Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday December 15th, 2025
6:00 PM
Park Rapids School Board Room

Public Presentation Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan for 2025-2026 Tanya Miller, Sue Keranen & Jill Stevenson

Public Presentation Truth in Taxation

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 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. Diekmann/Kocka

HEARD Public Comment Co-Op Motion to approve the agreement with heartland schools – Kocka/Diekman Roll Call vote – Zero In favor of an agreement

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Hoyt/Morgan

a. Approve payments Presented for December 2025
b. Approve Minutes of the December 1st, 2025 Working Board Meeting
c. Approve donations made to the Park Rapids School District
d. Approve Resignation – Joe Morgan, JH Boys Track Coach
e. Approve Resignation – Alicia Dennis, Head Volleyball Coach
f. Approve Resignation – Katelyn Kannegiesser, Assistant Volleyball Coach
g. Approve Resignation – Rilee Michaelson, C Squad Volleyball Coach
h. Approve New Hire – Christina Krogsgaard, Cooks Helper
i. Approve New Hire – Tate Usher, Head Girls Golf Coach
j. Approve New Hire – Cassie Thompson, Paraprofessional Century School
k. Approve New Hire – Justin Montzka, Paraprofessional Century School
l. Approve Updates to the Park Rapids Employee Handbook for 2025-2026 SY

HEARD Monthly Student council Report – November we nominated Chuck Goodwater at the Staff of the month. Student council is taking donations for the community. We have several dress up days leading up to Christmas Break. We are working on Snow Days at the end of January.

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- We have a lot of work that goes into all of these presentations, and I want to say thank you for that. We are meeting with our Calendar committee on Wednesday morning. We are watching the legislative updated to help with some of our funding issues.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Truth in Taxation Presentation

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report

Johnson – Parent Teacher conferences two weeks into January. We are 2 weeks in and it is great to watch these kids being able to utilize our CTE classes with our 7th and 8th grade students. I appreciate all the help with our support staff last week with a lot of absences. We are working on student success programs and how we can make sure those students are successful.
LeMier – We have a lot of fun things coming up in the next week as well as Christmas planning. We are trying to keep kids healthy and are preparing for what's coming up after the new year.

HEARD Monthly Activities Directors Report – Choir concert went very well last week. We have several events coming up this week with Girls and Boys Basketball, Wrestling, swimming and Hockey all in play this week as well as.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – The Brochure is at the printer and should hit mailboxes around December 31st.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- Snow removal is in full swing and we are working on becoming fully staffed in both of our buildings.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report – I am attending some annual meetings to wrap those things up. I am working with some grants to support growing our staff and keeping them in our buildings.

HEARD Monthly Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report – We had a great presentation during our last staff development day. We also have many people working on curriculum review, and I thank them for their work. Trimester one of PRAVA is going well and students have made some great strides utilizing our online learning resources.

HEARD Monthly Transportation Directors Report – We are having a great year with the weather and our busses. We have a great crew who are working hard to keep busses on the road and to get students to school every day.

HEARD New Business

a. Approve Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan for 2025-2026 Kocka/Pike
b. Approve Certification of 2025 Levy payable 2026 for fiscal year 2025-26 in the amount of $7,587,762.54 including a debt service levy of $4,560,513.23. Diekmann/Morgan
c. Approve Revised budget fiscal year 2025-26 general fund revenue of $24,411,609 and general fund expense of $26,753,027. Total all funds 01 through 07 revenues of $31,520,726 and expenditure of $38,265,383. Diekmann/Kocka
d. Approve Annual Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of the Statewide Election, for 2026 Calendar Year. Kocka/Morgan
e. Approve Resolution directing administration to make recommendations for adjustments in curriculum, programs and staffing for 2026-27 SY. Hoyt/Morgan

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
Century Elementary K. Poehler	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	$240
Park Rapids ALC	Eastside Church	Socks

Park Rapids ALC	Park Rapids Lions	Socks
Park Rapids ALC	Itasca Mantrap Round Up	$250 Cooking Matters Class
Park Rapids ALC	Lydia Christiansen	Men's & Women's Clothes
Park Rapids ALC	Karol Savage, Wendy/Terry Mitchell & Brenda Reichling	Kitchen Mixers
Park Rapids ALC	Bill Moore	Men's Clothes
Century Elementary – J. Morse	Cathy & Thom Peterson	$250
Century Elementary – C. Kirchner	Wolf Lake Wolf Pack	$1500

DISCUSSED Board Meeting Dates - January 19th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, February 16th - Presidents Day, cannot have meeting on these days. Discussed moving these meetings and approving them at our reorganization meeting on January 12th.

January 12th, 2026 at 7:30am
January 26th, 2026 at 6:00pm

ADJOURN at 7:17pm Morgan/Hoyt