

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909  
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

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

**Members Present:**

Nicole Culbert-Dahl            Jodi Westby  
Brandi Lautigar                Lisa Westby  
Tim Riordan                     John Uhan

**Other Staff Present:**

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent  
Scott Manni, Rock Ridge High School Principal  
Angie Williams, Laurentian Elementary Principal

**Members Absent:**

Jennifer Bonner

- I. Chair UHAN called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
- A. UHAN added resolutions of non-renewals for the following teachers: 6.1 Kianna Martinson, 6.2 Shawn Johnson, 6.3 Alexander Hayes, 6.4 Deb Meissner, 6.5 Sarah Steele, 6.6 Kaitlyn Schreiner, 6.7 Amanda Delich, 6.8 Susan Lanyk, 6.9 Drew Aho, 6.10 Taryn Greiner, 6.11 Tina Trullinger, 6.12 Amanda Spotts, 6.13 Gena Flank, and 6.14 Benjamin Norman.
- B. Motion to **approve the agenda as amended** made by RIORDAN, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** Tim Strasser – 4-day school week. Lori Ismil – counseling and student support.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
- A. UHAN added *4.9 Approval of hire of Peter Wargowsky for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach position with a stipend of \$3,278 for the 2025-2026 school year.*
- B. Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda as amended** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
1. Approval of March 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
  2. Approval of hire of Sabrina Stangland for the After School Wolverine Care position at a rate of \$15.00/hour effective March 23, 2026.
  3. Approval of hire of John Westby for the 8th Grade Baseball Coach position with a stipend of \$3,278 for the 2025-2026 school year.
  4. Approval of spring coaches and volunteers and stipends for the 2025-2026 school year (attachment).
  5. Acceptance of resignation of Nicole Erickson from the 7th Grade Softball Coach position effective March 9, 2026.
  6. Acceptance of resignation of David Fyre from the High School Industrial Technology Teacher position effective May 29, 2026.
  7. Approval of lane change for Misty Elliott from BA to BA+10 Step J effective March 18, 2026.
  8. Acceptance and appreciation of donation in the amount of \$250 from Phyllis Torrel for the #RockRidgeRising Campaign.
  9. Approval of hire of Peter Wargowsky for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach position with a stipend of \$3,278 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- V. **REPORTS:**
- A. Principal Angie Williams shared some highlights and happenings at Laurentian Elementary.
- B. Tim Riordan gave a recap of his time spent at MSBA Day at the Capitol.

- C. Supt. Schmidt outlined the key factors prompting the school board to make budget cuts for the 2026–2027 school year.
- D. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by RIORDAN, seconded by J. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2026-2027 BUDGET:**

- A. Motion to **approve Budget 2026-2027 Option #2 as presented** made by L. WESTBY, seconded by RIORDAN. Following discussion, L. WESTBY rescinded her motion.
- B. Motion to **approve Budget 2026-2027 Option #2 with the removal of the 4-day school week option and addition of a 0.5 FTE Music Teacher items** (These items will be discussed at the next regular meeting.) made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed 5-1 with LAUTIGAR voting NO.
- C. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Kianna Martinson, A Probationary Teacher** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Shawn Johnson, A Probationary Teacher** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by L. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- E. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Alexander Hayes, A Probationary Teacher** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by RIORDAN. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- F. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Deb Meissner, A Probationary Teacher** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by J. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- G. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Sarah Steele, A Probationary Teacher** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by L. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- H. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Kaitlyn Schreiner, A Probationary Teacher** made by RIORDAN, seconded by J. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- I. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Amanda Delich, A Probationary Teacher** made by L. WESTBY, seconded by J. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- J. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Susan Lanyk, A Probationary Teacher** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by J. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- K. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Drew Aho, A Probationary Teacher** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by RIORDAN. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- L. Motion to **approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Taryn Greiner, A Probationary Teacher** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by RIORDAN. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- M. Motion to **approve the Resolution Proposing Placement of Tina Trullinger, A Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence to the Extent of 0.8 FTE** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- N. Motion to **approve the Resolution Proposing Placement of Amanda Spotts, A Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence to the Extent of 0.5 FTE** made by L. WESTBY, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.
- O. Motion to **approve the Resolution Proposing Placement of Gena Flank, A Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence to the Extent of 1.0 FTE** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.

- P. Motion to **approve the Resolution Proposing Placement of Benjamin Norman, A Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence to the Extent of 1.0 FTE** made by L. WESTBY, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.

VII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

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