation of a scholarship award in the amount of \$200 from Scheuring Speed Sports and the United States Air Force for the CTE program.
 - J. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation to North Star and Parkview nurse's office of healthcare supplies and clothing from the PTA.
 - K. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161 for the #RockRidgeRising Campaign - classroom dedication at Rock Ridge High School.
- V. **Motion to approve the Resolution Proposing Discipline of Employee** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by RIORDAN. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **REPORTS:**

- A. BRANDI LAUTIGAR recited the ceremonial Oath of Office and was seated on the board.
- B. Willie Spelts provided a School to Work Engagement update as well as a Fundraising update. Jen Evenson, Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 for a classroom dedication at RRHS – the donation will be split among the Social Studies department, DECA, Science department, Laurentian Elementary for Starbase transportation costs, and the Nursing Assistant classes.
- C. Bob Voss presented information regarding the “Elementary Attendance Boundary Line” and the concern of daycare transportation for the 2025-26 school year, specifically Appletree. No decision was made.
- D. Cora Eilola Zallar presented the Student Representative report.
- E. Scott Manni gave the North Star Principal’s report.
- F. Principals Angie Williams, Scott Manni, and Sheena Stefanich shared staffing changes at their respective schools for the 2025-26 school year.
- G. Supt. Noel Schmidt provided an update to the 2025-26 budget, the internal RRHS Principal posting will be discussed at an upcoming Personnel Committee meeting to review options and brought to the full board on May 12, the AROI will also be brought to the May 12 meeting.
- H. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by RIORDAN, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion to **approve the approve the quote for 3rd-5th grades TWIG Science curriculum (6-year subscription)** made by RIORDAN, seconded by UHAN. Following discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the Professional Services Contract between ISD 2909 and Range Mental Health Center effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** made by BONNER, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed 5-0-1 with LAUTIGAR abstaining.
- C. Motion to **nominate Brandi Lautigar for the RAMS Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2025** made by RIORDAN, seconded by BONNER. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to **approve the draft of the 2025-2026 Rock Ridge school calendar** (includes elimination of Early Release Wednesdays) made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

CHAIR

CLERK