

Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16th, 2023
6:00 PM
Park Rapids High School Aquarium

Chairperson Safratowich called the Meeting to order. Members present and order to vote was Morgan, Diekmann, Hoyt, Pike, Kocka & Safratowich. Principals Jeff Johnson & Mike LeMeir were present, as well as Business Manager Kent Fritze and Superintendent Lance Bagstad along with staff and community members.

RECITED the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVED Agenda and Addendums as presented. Morgan/Kocka

HEARD Presentations

- a. High School Student of the Month for October – Anna Eckmann
- b. Middle School Students of the Month for September – Jesua Vasquez Giron(6th), Josue Garcia Melara(7th), Andrew Mercil(8th)
- c. Middle School Students of the Month for October – Stella Grande(6th) & Austin Miller(8th)

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Kocka/Pike

- a. Approve payments Presented for October 2023
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 2nd, 2023 Working Board Meeting
- c. Approve Education Minnesota – Park Rapids Seniority List for 2023-24 School Year
- d. Approve AFSCME Seniority List for the 2023-24 School Year
- e. Approve Application to West Central Conference for Boys Hockey
- f. Approve Resignation - Bryan Hirt, Co- Middle School Student Council Advisor
- g. Approve New Hire – McKenzie Spain – Brist, Elementary Secretary
- h. **Approve New Hire – Sara Ballard, ECSE Paraprofessional – ADDENDUM**
- i. **Approve Heather Hopkins, School Health Specialist amended from Health Professional- ADDENDUM**
- j. **Approve Resignation – TJ Erickson, Assistant Baseball Coach - ADDENDUM**

HEARD Monthly Student Council Advisor – Our homecoming festivities went very well and we are working on our student government activities. We will have the hospitality class doing some things for Halloween.

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- Project 309 is still on schedule and budget. We will be at coffeetime next Thursday with Ed. We are looking at ordering of furniture for the new building. Lastly, we met with our PAWN board as well as our Up North Learning Center Joint Power's Agreement.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- We are wrapping up the audit. It is a clean audit Mary will be here at the next meeting. We are looking at different funding sources to see where we can generate more funding.

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report

Johnson – We had a great Homecoming week! We also did some AI training and it is more of an impact for our upper grade levels. We are monitoring this and we are going to have our staff dig

into this a little more to explore. We are also talking about what some things are going to be called within the new space as well as when all of this space is available. I am looking at graduation dates and how to maneuver this to our students and parents. I am working with Justin to find out more about our building project to see what we can make happen. Conferences were this past week, and they seem like the attendance at those are declining. Looking at ways to improve participating with that.

Lemier – We had 7th and 8th grade conferences, and we are preparing for the elementary conferences. Our K- 6 team meet with Laurie to see how we can move from a library to a media center. Laurie has also done some AI training for our teachers. Math and English Language arts teams have meet and we are still reviewing this material. Planning for our distance learning day on Thursday.

HEARD Monthly Activities Directors Report – We are less then 1 month away from winter sports starting. Fall sports are getting into section tournament time and we are looking forward to all the upcoming events.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – Century adventures has been going over to Heritage to play games and do fun things with the residents. I have been updating the community ed by laws. Rosie and I will be attending the Community ed conference at the end of the month.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- We have turned over more spaces to our contractors. We are shutting down sprinklers and concession stands before winter comes.

HEARD Monthly Transportation Director Report- I am working through 2 safety campaigns to make sure we are keeping our kids safer and it seems like we are working through this a little nicer. We are working through some things with our two systems that were not talking well in the past. We are still in need of more sub drivers and we do train for this here.

HEARD Monthly Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report – Last week we had parent teacher conferences which was very well attended. I have attended several conferences as well as a few more coming up to give us more resources for various populations in our district.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report- We had our PAWN and Up North Learning center meetings. We are looking at interventions and ADSIS needs. Students in special ed won't transition from school until age 22 which is new. It is helping with some of our students needs. We have our Fall conference with MASE coming up at the end of the month.

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT/ITEM</u>
Park Rapids Area Schools	PREAF	Year to Date See below
Park Rapids Theatre Department	Ready Set Fund	\$26.00
Park Rapids ALC	Donna Anderson	\$275.00

RECESSED to Closed session pursuant to Chapter 13D – Negotiation Strategies

OPENED closed session at 6:32pm Kocka/Pike

CLOSED closed session at 6:50pm Morgan/Kocka

ADJOURN at 6:51pm Hoyt/Pike

February 2023 allocations

- *softball – \$1200.00 – game balls, bats, catchers gear
- *baseball – \$2000.00 – field equipment
- *BPA – \$1000.00 – national conference fees
- *Track boy's – \$1200.00 – record board
- *Track girl's – \$1200.00 – record board
- *Athletics – \$4965.10 – weights for weight room
- *Christie Sauer - \$450.00 – 7th & 8th grade books for classroom library

TOTAL: \$12,015.10

May 18, 2023:

- *Education - \$120.00 – 2 nd grade weighted vests
- *Girl's Tennis - \$1500.00 – tennis balls and ball hoppers
- *Cross Country - \$2500.00 – warm up jackets and pants
- *Football - \$683.10 – wristbands
- *Volleyball - \$2000.00 – HUDL & volleyballs
- *Panther Spirit Club - \$1500.00 – Panther Spirit Team Supplies & t-shirt launcher
- *PRAHS Student Council - \$6000.00 – Panther Mascot

TOTAL: \$14,303.10

September 9, 2023:

- *Park Rapids Century School - \$4000.00 – MS Art for Put-In Cups for chain link fences surrounding Century School

TOTAL: \$4,000.00