

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195  
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2020

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Sara Taylor, Regina Wernimont, Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman, Gary Moorhouse and Michael Kelley. Director absent: Jason Podritz. Administrators present: Benjamin Fisher, Aaron Soule and Patty Riemenschneider. Staff member present: Kathy Stauffer.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of one coaching resignation – Mike Schmidt, Assistant Softball - was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Cory Lorenzen. All members voting in favor.
- 3) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the following consent agenda items:
  - 3.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held January 21, 2020, as presented.
  - 3.2) January 2020, check register/cash & investments.  
  
All members voting in favor.
- 4) A motion was made by Sara Taylor, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar. All members voting in favor.
- 5) MSBA is encouraging School District's to pass the Local Control Resolution to:
  - Reaffirm local decision-making authority
  - Oppose legislation that restricts the ability for locally elected school boards to respond to the needs of their districts, students and communities

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

### **MSBA Local Control Resolution**

WHEREAS, locally elected school boards are positioned best to represent their students, staff, parents and community members and address local needs and challenges; and

WHEREAS, each school district faces unique needs which depend on a variety of factors including demographics, geography and district size; and

WHEREAS, just like legislative leaders, locally elected school boards are held accountable through Minnesota's elections process; and

WHEREAS, school board policies at the local level are enacted only after a comprehensive, legal and open process; and

WHEREAS, under Minnesota's Open Meeting Law, school board business generally occurs in meetings that are scheduled, publicized and accessible to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, preservation of local control in Minnesota has yielded statewide benefits, such as Minnesota scoring higher on average than our national peers on the ACT college entrance exam in 2019; and

WHEREAS, one-size-fits-all mandates stifle innovation and creativity and consume staff time and resources; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 bills to restrict local decision-making were introduced in the 2019-20 biennium thus far; and

WHEREAS, excellence in student achievement for all Minnesota students guides the work of the school board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT DISTRICT #195, RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that restricts the ability for locally elected school boards to respond to the needs of their districts, students and communities.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Cory Lorenzen, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Sara Taylor, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Cory Lorenzen, Gary Moorhouse

Jason Podritz absent

And the following voted against the same:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Randolph Public School Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

- 6) Benjamin Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, reported on the Career Fair February 26 at Hastings High School for grades 8-10; ACT/ASVAB testing for Juniors March 24; High School MCA Testing Schedule March 9-20.
- 7) Aaron Soule, Assistant HS Principal/Activities Director reported on Kindness Week activities; winter sports sections; InSide Out Initiative – building positive experiences for students; Congratulations to Anne Jess – Minnesota River Conference Dance Coach of the Year in both Kick and Jazz; read thank you received from the Kraft-Ostrom American Legion Post 142 for the contributions received for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Military Care Packages - 342 packages were sent to active duty men and women serving our country, many from our local area.
- 8) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported Kindergarten Round-Up will be held March 10; construction project is on task and we will be setting up a time for the School Board to tour the area; High School bathrooms will be renovated to accommodate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Law); annual bus inspections will be held on March 5; hosting the Large Group Music Contest at Randolph School on March 3; update on Caleb Thielbar at the Minnesota Twins Spring Training Camp in Florida.
- 9) A motion was made by Sara Taylor, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Brittany German's resignation from her Special Education Paraprofessional position, effective 2-7-20. All members voting in favor.
- 10) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Sara Taylor to approve Michael Schmidt's resignation from his Assistant Softball Coach position. All members voting in favor.
- 11) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman to approve hiring Jen Bauer as a Special Education Paraprofessional, starting on 2-19-20. All members voting in favor.
- 12) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Sara Taylor, to approve hiring Travis Frank as a Junior High Baseball Coach for 2019-2020.

- 13) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the following spring coaches as assigned for 2019-2020:

Head Baseball Coach – Chris Stanton

Assistant Baseball Coaches – Rich Qualey and Jared Rowan

Junior High Baseball Coaches – Mark Woodward and Travis Frank

Head Softball Coach – Dennis Trom

Assistant Softball Coaches – Chelsi Marks and TBD

Junior High Softball Coaches – Gabby Geissler and Ashleigh Dralle

Junior High Play – Deanna Shellen

Prom/Post Prom Coordinator – Kary Jensen

Math Masters – Brienna Mulvihill

All members voting in favor.

- 14) Mr. Kelley presented the First Reading of the following policy:

535 – Service Animals in Schools

- 15) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the proposed preschool, child care and ECFE fees for 2020-2021 that were handed out at the board meeting. All members voting in favor.

- 16) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Sara Taylor, to approve the revisions to the preschool, childcare, and summer childcare brochures for 2020-2021 that were handed out at the board meeting. All members voting in favor.

- 17) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, presented the School Board Members with Certificates of Appreciation as a thank you for all of the support, time and dedication that our Board Members give to our School District. The week of February 17<sup>th</sup> is School Board Recognition Week in Minnesota.

- 18) A motion to adjourn was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Cory Lorenzen. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Sara Taylor