Park Rapids Area School Board Minutes
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19th, 2026
6:00 PM
Park Rapids School Board Room

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

RECITED the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approved Consent Items: Kocka / Diekmann

a. Approve payments Presented for October 2026
b. Approve Minutes of the October 5th, 2026 Working Board Meeting
c. **Approve Education Minnesota – Park Rapids Seniority List for 2026-27 School Year - TABLED**
d. Approve AFSCME Seniority List for the 2026-27 School Year
e. Approve New Hire – Savannah Jordahl, Paraprofessional
f. Approve New Hire – Abbey Kisner, Paraprofessional
g. Approve New Hire – Krista Hesby, PRAVA Secretary
h. Approve New Hire – Samantha Yerbich, Lunch Monitor
i. Approve Rescinding Resignation – Rachel Dwyer, Custodian
j. Approve Resignation – Cassie Thompson, Paraprofessional
k. Approve First Reading – Century Adventures handbook 26-27
l. Approve Second Reading – Healthcare Paraprofessional Job description
m. Approve Second Reading – Policy 413 Harassment and Violence
n. Approve Second Reading – Policy 506 Student Discipline
o. Approve Second Reading – Policy 722 Public Data Request
p. Approve Second Reading – Policy 806 Crisis Management

Leadership Reports

HEARD – Student Council Report – Homecoming was a great success with a lot of participation. School spirit is on the rise with more involvement. 7th and 8th grade add to the school spirit. Advisors are working with the student leaders to do more than just homecoming and snow days.

HEARD – Superintendent Report – Annual reports are being completed. Panther Progress has gone well and we have spoken to many community groups encouraging them to vote. Working on the online threat reporting system.

HEARD – Business Manager Report – We have received a $42k grant from ECC for technology equipment. Also, Mary Reedy with CLA will be at our next meeting to present the FY26 audit report.

HEARD – Principals Report – Mike LeMier discussed staff development, Mr. Brown was here for a presentation with a positive message, 6th graders went to the indigenous people's museum, K-6 conferences coming next week. Jeff Johnson discussed Mr. Brown also, 7-12 student success program, parent teacher conferences this coming Wednesday, still looking for 2 paraprofessionals, lots of activities,

HEARD – Community Education Report – Programs and activities are going well, gathering information for the winter brochure, 95 people going to the Vikings game and other trips going on.

HEARD – Facilities Director Report – Busy start to the school year but everything is being handled, working on mapping the GIG – emergency management mapping of the building.

HEARD – Activities Director Report – Fall sports are winding down and fall tournaments are starting. Looking ahead to winter sports.

HEARD – Transportation Directors Report – The first month of school went well with the transportation department. DOT inspectors have been out doing random inspections.

HEARD – PRAVA – Krista Hesby will be the new secretary, conferences coming up online and in person,

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
Park Rapids Area School	Hafner's Greenhouse - Mums for Homecoming Events	
Park Rapids ALC - Multiple	Junk in the Trunk - school supplies	
	Brenda Reichling - quart canning jars	
	Riverside Methodist Church - rummage sale donations	
	Lydia Christensen - clothing	
	Karla Simpson - clothing	
	Cass Waite - clothing	
	Helping Hands - hygiene products	

Other Items:

a. Next Meetings: Monday, November 2, 2026 at 7:30 AM
Friday, November 6, 2026 at 7:30 AM – Special Meeting to Canvass Ballots
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Adjourn: at 6:37 PM – **Morgan / Kocka**