



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 29, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

### **Attendance:**

Haley Lottig, Marcie Dillon, Ashley Cook, Jolene Fiscella, Amy Schade, Urmi Picone, Kristin Schultz, Paige Haviland, Neva Grey, Tracey Cowart, Jackie Thornton, Sam Szopinski, Gina D, Kristin Turner, Aimee Lippencott-Rodgers, Connie Rabias-Sbarboro, Karen Hughes

### **Call to order**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

### **Administration Reports**

#### **Jackie Thornton, Principal**

- Thanks to all who helped at Registration
- Thanks for funds approved last year to update the Veteran's Wall. It was updated using a veteran-owned company.
- Phone use
  - All classrooms are using holders for phones
  - Teachers report it is going well
- School Improvement process is continuing
  - In June, looked at data for achievement and belonging
  - Staff members were involved in July, with August participation from parents, staff and students
    - A shift in the process included parents and students this year
  - Goals have not changed
  - What's it mean to be a Redhawk?
    - Identify core values - who we are and who we want to be
    - Work starts September 10
    - Key for new members of the community, student leaders
    - Supplements panorama
    - Professional learning: host community conversations on situations that undermine belonging
    - Data-driven improvement in extracurriculars
  - Elevating excellent practice
    - Clarity around outcomes
    - Improving instruction
  - SOAR 2.0
    - SOAR has helped reduce Ds and Fs
    - Use the time to maximize learning for every student
- Answering questions about Advisory and SOAR

- Advisory
  - 45 minutes
  - Goal is 15 min school business
  - Each grade level has own trackers
    - Connect. Engage. Succeed.
    - Discover and Invest.
    - Rise to the Challenge.
    - Own Your Path, Leave Your Mark.
- SOAR
  - Teacher has first opportunity to request for SOAR
  - Carrie McFadden can make changes
  - Some leadership groups are required to meet on a specific day
  - Feedback: Kids with chronic health issues - hard to make up PE during SOAR

### **Sam Szopinski, Activities Director**

- Homecoming updates
  - Radios to reach custodians as needed
  - Set up and layout is the same as previous years
    - Water jugs moved right outside the patio at self serve water stations
      - Parents will check on cups
      - Towels for spills
    - Pop and snacks at normal snack table
    - Photo booth
  - May have increased attendance vs. last year because this year not the same night as North
  - Theme is La La Land - theme days will go out to students
  - 2 assemblies leading up to the weekend
  - Homecoming is 7-10 on Saturday, September 13
  - Tickets can be bought at door for \$5 extra, cash only (\$30) or Go Fans (\$25)
  - Online form for guests from other schools
  - Google site with all information
- No winter dance but still spirit week - Hawks Week ending with Alumni Hall of Fame night

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Coat Check - Paige Haviland**

- All set for coat check. Volunteers arriving at 6:30. All wearing black and white.

#### **Volunteer Coordinator - Jolene Fiscella**

- Homecoming: Still looking for volunteers for taking down decorations
  - 5 minutes before end of dance
  - Need 4 volunteers for clean up
  - Suggestion: In call for decorating volunteers, remove "flair for decorating" - not needed - just need to be able to put decorations up
- Registration
  - Thanks to all volunteers

- Went smoothly
- No fee to pay by credit card helped
- Requests to pay at registration using phones

### **Young Hearts For Life - Karen Hughes**

- Screenings will be October 7
- Looking for volunteers
  - Will reach out to junior high feeder schools and HURRAH
  - Can provide clinical hours for volunteers
    - North Central and Aurora University may provide students who need clinical hours
  - Lunch for all volunteers (full or half-day)
  - Training is required the night before - there are 2 times available
    - Within 2 years, you only need refresher. More than 2, you need full training.
  - Consistent communication: forms are needed in PE, but YH4L is not required

### **Parent Coffee - Haley Lottig**

- There is no topic yet for parent coffee
- Date to be determined

### **Staff Appreciation - Neva Grey**

- Grab and go breakfast, sit down lunch
- Budget for lunch, grab and go as parent contributions
- 300 people attended the lunch in May
  - Guzman y Gomez - portions could be cut in half
- Other options
  - B'n Chignon
  - McAllisters
  - Could offer caterer recognition in exchange for discount
- Continue with the Zelle option for donation funds

### **Other Business**

- Paige made a motion to approve the May minutes. Jolene made a second. A vote was taken and the minutes for May 2025 were approved.
- Aimee made a motion to approve the May, June and July 2025 financials. Kristin made a second. A vote was taken the the financials for May, June and July 2025 were approved.
- Current bank balance is \$18,395.16
  - Redhawk Media and Veterans Wall expenses from last year have been paid
- Ashley reported no General Home & School updates yet because the first meeting had not yet happened.
- Motion to adjourn made by Kristin and seconded by Neva. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

**Upcoming NCHS H&S meeting dates: (all meetings are on Fridays and start at 9:00 am)**

October 3  
November 14  
December 12  
January 16  
February 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8