

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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
Brandi Lautigar Lisa Westby

Members Absent:

Nicole Culbert-Dahl John Uhan
Polly Sorcan

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent
Scott Manni, North Star Elementary Principal
Josh Lamppa, Activities Director
Andrea Lintula, Business Manager

Student Representative:

None

- I. Chair ADDY called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR who also announced the deletion of the Student Representative Report since the student rep was absent. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** None.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- A. Approval of September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Approval of additional duties for the 2024-2025 school year (NSE) for the following staff: Don Galloway (Morning Supervisor \$3,026), Kim Plesha (Morning Supervisor \$3,026), Amanda Morley (Yearbook Advisor \$1,765).
 - C. Approval of additional assignment of Homebound Instructor for Wendy Larsen at a rate of \$42.00/hour effective September 11, 2024 through May 30, 2025.
 - D. Approval of hire of Apriliza Zakula for the Paraprofessional position at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective September 10, 2024.
 - E. Approval of hire of Sherry Salo for the Wolverine Care Staff position at a rate of \$14.00/hour effective September 16, 2024.
 - F. Approval of hire of Jordan Orbeck-Stevens for the Paraprofessional position at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective September 17, 2024.
 - G. Approval of hire of Taryn Greiner for the 1.0 FTE Secondary Physical Education/Health Education Teacher position with a salary of \$50,163 pro-rated (Step B – BA) effective September 6, 2024.
 - H. Approval of hire of Chris Westin for the JV Boys Hockey Coach position with a salary of \$6,135.33 for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - I. Approval of transfer of Drew Aho from the LTS 3rd Grade position to the LTS 0.6 FTE STEAM/0.4 FTE Interventionist position with a salary of \$50,163 (Step B - BA) effective September 3, 2024 through May 31, 2025.
 - J. Approval of 0.1 FTE overloads for the 2024-2025 school year: Dawn Savela (Geometry - 1st Semester \$7,341.10 Step J - BA), James Eichholz (STEAM - 1st Semester \$8,640.40 Step J - MA), Troy Caddy (STEAM - 1st Semester \$8,640.40 Step J - MA), and Greg Foster (STEAM - 1st Semester \$9,042.00 Step J - MA+18).
 - K. Approval of volunteer coach for the 2024-2025 school year: Josh Nevala (Football).
 - L. Approval of revised stipend for Boys Hockey Coaches: Evan Friedlieb (JV from \$5,295 to \$6,135.33) and Cooper McLean (Assistant Varsity from \$5,295 to \$6,135.33).
 - M. Acceptance of resignation of Steve Begich from the Paraprofessional position effective September 3, 2024.

- N. Acceptance of resignation of Maria Begich (Joubert) from the Paraprofessional position effective September 16, 2024.
- O. Acceptance of resignation of Ashley Prout from the Morning Aide position effective September 23, 2024.
- P. Acceptance of resignation of Holly Ayster from the Paraprofessional position effective September 27, 2024.
- Q. Approval of lane for Caley Hujanen from MA to MA+10 effective September 10, 2024.
- R. Approval of lane change for Cody Baker from BA to BA+30/MA effective September 19, 2024.
- S. Acceptance and appreciation of an annual donation from the Virginia Community Foundation - Rock Ridge Education Fund in the amount of \$7,277.00.
- T. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation from Brian and Julie Hill in the amount of \$100 for the #RockRidgeRising Campaign - In Memory of Mr. Wayne Christiansen.
- U. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation from Seppi Brothers Concrete in the amount of \$34,000 to the #RockRidgeRising Campaign as the final payment for naming rights on the Varsity softball field at RRHS.
- V. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation from United Way of Northeastern MN in the amount of \$10,000 for the #RockRidgeRising Campaign - Career Academy Development.

V. **REPORTS:**

- A. Activities Director Josh Lamma answered board questions regarding the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Virginia and ISD 2909. It was explained that the district is not charged for unused hours when the district chooses the “Commitment of 350 Hours” as one of the ice rental rate options listed in the agreement.
 - 1. Motion by LAUTIGAR to **request that the City of Virginia add an addendum to the current agreement that states the district will only be charged for hours used at the ITMEC**, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. AD Josh Lamma discussed the MSHSL proposed constitutional amendments – Currently, the MSHSL governs Grades 10-12 and is proposing to include 9th grade in their governance. All member schools will be able to vote.
 - 1. Motion by RIORDAN to **vote YES for the proposed amendment to include 9th grade under the MSHSL governance**, seconded by WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. North Star Principal Scott Manni, along with Kari Niska, the NSE evening custodian, highlighted the Project-Based Learning project titled, “Our School, Our Responsibility” which focuses on safety, cleanliness, and creating a welcoming environment. Kari reported that the students have been very helpful in keeping the school clean and safe. NSE 3rd grade teachers Kelli Voss and Katie Hunter presented details about team teaching, shared classroom spaces at North Star, and the positive behaviors that they have been practicing.
- D. Supt. Schmidt discussed current enrollment numbers and presented a draft of the 2024-25 Superintendent Goals. School board members will have the option to revise the list of goals at the next regular meeting.
- E. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion to **approve the Preliminary 2024 Payable 2025 Levy at Maximum** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the Amendment to Agreement between ISD 2909 and Quad Cities ATV Club** made by RIORDAN, seconded by WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

CHAIR – BILL ADDY

CLERK – BRANDI LAUTIGAR