**Park Rapids Area School Board Minutes**
**Meeting Minutes**
**Monday, September 21, 2026**
**6:00 PM**
**Park Rapids School Board Room**

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Chairperson Safratowich called the meeting to order. Members present and order to vote were Morgan, Diekman, Hoyt, Pike, Kocka & Safratowich. Principals Jeff Johnson and Mike LeMier were present as was Superintendent Lance Bagstad and Business Manger Kent Fritze along with staff and community members.

**RECITED** the Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVED** Agenda as presented: **Morgan / Kocka**

**Presentation:**

a. HEARD - World Classroom New York City Trip – Emily Schueller talked about the trip with 13 students to New York. They saw all the sights and culture of NYC. They are looking to go again in the summer of 2028. Next meeting is at the end of October 2026.
b. RECOGNIZED - School Board Recognition Month – Superintendent Bagstad read the school board recognition document and thanked the school board for their dedication and service.

**Approved Consent Items: Morgan / Hoyt**

a. Approve payments Presented for September 2026
b. Approve Minutes of the September 8th, 2026 Working Board Meeting
c. Approve Assurance of Compliance of State and Federal Laws for 2026-2027 School Year
d. Approve Resignation – Tayshia Nauber – Century Paraprofessional
e. Approve Resignation – Victoria Koob – Lunchroom Monitor
f. Approve Resignation – Ashley Harris – HS Paraprofessional
g. Approve New Hire – Leila Christenson – Century Paraprofessional
h. Approve Posting – PRAVA Secretary 12 hrs/week
i. Approve Fall Lane Changes – See Attached
j. **Approve Resignation – Brian Bass, Vocal Music Techer 0.7 FTE – Effective Sept. 25 – ADDENDUM**
k. **Approve New Hire – Emily Schueller – National Honor Society Advisor - ADDENDUM**

**Leadership Reports**

HEARD – Student Council Report – Christian Thorson discussed how the student council is trying to introduce school pride, home coming preparation. McKenna Maanum talked about having the local businesses decorate for homecoming and increasing participation with students.

HEARD – Superintendent Report – Lance Bagstad discussed MREA convention, Panther Progress update, Social media is working well, willing to visit with groups to discuss Panther Progress.

HEARD – Business Manager Report – Kent Fritze reported the audit is wrapping up and went well. Discussed the approval of the levy at maximum.

HEARD – Principals Report – Jeff Johnson discussed the first couple of weeks of school, working on staff workshops. Mike LeMier reported establishing procedures and schedules in Century School, staff is benchmarking to determine where kids are academically,

HEARD – Community Education Report – Jill Dickinson reported most classes are full, looking for more staff for Century Adventures, Trips are filled up,

HEARD – Facilities Director Report – Mike Ridlon is installing water sensors in key areas.

HEARD – Activities Director Report – Reported fall sports are going well and having success.

HEARD – Transportation Directors Report – No Report

HEARD – PRAVA – Currently have 35 students enrolled on a new platform and is being received well.

**New Business:**

Approve 2026 payable 2027 Levy at MAXIMUM – **Diekmann / Morgan**

**Information Items:**

a. Solar Update – Lance Bagstad reported the solar project is mostly complete and will be finished on September 28. Final test will be on October 10th on start up.
b. Enrollment Review

**DONATIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

| TO | FROM | AMOUNT/ITEM |
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| Century – Sackett | Otto Hendrickson Legion | $100.00 |
| Century – Sackett | American Legion Auxiliary | $50.00 |

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 5th at 7:30 AM

**Adjourn:** at 6:32 PM **Morgan / Pike**