

**Park Rapids Area School Board
Working Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024
6:00 PM
Park Rapids School Board Room**

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

RECITED the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVED Agenda and Addendums as presented Morgan/Kocka

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Diekmann/Kocka

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 19th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve Resignation – Kristina Lindgren, COTA (Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant)
- c. Approve Resignation – Morgan Marcussen, JH Golf Coach
- d. Approve Resignation – Mike Heegard, Bus Driver
- e. Approve Resignation – Dale Wilkins, Grounds Keeper
- f. Approve New Hire- Griffin Meier, Paraprofessional
- g. Approve New Hire- Sarah Kurth, Paraprofessional
- ~~h. Approve New Hire- Leslie Flanders, Paraprofessional – REMOVE~~
- i. Approve New Hire – Kathleen (Katie) Eshelman, ADSIS Math Paraprofessional
- j. Approve New Hire – Kristina Lindgren, COTP (Certified Occupational Therapist Practitioner)
- k. Approve Volunteer- Wyatt Sanford, Boys Basketball Coach
- l. Approve Second Reading – Elementary School Handbook 2024-25 School Year
- m. Approve Second Reading – Middle School Handbook 2024-25 School Year
- n. Approve Second Reading – High School Handbook 2024-25 School Year
- o. **Approve Resignation – Pat Kaufenberg, Paraprofessional – ADDENDUM**

HEARD New Business:

- a. Approve First and Second Reading of Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System Retroactive to June 30th, 2024 Kocka/Morgan
- b. **Approve Retirement – Sherill Miller – With regret and thanks for her 25 Years of Service to the Park Rapids School District Effective December 31st, 2024 – ADDENDUM Hoyt/Kocka**

HEARD Discussion

- a. Beginning of School 2024-2025 – Mr. Bagstad this has been a very stressful week and we made a plan and got everything done that needed to be. Our staff is awesome, they were able to relax and focus on more classroom things. Mr. Johnson was very impressed with his staff. We had 9th graders in the building today and it was very exciting to be back in the building. Tomorrow will be another big day for the rest of our students that will be here tomorrow. Mr. Frank we shifted our start time for 7th and 8th grade students. We had a great start to the year. Mrs Stevenson spoke about Tara Brown working with our students and staff weekly, PRAVA went well for the first day of the year. Mrs. Mercil, things have gone smooth and we were excited to have kids today. We had half of our kinders in the building

today and the other half tomorrow with all students in the building on Thursday. Mr. LeMier, we came together, and everyone was very supportive. We have worked hard to build relationships with our students and will work together. Mrs. Pohl, we have a “can do” attitude and it has been very uplifting to work hard. We served more bodies than normal at one time in the lunchroom, and they worked hard to get everyone through. It has been very nice to have two drop off loops to take down the traffic.

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT/ITEM</u>
Park Rapids School District	Trustar FCU	\$100, Tara Brown Connection Coach
Park Rapids School District	Edward Jones	\$500, Tara Brown Connection Coach
Park Rapids School District	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	\$1000, Tara Brawn Connection Coach
Century Elementary School	Cindy Bonde	School Supplies

HEARD Other Items

- a. Monthly Board Committee Report

ADJOURN at 6:20pm Morgan/Hoyt