Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday February 23rd, 2026
6:00PM
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.

HEARD Public Comment – Fine Arts

HEARD High School Student of the month for February – Maggie Huber

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Diekmann/Kocka

a. Approve payments Presented for February 2026
b. Approve Minutes of the February 9th, 2026 Working Board Meeting
c. Approve Resignation – Cyrus Wood, Custodian High School
d. Approve Volunteer – Shailyn Pachel, Softball Coach
e. Approve Volunteer – Sandy Aldrich, Speech Coach
f. Approve Volunteer – Bianca DeRosa, Speech Coach

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- End of second trimester starting third trimester next week. We are doing a lot of planning and working on that for next year. With the retirement of our special ed coordinator we are looking at collaborating with Freshwater education district at the end of march.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Looking ahead to next year and we are hoping that they will give us some good news with some more discussion at our next board meeting.

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report
Frank – We are working on some scheduling with a math need for 3rd trimester. We are shifting Mr. Etter into the high school along with Mrs. Ridlon to the 8th grade position with our ALC students in a good place.
LeMier – Our PTA fundraiser is wrapping up this week; they play a great part in some of our students. We are looking at some curriculum for next year and we will be having some conversations with staff about the upcoming year. We will have Conferences next week and we are also looking at enrolling VPK and Kindergartners for next school year.

HEARD Monthly Activities Directors Report – We are winding down our winter sports. Wrestling and swimming state this weekend as well as Basketball for boys and girls in the next two weeks. Gymnastics state was last weekend which went well and we are working hard for next year. Boys hockey won in the home playoff game then they took on Warroad which ended the season, but it was a great season. BPA state next week and we have a great team; Speech is off to a great start and a choir concert tonight.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – School readiness enrollment will take place in mid-march. We are looking for spring activities to off in our brochure. We went to Hawaii with 15 people and it was a great trip.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- I've been keeping busy with the last of our constriction project. My guys have been busy going through the basement and getting rid of some old things we have laying around. I have been working on my facilities manager certificate and I'm getting that completed here soon.

HEARD Monthly Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report – PRAVA students are wrapping up project and tests for the 2nd trimester. We are completing capti testing for all students in grades 4th -12th grade. We are looking for how we can support our students going forward.

HEARD Monthly Transportation Directors Report – We are working hard at keeping our costs low and making sure we are safe in our travels every day. We have a few things that have been fixed due to the project.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report- I have been focused on IEP meetings happening across all the districts for next year. We are staying informed on our legislative process and the budgets for special education.

HEARD NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve First Reading Panther Tracks Registration Book. Pike/Morgan

REVIEWED Enrollment

ADJOURN at 6:32pm Morgan/Kocka