

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195  
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2020

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Sara Taylor, Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Gary Moorhouse and Michael Kelley, Superintendent. Director absent: Jason Podritz. Administrators present: Ben Fisher, Matt Rutledge, Aaron Soule and Patty Riemenschneider. Guests: Greg Burkhardt from Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd.; Matt Lambert from the Cannon Falls Beacon. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer, Susie Lau and Lori Nicolai.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of two donations was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.
- 3) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the following consent agenda items:
  - 3.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held October 19, 2020, as presented.
  - 3.2) Minutes of the Special School Board meeting held November 6, 2020, as presented.
  - 3.3) October 2020 check register/cash & investments.All members voting in favor.
- 4) Member, Cory Lorenzen, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

WHEREAS the following have been generously donated:

- Kathye Higdeman - \$100.00 – Randolph Elementary School
- Kaisa Johnson - \$320.00 – 8 Matilda Jane lunchboxes with school supplies
- Matt Otte - \$750.00 – 150 cases of bottled water for Randolph School students
- Randolph Baptist Church - \$375.00 – for families in need for the Holidays/Winter
- Hampton Township - \$700.00 – 70 boxes of youth size disposable masks
- Hampton Township - \$716.00 – 4 cases of vinyl gloves
- Hampton Township - \$1,200.00 – 4 cases of disinfectant wipes

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Leah Radman.

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

- 5) Greg Burkhardt from Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd. presented the audit copy for the 2019-2020 fiscal audit to the Board. A motion to approve was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Cory Lorenzen. All members voting in favor.
- 6) Ben Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, reported on the student concern list. This was started last spring during the complete distance learning period. Purpose is staff working together to help the students that are struggling.
- 7) Aaron Soule, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director reported teachers are mailing positive cards to students; Dig Pink raised over \$10,000 in scholarship money for Carter Nicolai's Class of 2029; Homecoming King was Roar Felton and Queen was Meredith Taylor; Meredith Taylor set a Randolph School record with her 1,000<sup>th</sup> Dig in Volleyball! Winter sports status should be coming out in the next day or two.
- 8) Matt Rutledge, Elementary Principal, reported we currently have one elementary teacher distance teaching from home for a few weeks with a substitute in the classroom. That's been going okay after a few bugs were worked out.
- 9) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported the final numbers for the 2019-2020 School Store had 160 participants with total school rewards at \$9,545.00. Qualified School Construction Bonds Yearly Sequestration Rate Reduction to 5.9% for 2020. Reported our Fund Balance is at 20.5% for our annual review of the Fund Balance Policy #714. (Our policy states we will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned general fund balance range of 17%-20% of the annual budget.)
- 10) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported the construction plaque for the 2020 School Expansion is now on display; foodservice – breakfast has increased to 400 (was 180) and lunch remains the same at approximately 500; COVID-19 update was the Stay Safe MN data for K-12 school 14-day COVID-19 case rate by county that comes out weekly – these numbers have been worrying everyone

and we haven't had a clear explanation answer on what it means; November 3, 2020 Levy and Bond results – surprised how high the per pupil tax is with many other districts (Randolph School is at \$625/pupil); distributed new maps - of the school building, exterior lights, and doors; early release Wednesdays – very proud of the staff – they are busy in their classrooms with Google Meets, etc. with students; Pay Equity – we received our Notification of Compliance – this is done every 3 years; 2021 MSBA Leadership Conference in January will be virtual; thanked Matt Lambert for coming to our school board meeting and also for coming to our schools activities and games.

- 11) The School Board reported on the Finance Committee Meeting and the Community Education Committee Meeting – both held on November 16.
- 12) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Sara Taylor to approve the revised Hybrid Schedule. After much discussion, points that were made include:
  - There is a virus, we are trying to help the community, we don't want to leave kids behind. So many schools around us are going Distance Learning. Kids do better when they are in school.
  - We are adding two distance learning weeks, one following Thanksgiving and one following New Years. Our current concern is after families have been together for the Holidays.
  - There are kids failing in our High School.
  - We have had 1 student and 2 adults test positive that have impacted our building and have 56 students absent today.
  - We have been in constant contact with MDH and they feel we have been lucky and could continue, at this time, to stay with the hybrid schedule.
  - High School and Elementary will maintain a steady schedule for students.
  - Special Education students can attend every day.
  - We will have "At Risk Days" for students that are failing or targeted.
  - Continue with activities at this time.
  - Childcare will be open – Tier One families will be free. (Both parents/guardians need to be Tier One.)
  - All staff will be in the building the additional two Distance Learning weeks.
  - Gary Moorhouse stated, "Randolph School is trying to do something different and not throw the towel in."
  - Mr. Kelley thanked the School Board for their support and flexibility.

All members voting in favor.

- 13) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Sara Taylor to approve Jackie Schindler's resignation from her paraprofessional position. All members voting in favor.
- 14) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Anne Jess' leave of absence from approximately February 5 to May 3, 2021. All members voting in favor.

15) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve hiring Deb Pressnall as a long-term substitute from approximately February 5 to May 3, 2021. All members voting in favor.

16) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Sara Taylor to approve the following winter coaching positions for 2020-2021:

Head Boy's Basketball Coach – Kent Otte

Boy's Assistant Basketball Coaches – Chris Woodcock & Dave Nybakke

Boy's Junior High Basketball Coaches – Brody Anderson & Joey Erickson

Head Girl's Basketball Coach – Dennis Trom

Girl's Assistant Basketball Coaches – Jordan Kuehn & Rio Severson

Girl's Junior High Basketball Coaches – Ashleigh Lindow & Christine Tresselt-Warren

Speech Director – Deanna Shellen

Knowledge Bowl Co-Coaches – Allison Wyatt & Michael Finnegan

It is with the understanding, if there is a change to winter sports season, these contracts will fall under the Memorandum of Understanding Compensation of Coaches and Co-Curricular Advisors During the 2020-2021 School Year that was adopted in September.

A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Sara Taylor to amend the list of winter coaching positions to add Cory Lorenzen as a volunteer boy's basketball coach for 2020-2021.

All members voting in favor.

17) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the second reading of the following policies:

Policy 409 – Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations

Policy 415 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

Policy 607 – Organization of Grade Levels

Policy 624 – Online Learning Options

All members voting in favor.

18) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Regina Wernimont to approve the revisions to the following policies:

Policy 560 – Randolph School District Automated Lunch/Breakfast/Milk Program

Policy 561 – Randolph School District Reimbursable Meals

All members voting in favor.

- 19) A motion to adjourn was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Regina Wernimont. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Sara Taylor