

Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 21st, 2025
7:30AM
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/Kocka

HEARD High School Student of the month for January – Thomas Lopez

HEARD Middle School Students of the month for January – Gretchen Hillesland(6th), Maci Trumble(7th), Ryker Simpson(7th)

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Diekmann/Pike

- a. Approve payments Presented for January 2025
- b. Approve Minutes of the January 6th, 2025 Re-Organizational Board Meeting
- c. Approve Student Activities Quarterly Report
- d. Approve Resignation- Walt Harrison, JH Girls Golf Coach
- e. Approve New Hire – Triston Wehmas, Custodian
- f. Approve New Hire – Kathy Ulmer, Century Special Education Teacher
- g. Approve New Hire – Mike Ridlon, Facilities Director
- h. Approve New Hire – Nic Lembcke, JH Girls Golf Coach
- i. Approve Volunteer – Sandy Aldrich, Speech Coach
- j. Approve Volunteer – Michael Nelson, Speech Coach
- k. Approve Leave of Absence for Ally Sanford for 12 months effective 1/20/2025
- l. Approve Updates to 2023-2025 Ed MN Contract (Updated C Schedule)
- m. Approve Local Government Official Letter of Compliance and Notice of Pay Equity Compliance
- n. Approve Teacher Lane Changes – See Attached Document

HEARD Monthly Student Council Report – Gearing up for snow days, coronation on Monday and a dance on Friday as well as a pep fest. Hat policy is going well. We will be surveying staff to see how it went in the coming weeks.

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- Proposed budgets from our governor and we have some fiscal responsibilities. We are looking at summertime unemployment and special ed transportation aid. Along with holding schools harmless for compensatory revenue. The MSBA leadership conference was great this year and we need to assess the tools we have in our sandbox.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Looking ahead at the budgets it gets a little unnerving. I am watching them but trying to project things with the anticipated deficit by the state.

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report

Johnson – Great news high school data shows discipline data has dropped. We are continuing to look at programming and staffing for the 25-26 school year. Our staff development day went very well on Monday and gave staff some great information as well as time to get some time in their classrooms.

HEARD Monthly Activities Directors Report – We have one act play coming up on Saturday. They are a very competitive bunch. Wrestling is doing well and there are some great athletes in that program. We have section wrestling here at the end of February. Boys basketball did well last night as well as Girls basketball getting a win on their alumni night. Hockey had a big win this last week. We got over 130 in gymnastics last week which is a milestone in the making from 20 years ago. Swimming is rebuilding and working towards the future.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – People have been busy registering for ECFE, youth and adult classes and activities. We have two buses going to San Antonio from January 24th – February 2nd. The Panther store has new clothing that just arrived, stop in and check it out.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- We are working on correcting some cold classrooms with these cold temps. We are working on getting boilers and things turned over to the district as well as starting with a new director.

HEARD Monthly Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report – Staff spent the day doing staff development with Tara brown. We are working on some student strategies and that is going well with many different strategies. OLLA training is going well, and we are working to get that training in. We are looking at more social studies curriculum and that is going well to try and find the best resources for our district. PRAVA students are making progress and things are going well.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report- We are working on plans for restructuring the two buildings that will be moving into place this coming year. We are looking at workloads for next year and making plans for all districts for next year.

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
Park Rapids Schols	Park Rapids Community Fund	Soccer Goals \$5000
Park Rapids Schools	Park Rapids Community Fund	Tara Brown \$1000
Park Rapids Schools	Park Rapids Community Fund	Inclusive Playground \$1000
Park Rapids Schools	Park Rapids Community Fund	Spanish Trip \$1000
Park Rapids Schools	Park Rapids Community Fund	Early Childhood Sensory Room \$800
Park Rapids Schools	Citizens National Bank	Soccer Goals \$500
Park Rapids Schools Bishop	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	MS PE - \$1500
Park Rapids School B. Kirchner	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	Student of the Month \$500
Park Rapids School L. Coborn	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	HS ALC - \$2600
Park Rapids School C Kirchner	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	Art Supplies - \$1200
Park Rapids Schools	MN Alpha Delta Kappa Alpha Phi	Tara Brown \$500
Park Rapids School Boys & Girls Track	A&W	\$10,265

ADJOURN at 7:56am Morgan/Pike