Park Rapids Area School Board
Working Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 7th, 2026
7:30 AM
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 were Business Manager Kent Fritze, Superintendent Lance Bagstad along with staff and community members.

RECITED the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVED Agenda and Addendums as presented. Morgan/Kocka

RECOGNIZED State FFA Participants

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Morgan/Diekmann

a. Approve Minutes of the March 23rd, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
b. Approve donations made to the Park Rapids School District
c. Approve Farm Land Lease

HEARD Old Business:

a. Approve First reading of Gifted and Talented-Intervention Job Description Pike/Morgan
b. Approve Posting for Gifted and Talented-Intervention position Kocka/Diekmann

DISCUSSED FLY(Flexible Learning Year) Model – How do we do this? We need to have some conversations with staff, parents, and the community about this concept. How can we redefine how our school year and school days look? Kent put together some numbers which would mean the same number of hours for students and staff but would affect some of our staff in less days of work which would be a cost savings to the district. This comes with an application and approval from the Minnesota Department of Education. We need to take a deep dive into this to make sure it is not affecting our students negatively and how it can affect them positively. We want to make sure we are making the best decision as to what is good for our students.

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
Park Rapids Schools	PREAF	See Attached
Park Rapids ALC	Brenda Reichling	new pots & pans

HEARD Committee Reports

ADJOURN at 7:53am Morgan/Diekmann

*5th Grade Science - $700 – PLA Filaments for 3D printing
*Esports program - $2500
*Band - $1800 – toward purchase of a tuba
*Fastpitch Softball - $2000 – equipment
*Boy's Track & Field - $2500 – hurdle cart

*Girl's Track & Field - $2500 – starting blocks & cart
*Girl's Golf - $2500
*Baseball - $2500 – hats
*Century Adaptive Art - $1200 – materials
*Park Rapids Fire Department – $600 - Banners for fire trucks for State Participants
*Boy's Golf - $2500

Total: $21,300