

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2021

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Jason Podritz, Regina Wernimont, Leah Radman, Cory Lorenzen, Heather Siebenaler, and Gary Moorhouse. Administrators present: Benjamin Fisher, Matt Rutledge, Aaron Soule and Patty Riemenschneider. Administrator absent: Michael Kelley. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer and Chris Stanton. Guest: Matt Lambert.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of two donations, was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Cory Lorenzen. All members voting in favor.
- 3) Gary Moorhouse was nominated for the position of School Board Chairperson for 2021 by Regina Wernimont. There were no other nominations. Leah Radman 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 Gary Moorhouse as the Board Chairperson for 2021. All members voting in favor.
- 4) Regina Wernimont was nominated for the position of School Board Clerk for 2021 by Jason Podritz. Cory Lorenzen was nominated for the position of School Board Clerk for 2021 by Regina Wernimont. Regina Wernimont declined her nomination for School Board Clerk. The nomination for Regina Wernimont was then rescinded by Jason Podritz. Leah Radman moved that the nominations cease, Heather Siebenaler seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Cory Lorenzen as the Board Clerk for 2021. All members voting in favor.
- 5) Regina Wernimont was nominated for the position of School Board Treasurer for 2021 by Cory Lorenzen. There were no other nominations. Jason Podritz moved that the nominations cease, Leah Radman seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve Regina Wernimont as the Board Treasurer for 2021. All members voting in favor.

- 6) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to establish the following School Board Committees for 2021:

Finance - Jason Podritz, Regina Wernimont, Leah Radman
Building and Grounds – Jason Podritz, Gary Moorhouse, Cory Lorenzen
Transportation - Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz, Heather Siebenaler
Curriculum and Instruction/Graduation Standards - Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman, Heather Siebenaler
Meet and Confer – Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Cory Lorenzen
Negotiations/Personnel - Gary Moorhouse, Cory Lorenzen, Regina Wernimont
MSHSL - Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman
Community Education and Recreation Liaison – Jason Podritz, Cory Lorenzen, Heather Siebenaler
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 Regina Wernimont to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 7.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held December 21, 2020, as presented.
- 7.2) December, 2020, check register/cash & investments.

All members voting in favor.

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

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

WHEREAS the following have been generously donated:

- Ferguson Family Foundation of the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation - \$1,000.00 for general support
- Dave Aamoeth - \$500.00 for Randolph School Athletics
- Kristie Adamson, thru Blue Cross/Blue Shield - \$75.00 for Randolph School

- MN Army National Guard – 6 boxes of legal size copy paper (\$600.00 Value) for Randolph School

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Heather Siebenaler.

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, Heather Siebenaler, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Cory Lorenzen, Gary Moorhouse

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

9) Member, Cory Lorenzen, 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,

Jason Podritz, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following

voted in favor thereof: Jason Podritz, Heather Siebenaler, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Cory Lorenzen, Gary Moorhouse

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.

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- 10) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve the 2020-2021 Final Seniority List as presented by the Administration. All members voting in favor.
- 11) The School Board reviewed the January 2021, K-12 student enrollment. Enrollment is the same as it was from the start of this school year with a current total K-12 enrollment of 707, which is up 15 students from January 2020.
- 12) Matt Rutledge, Elementary School Principal, reported on gifted and talented program for students in grades 2-6 will be meeting twice a week involving 13 students; Community Education items: basketball has started, grades 4-6 will scrimmage with Blooming Prairie, planning for drama club and babysitting classes to start in the spring; receiving several positive emails from parents regarding Randolph School staff; MN Safe Guideline new mandate that students need to wear masks for indoor phy ed class started January 19th (not outside, not recess); Randolph Education Association has submitted a letter of intent to open negotiations on the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Teacher Master Agreement; Construction update – lights, air automation, heaters in pre-school and child care areas.
- 13) Kathy Stauffer reported COVID-19 Saliva Testing is available for Randolph School Staff, starting January 25th. This is optional, available every other Monday, has guidelines for anyone testing to be symptom free and to have not been exposed to a positive COVID case for the past 14 days. At this time, 3 COVID vaccine shots have been allocated to Randolph School staff, locations administering shots are limited.
- 14) Benjamin Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, reported MCA Testing for 2021 has not been waived this year.

- 15) Aaron Soule, Assistant HS Principal/Activities Director reported our basketball sports program started on January 14th and had to be rescheduled due to the weather; communicating via email to the failing students AND their parents weekly has shown much improvement with the students grades and he will continue to do this.
- 16) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported OSHA 2020 - we had two reportable injuries; went through the financial Cash & Investments report – we are doing well financially due to: we are fortunate that our enrollment continues to increase each year, CARES Act funds, building expansion came in under budget so we will be able to do some more building improvements.
- 17) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman to approve hiring Steven Sandeen as an evening custodian starting January 25, 2021. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve the second reading of Policy 513 – Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design. 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: Cory Lorenzen