Park Rapids Area School Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday June 15th, 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- Absent & 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. Morgan/Hoyt

RECOGNIZED State Participants

HEARD Presentation Airplane Donation – Denny Sleen- Denny would like to donate his ultra lite plane to the district that he built with students from the district in hopes to have it on display here at the school. He is willing to pay for whatever we do with this plane.

APPROVED Consent Items as follows: Morgan/Diekmann

a. Approve payments Presented for June 2026
b. Approve Minutes of the June 1st, 2026 Working Board Meeting
c. Approve Minutes of the June 6th 2026 Special Board Meeting
d. Approve Minutes of the June 8th, 2026 Special Board Meeting
e. Approve donations made to the Park Rapids School District
f. Approve First Reading– Coordinator of Park Rapids Area Virtual Academy Job Description
g. Approve First Reading– Assistant Community Education Director Job Description
h. Approve First Reading – Community Education Director Job Description
i. Approve Resignation – Annie Lehrke-Minske, CES Century School
j. Approve Resignation – Brianna Kirchner, Licensed School Counselor
k. Approve New Hire – Emily Schueller, Co High School Yearbook Advisor
l. Approve New Hire – Christine Sauer, Co High School Yearbook Advisor
m. Approve New Hire – Megan Edelman, Century Elementary 4th grade Teacher
n. Approve New Hire – Jillian Oliphant, Century Elementary 2nd grade Teacher
o. Approve New Hire – Bonnie McNeese, Century Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
p. Approve New Hire – Kim Splett, Assistant Community Education Director
q. Approve New Hire – Annie Lehrke-Minske, Assistant Principal Century School
r. Approve Increasing Community Education Secretary, Tammy Boyd, from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week, effective July 1st, 2026
s. Approve Lease Agreement with Up North Learning Center for FY 26
t. Approve Renewal of Membership in MREA (Minnesota Rural Education Association) for 2026-2027
u. Approve Renewal of Membership in MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association) for 2026-2027
v. **Approve Agreement with Freshwater Education District for Special Education Director Services – ADDENDUM**
w. **Approve Agreement with Freshwater Education District for Program Specialist Services - ADDENDUM**

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- Moving along with freshwater and are looking forward to working with them in the future. Looking to fill the PRAVA director position as Jill is retiring. Thanks to Butch for having us out to the radio station to report what we are doing each month.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Refer to items below

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report
Johnson – It really quiet on our end with students coming in the other doors. We will go live with schedules in August, and we are still planning some staffing and schedules.
LeMier – We are looking at caping open enrollment for 1st grade as move forward with the 26-27 school year. We are excited to have Annie joining our admin team and are looking at filling some special ed positions with the rest of our positions filled up to this point.

HEARD Monthly Activities Directors Report – We have had great success with our student athletes this spring and we are excited to recognize Natalie Martin at our next meeting. I found out that Jackson Soderberg was all state for baseball this year as well. We have strength and conditioning happening and that is going well. I am hoping to go live with our schedules on bound on July 1.

HEARD Monthly Community Education Report – Century adventures have an average of 90-120 kids daily. We will start gathering classes for next fall in July and start putting together the new fall brochure. Summer is in full swing.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- The pool area is cleaned and ready for all summer activities. We are working on sprinklers, and we are keeping up with maintaining all our outdoor facilities and fields.

HEARD Monthly Transportation Directors Report – We are going to be watching our route on 71 once the school year comes as highway 71 will be under construction. Our DOT inspection passed with flying colors. We are working on summer routes and routes for this fall.

HEARD Monthly Special Education Directors Report- I am excited to hear about how things will go over the next years with Freshwater Education district. We are preparing for fiscal year monitoring next year and we will be in good hands going forward.

HEARD NEW Business

a. Approve Workers Comp for 2026-2027 School Year Morgan/Diekmann
b. Approve revised budget fiscal year 2025-2026 general fund revenue of $24,935,770 and general fund expense of $26,464,998. Total all funds 01 through 07 revenues of $32,096,102 and expenditures of $36,546,580. Diekmann/Pike
c. Approve Preliminary budget fiscal year 2026-2027 general fund revenues of $24,269,581 and general fund expenses of $24,224,261. Total of all funds 01 through 07 revenues of $31,539,951 and expenditures of $33,388,989. Morgan/Hoyt
d. Review and Approve Property Liability Insurance Renewal for 2026-2027 Morgan/Pike
e. Approve Retirement – Art Symanietz – With regret and thanks for his combined 32 Year of Service to the Park Rapids School District Hoyt/Morgan

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
Park Rapids School District	Casey's General Store Loyalty Donation	$7.00

ADJOURN at 6:48pm Morgan/Diekmann