

**Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 21st, 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, 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/Diekmann

HEARD Student of the Month October – Nora Cederstrom

~~HEARD Middle School Students of the Month for September – Oden Ackermann(8th) and Jaxen Foy(8th)~~

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Safratowich recuses herself, Hoyt/Kocka

- a. Approve payments Presented for October 2024
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 7th, 2024 Working Board Meeting
- c. Approve Resignation – Terry Ohlgren, Middle School Special Education Teacher
- d. Approve Resignation – Katie Juntunen, Paraprofessional
- e. Approve New Hire – Emily Franz, Elementary Education Long Term Substitute
- f. Approve New Hire – Tianna Ness, Paraprofessional
- g. Approve New Hire – Sheila Longtine, Testing & Assessment Coordinator and Technology Technician
- h. Approve New Hire – Steve Safratowich, Assistant JH Wrestling Coach
- i. Approve New Hire – Katie Juntunen, Intervener
- j. Approve Choir Fundraiser selling bed sheets from Cloud 9
- k. Approve Choir Fundraiser Concessions Choir concert provided by Aunt Belle's
- l. Approve Choir Fundraiser Sweatshirt sponsorship from area businesses.
- m. Approve Boys Basketball Fundraiser, Heggies Pizza Sales
- n. Approve Education Minnesota – Park Rapids Seniority List for 2024-25 School Year
- o. Approve AFSCME Seniority List for the 2024-25 School Year
- p. Approve Indian Education Coordinator Contract for 2024-2025
- q. Approve Out of State Travel for Amber Seibert to San Antonio, Texas from December 2nd - 6th, 2024 for the National Association for Agricultural Educators' Conference.

HEARD Monthly Student Council Report – We had homecoming the third week of school and it all came together very well. We are continuing Spirit points and that is going well this year. We are trying to get our primetime panther at our events. Snow days will be coming up in January and should go well.

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- Project 309 we still have a few punch list things, but it is going well and those things are coming together. This Thursday we will meet with the school forest committee. Election time is coming, and we have some people up for reelection on November 5th.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Audit is wrapping up, Mary Reedy will be here at the next meeting.

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report

Johnson– Mid Tri is this week; we have conferences this week and we are moving our conferences times up. We have FFA students at nationals this week. We will host a section volleyball game on Wednesday this week. We are working with Jill and Sue on our ELLA reading standard and we are getting great feedback from them. We are making accommodations for some of the construction happening throughout our buildings.

LeMier – A lot of discussion about the vision of our K-6 school and we are excited to hear about those goals. We are working on observations. We have a lot of subs in our building right now, but it is going well.

Mercil – We have the book fair going on this week. We have a few students coming back from the charter school this week. We are heading to our MESPA training next week.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – On her way back from Maine. Century adventures staffing is tight, but we are happy to have some student workers back now that fall sports are done. Numbers are good in that program, and we have several classes and trips coming up. Along with a new brochure soon.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report – Ongoing training for handle with care and be sure to check out Facebook as it shows Nicole Johnson as our DAPE teacher of the year.

HEARD Monthly Activities Report – Section football game on Tuesday, Sections volleyball on Wednesday and could possibly play again Friday and Saturday depending on the outcome of those games. Cross country has sections Friday as well as Swimming. Winter sports start November 18th.

HEARD Monthly Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report – In person conferences on Wednesday evening this week. Social Studies curriculum is gaining some steam. We are still working on the ELLA training and planning for the next staff development day.

HEARD Monthly Transportation Directors Report – Things are going smooth; we continue to look for divers and we are working on operations in the new building as winter approaches.

HEARD Old Business:

- a. Approve out of state travel for Spanish students and staff traveling to Spain from June 25th – July 6th, 2025 Pike/Kocka

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

| <u>TO</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>AMOUNT/ITEM</u> |
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| Park Rapids Schools | Edward Jones | \$250 – Tara Brown |

ADJOURN at 6:29pm Morgan/Pike