Park Rapids Area School Board
Working Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4th, 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- Absent, 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

HEARD ALC Garden Presentation

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Kocka/Pike

a. Approve Minutes of the April 20th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
b. Approve donations made to the Park Rapids School District
c. Approve Sale of the house for Building Trades for $93,000 + tax and moving expense to Duane and Margo Hillukka
d. Approve First Reading – Century Adventures Handbook
e. Approve First Reading – School Readiness/VPK Teacher Job Description
f. Approve First Reading Policy 101 Legal Status of the School District
g. Approve First Reading Policy 101.1 Name of the School District
h. Approve First Reading Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
i. Approve First Reading Policy 103 Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
j. Approve First Reading Policy 104 School District Mission Statement
k. Approve First Reading Policy 214 Out of State Travel by School Board Members
l. Approve First Reading Policy 301 School District Administration
m. Approve First Reading Policy 302 Superintendent
n. Approve First Reading Policy 304 Superintendent Contract, Duties and Evaluation
o. Approve First Reading Policy 305 Policy Implementation
p. Approve First Reading Policy 306 Administrator Code of Ethics
q. Approve First Reading Policy 501 School Weapons
r. Approve First Reading Policy 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person
s. Approve First Reading Policy 516 Student Medication And Telehealth
t. Approve First Reading Policy 516.5 Overdose Medication
u. Approve First Reading Policy 526 Hazing Prohibition
v. Approve First Reading Policy 531 Pledge of Allegiance
w. Approve First Reading Policy 609 Religion and Religious and Cultural Observances
x. Approve First Reading Cardiac Emergency Response Plan
y. Approve Resignation – Steph Mercil, Century Elementary Assistant Principal
z. Approve Resignation – Kara Meier, High School Paraprofessional
aa. Approve Resignation – Griffin Meier, High School Paraprofessional
bb. **Approve Resignation – Mike Hartung, High School Yearbook Advisor – ADDENDUM**

HEARD New Business:

a. Approve Retirement – Tina Schulz, Special Education Teacher – With regret and thanks for her 27 Years of Service to the Park Rapids School District Morgan/Kocka
b. **Approve rescinding nonrenewal of Christina Zimmerman, Century Elementary teacher position – ADDENDUM Kocka/Hoyt**

DISCUSSED High School End of Year Plans – Celebrations have started. Letter winners and prom have been completed. We will head into our senior walk as well as scholarships the following week. We have brought our 6th graders over a couple times already and will be doing that again. We will also have graduation starting at 2:00 on Sunday May 24th.

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
PR High School/Girls Golf	Itasca Mantrap Round Up Grant	$500
Century Elementary/M. Rykhus	Itasca Mantrap Round Up Grant	$172/Recess Items
Century Elementary/M. Rykhus	Itasca Mantrap Round Up Grant	$150/EOY Gear

HEARD Monthly Board Committee Reports – Met with Elaine to see what else they can help with for our CTE program with North Country Vocational.

HEARD Board Meeting Dates and Times:

June 1st 7:30am & 15th 6:00pm
July 6th 7:30am and 20th 6:00pm
August 10th 7:30am & 24th 6:00pm
September 8th 6:00pm (First day of school) & 21st 6:00pm

ADJOURN at 7:51am Morgan/Kocka