Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 15th, 2025
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 - Absent, Pike, Kocka & Safratowich. Principals Jeff Johnson & Mike LeMeir were present, as were 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. Kocka/Morgan

HEARD Presentation Student of the Month for September – Kaden Gartner

HEARD PRoject309 Update

RECOGNIZED School board as September is School Board Recognition Month

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Morgan/Diekmann, Safratowich recuse herself

a. Approve payments Presented for September 2025
b. Approve Minutes of the September 2nd, 2025 Working Board Meeting
c. Approve Assurance of Compliance of State and Federal Laws for 2025-2026 School Year
d. Approve Resignation – Angela Mattern, Custodian
e. Approve Resignation – Andrea Thelin, Recess Monitor
f. Approve New Hire – Gabi DeBlieck, Paraprofessional
g. Approve New Hire – Mandy Transgrud, Paraprofessional
h. Approve New Hire – Hannah Holmquist, Paraprofessional
i. Approve New Hire – Rebecca Skaro, Paraprofessional
j. Approve New Hire – Tera Garlie, High School Cooks Helper 5 hours/day
k. Approve Posting for 3 Special Education Paraprofessional's at Century School
l. Approve Posting for Indian Ed Paraprofessional at 3.25 hours per day
m. Approve Volunteer – Ella Ehler, Tennis Coach
n. Approve First Reading 413 Harassment and Violence Policy
o. Approve 2025-2026 Hockey Contract
p. Approve Fall Lane Changes – See Attached
q. **Approve Resignation – Chrystal Harris, Playground Monitor - ADDENDUM**

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- Settling in and procedures and routines are going well with how things are going. Ribbon cutting Friday September 26th at 1:30.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Wrapping up the audit. Tonight approve levy at max so that we can get the maximum amount which will change a little between now and December.

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report
Johnson – Our enrollment is up and we are really watching that and trying to monitor sections for the next couple trimesters. We are looking at homecoming events that are coming up next

week and how that will play out. We have two people interested in the building trades house and we are hoping to get that out of the parking lot. Staffing, we are a little short, but people are willing to step in and help. We have some great students, and everyone is adjusting well. We are really trying to figure out how to use this school and how to adapt, which we are all learning as we go.
LeMier – Focusing on building one concept with the elementary school. We are gathering our data from all of these new programs that are new to our staff. Really monitoring some grade levels which happen due to class sizes and staffing changes. Chris Kirchner wis working on an adaptive art program with some of our Special Ed students.

HEARD Monthly Activities Directors Report – We are playing 100 miles an hour all the time. We have events every day this week and we are looking forward to homecoming next week. Hoping to move the weight room next week.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – Programming is going well. Century adventures are in their new rooms and those are filling up. We are going on several trips in the next couple months.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- Busy start of the year, working through growing pains. HVAC is always a topic on Monday mornings, but we are working through that. We are looking for custodial staff.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report – District ADSIS report was sent to the state, and we are working through IEP team meetings. We are at the second highest child count in 30 years. Regional directors meeting happened last week, and we talked through a lot of programs.

HEARD Monthly Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report – ELA and MATH teachers are assessing their student this week. We have training coming up for social studies curriculum coming up next week and we will be taking a look at all the data. PRAVA is going well, and students have been meeting with their teachers.

HEARD Monthly Transportation Directors Report – We are looking for drivers, please send them my way. We have type 3 training happening as well.

HEARD New Business
a. Approve 2025 payable 2026 Levy at MAXIMUM Diekmann/Pike

REVIEWED Enrollment

RECESS at 6:42pm

OPENED Closed session 6:50pm

Discussed Closed Session Pursuant to Chapter 13D – Negotiation Strategies – ADDENDUM

CLOSED Closed session 7:56 Morgan/Diekmann

ADJOURN at 7:56pm Morgan/Kocka