

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2020

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Sara Taylor, Jason Podritz, Regina Wernimont, Gary Moorhouse and Michael Kelley. Directors absent: Cory Lorenzen and Leah Radman. Administrators present: Benjamin Fisher, Matt Rutledge, Aaron Soule and Patty Riemenschneider. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer and Michael Finnegan.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda as established was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Sara Taylor. All members voting in favor.
- 3) Gary Moorhouse was nominated for the position of School Board Chairperson for 2020 by Regina Wernimont. There were no other nominations. Sara Taylor moved that the nominations cease, Jason Podritz seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Sara Taylor, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Gary Moorhouse as the Board Chairperson for 2020. All members voting in favor.
- 4) Sara Taylor was nominated for the position of School Board Clerk for 2020 by Regina Wernimont. There were no other nominations. Regina Wernimont moved that the nominations cease, Jason Podritz seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Sara Taylor as the Board Clerk for 2020. All members voting in favor.
- 5) Regina Wernimont was nominated for the position of School Board Treasurer for 2020 by Jason Podritz. There were no other nominations. Sara Taylor moved that the nominations cease, Jason Podritz seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Sara Taylor, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Regina Wernimont as the Board Treasurer for 2020. All members voting in favor.
- 6) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to establish the following School Board Committees for 2020:

Finance - Jason Podritz, Regina Wernimont, Leah Radman
Building and Grounds - Sara Taylor, Gary Moorhouse, Cory Lorenzen
Transportation - Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz, Sara Taylor
Curriculum and Instruction/Graduation Standards - Cory Lorenzen, Sara Taylor, Leah Radman
Meet and Confer – Jason Podritz, Sara Taylor, Cory Lorenzen
Negotiations/Personnel - Gary Moorhouse, Cory Lorenzen, Regina Wernimont

MSHSL - Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman
Community Education and Recreation Liaison – Jason Podritz, Cory Lorenzen, Sara Taylor
Legislative Liaisons - Gary Moorhouse, Regina Wernimont
Intermediate School District #917 Representative - Vanda Pressnall
Wellness – Regina Wernimont

All members voting in favor.

- 7) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Sara Taylor to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 7.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held December 17, 2019, as presented.
- 7.2) December, 2019, check register/cash & investments.

All members voting in favor.

- 8) Member, Jason Podritz, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

WHEREAS the following have been generously donated:

- Booster Club - \$500.00 for Trophy Case
- Booster Club - \$599.00 for Dance Team foam rollers
- Jim Bresnehan Memorial - \$630.00 for athletics
- Gibbs & Soell Inc. - \$250.00 for FFA Syngenta Leadership Conference
- Christ United Methodist Church - \$500.00 for Coats for Kids
- Northfield Prairie Partners – Book “The Lost Forest” for Randolph Elementary
- Beth Hagemeister - \$45.00 for Randolph School through Mighty Cause Charity

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Sara Taylor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Randolph School Board to gratefully accept these gifts.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jason Podritz, Sara Taylor, Regina Wernimont, Gary Moorhouse (Cory Lorenzen and Leah Radman absent)

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

9) Member, Regina Wernimont, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS
THEREFOR.**

* WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

** WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this (reduction in expenditure*) and (decrease in student enrollment**) must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 195, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures*) and, (as a result of a reduction in enrollment**), make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Sara Taylor, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following

voted in favor thereof: Jason Podritz, Sara Taylor, Regina Wernimont, Gary Moorhouse (Cory Lorenzen and Leah Radman absent)

and the following voted against the same:

None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

NOTE:

* To be used where decrease in expenditures is reason.

** To be used where decrease in enrollment is reason.

- 10) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Sara Taylor to approve the 2019-2020 Final Seniority List as presented by the administration. All members voting in favor.
- 11) The Administration reviewed the January 2020, K-12 student enrollment with the Board. Enrollment is up by 3 students from the start of this school year with a current total K-12 enrollment of 692, which is up 9 students from January 2019.
- 12) Matt Rutledge, Elementary School Principal, reported on math curriculum for grades 5 & 6 will be more online; feedback on the therapy dog at school has been very positive.
- 13) Benjamin Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, reported Science Standards will be changing 2023-2024 school year; did a Crisis Prevention Intervention refresher course webinar and shared information with special education staff; Allison Wyatt has been approved to teach College in School Physics Inquiry course at Randolph School next year.
- 14) Aaron Soule, Assistant HS Principal/Activities Director reported Visual Arts, Speech and Knowledge Bowl have started; softball scoreboard is up and looks great; thanks to Jackie Szczepanski who has collected \$960.00, so far, for the Care Packages for Troops; on teacher workshop day the high school faculty provided bars and hot chocolate for the school construction workers.
- 15) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, provided a Construction Investment Report from Ehlers - we have currently earned \$103,591.75 in interest on the construction funds; OSHA 2019 - we had zero reportable injuries.
- 16) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported on the new addition WiFi and furniture; Jaquar Phone System is up and running – we now have to dial 9 for an outside line; read information from Ehlers on the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit – Minnesota Statutes, section 273.1387; Pay Equity report has been submitted – this is done every three years.
- 17) School Board reported on the 100th MSBA Convention held January 16th and the Community Education Committee Meeting held on January 21st.

18) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Regina Wernimont to approve Amy Niebur's leave of absence from approximately April 6 through June 2, 2020. All members voting in favor.

19) A motion was made by Sara Taylor, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve hiring the following Long-Term Substitute Teachers:

Karli Friedges from approximately February 24 to May 4, 2020

Taylor Estrem from approximately February 25 to June 2, 2020

Deb Pressnall from approximately April 6 to June 2, 2020

All members voting in favor.

20) A motion to adjourn was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Sara Taylor. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Sara Taylor