

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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:**

Jennifer Bonner  
Nicole Culbert-Dahl  
Brandi Lautigar

Tim Riordan  
Jodi Westby  
Lisa Westby  
John Uhan

**Other Staff Present:**

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent  
Scott Manni, RRHS Principal  
Sheena Stefanich, North Star Elementary Principal

**Members Absent:**

None

- I. Chair UHAN called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
  - A. UHAN replaced *Item 5.1 Indigenous Education update* from Maria Poderzay to an update about Indigenous Education from Tim Riordan as the Indigenous Education Liaison.
  - B. Motion to **approve the agenda as amended** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** Paul Peltier – acknowledged the amazing efforts of staff and students in the Culinary, Technology, and Music Departments to pull off a well-attended and very successful first Madrigal Dinner. Polly Sorcan – additional information needed about Consent Agenda *Item 4.12 Approval of the first of two installments of \$150/enrolled student to teachers providing online curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year per MOU “RRHS School Online Curriculum Monitoring”*.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Following discussion on *Item 4.12 Approval of the first of two installments of \$150/enrolled student to teachers providing online curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year per MOU “RRHS School Online Curriculum Monitoring”*, motion passed unanimously.
  - A. Approval of hire of Barbara Sonnentag for the Long-Term Pre-K Substitute Teacher (PES) position tentatively effective February 2, 2026 through May 29, 2026 with a rate of pay of \$264.43/day (BA, Step A).
  - B. Approval to hire Sarah Zimmerman for the Playground Aide (LES) position at a rate of \$14.00/hour effective February 23, 2026.
  - C. Approval of hire of Carissa Krebsbach for the Substitute Occupational Therapist position at a rate of \$70/hour effective February 24, 2026.
  - D. Acceptance of resignation of Jeff Teasck from the Summer Softball Coordinator position effective February 2, 2026.
  - E. Acceptance of resignation of Racheal Fosness from the Paraprofessional position effective February 11, 2026.
  - F. Acceptance of resignation of Minday Stanaway from the Paraprofessional position effective February 24, 2026.
  - G. Acceptance of resignation of Tessa Peterson from the High School Counselor position effective March 4, 2026.
  - H. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dan Berry from the High School English Teacher position at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
  - I. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Denise Berry from the School Secretary position effective August 6, 2026.
  - J. Approval of lane change for Shawn Johnson from BA to BA+10 Step B effective February 11, 2026.

- K. Approval of the first of two installments of \$150/enrolled student to teachers providing online curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year per MOU “RRHS School Online Curriculum Monitoring”.
- L. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation in the amount of \$9,000 from Minnesota Section SME for the purchase of a laser engraver.
- M. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation in the amount of \$500 from Engineers Club of Northern Minnesota for the purchase of a laser engraver.
- N. Acceptance and appreciation of a donation in the amount of \$200 from Phillip Larson Campanala Resources Limited for the purchase of a laser engraver.

V. **REPORTS:**

- A. Tim Riordan provided an update regarding Indigenous Education. Their annual compliance vote is due by March 1, so a Special Meeting will be held February 27 at 4:00 P.M.
- B. Principal Sheena Stefanich shared some highlights and happenings at North Star Elementary.
- C. Supt. Schmidt discussed the following: sale of the Gilbert school property has fallen through and we will be relisting it for sale; student behavior meetings and how to continue to improve student behaviors and systems have been conducted with high school and elementary teachers; there has been discussion on the current teacher evaluation system and a small group of teachers, along with the superintendent, are looking into other systems that might be a better option; and finally, construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> roundabout near White Cedar Drive is set for this summer.
- D. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by BONNER, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion to **approve the 2026-2027 Grades 7-8 Course Catalog** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve Literacy Services for 2026-2027** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

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CHAIR

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CLERK