

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2023

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Cory Lorenzen, Heather Siebenaler, Jason Podritz, Regina Wernimont, Leah Radman, Gary Moorhouse and Michael Kelley, Superintendent. Administrators present: Benjamin Fisher, Matt Rutledge, Mike Schmidt and Patty Riemenschneider. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer, Jason Holscher, Amy Burke and Lindsey VanDeSteege. Guests: Kaitlyn VanDeSteege, Brandon VanDeSteege, Alec Hamilton.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda as established, was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz. 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 March 20, 2023, as presented.
 - 3.2) March 2023, financial reports.All members voting in favor.
- 4) Member, Jason Podritz, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

WHEREAS the following have been generously donated:

- CannonBelles - \$100.00 value – Cheese for 8th Grade Ag Class
- Matt Otte from Taylor Trucking – 20 cases of food containers – for Randolph School
- Alicia Makoutz - \$500.00 – Ms. Frandrup’s Kindergarten Class (plus company match from Delta Airlines)

- Alicia Makoutz - \$900.00 – Melissa Little’s Preschool Class (plus company match from Delta Airlines)
- Bryan McCoy – 25 cases of Clorox and Lysol wipes – Randolph School
- Randolph Booster Club - \$300.00 – Girls Basketball Banquet

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

- 5) FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members, Kaitlyn and Brandon VanDeSteeg, reported on the State FCCLA Convention they attended in March. The team is Silver Awards National Advancers! Their Food Drive Project benefited the Randolph, Cannon Falls and Kenyon foodshelves. Alumni, Lindsey VanDeSteeg, was one of the judges at the convention. Amy Burke, FCCLA Advisor, was also present and said they are glad to be back in-person and hopes to add more members to FCCLA - grades 5-12. They are planning some fundraising in hopes to attend the Seattle Nationals next summer.
- 6) Technology Coordinator, Jason Holscher, gave an annual update on technology at Randolph School. Randolph School will be providing Chromebooks for students in grades 7-12 for the 2023-2024 school year. Cost for families will be \$250.00 for each Chromebook. Cell phone use will no longer be allowed during class time.
- 7) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve the following handbooks for 2023-2024:
 - Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook
 - High School Student/Parent Handbook
 - Indoor Air Quality Management Plan Handbook

All members voting in favor.

- 8) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Jason Podritz to amend the 2022-2023 school year calendar. We had nine no school days this winter. Five are the allowed E-Flex Learning Days. We need to amend this year’s calendar for the additional four non-instructional days. Student days will go from 173 days

- to 169 days, still within the Statute 124D.151 minimum of 165 instructional days. All members voting in favor.
- 9) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded Leah Radman to dissolve the MSHSL Track and Field Cooperative program that Cannon Falls School initiated. This will be in effect for the 2023-2024 school year. All members voting in favor.
 - 10) Matt Rutledge, Elementary Principal, reported Social Studies Curriculum (Studies Weekly) has been purchased for next fall. Community Education items – baseball registrations, summer camps, and the morning skills camp for grades K-5 with Carlton Lindow has 90 students signed up!
 - 11) Benjamin Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, reported we have 34 Juniors taking the ACT Test tomorrow and thanked the Baptist Church in Randolph for providing a quiet space to take the test. We also have 24 Juniors taking the ASVAB Test. Dakota County Carl Perkins Consortium had their meeting at Randolph School and enjoyed watching the Tractor Parade. The tractor parade was held April 6th with 155 tractors, plus 5 Randolph/Hampton Fire and Rescue Vehicles.
 - 12) Mike Schmidt, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director, reported the Mock Car Crash will be held at Randolph School on April 19th for grades 7-12 at 10:00 a.m. – rain or shine. Four of our speech students have advanced to State! Congratulations to Taryn Alexson, Grayden Taylor, Max Kuehn, Avery Gillian-Rexroad! Cannon Falls School is continuing to discuss MSHSL Cooperatives with Randolph School at their School Board Meeting on April 24th. Right now they are considering dissolving Cross Country and Boys Golf – and keeping Wrestling, Soccer and Girls Golf. We are looking into other cooperatives or running our own programs.
 - 13) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported we had upgrade to eFinance PLUS. The process has gone fairly smooth with a few glitches the company needs to fix.
 - 14) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported he will be attending the Athena Awards program for Paige Ford on April 19th; “Thank You” to Howard Otte who helped our bus driver, Toots Mies, get to and from the bus garage to take our Speech Team to Sections after a big snowfall. Toots also received a thank you gift from the Speech Team in appreciation of taking them to all their meets! Sent legislators MSBA Action Alert email supporting local school board decision making; EMC Insurance Audit went really well – no findings; Therapist Services - Lisa Lipold will be leaving and Rachel Nester will be starting; no news on the April 13th bid opening for Randolph City; County Road 88 Construction has begun and it’s effect on bus routes.

- 15) The School Board reported on the meeting with Dakota County on March 24th; Personnel Committee Meeting on April 12th; Curriculum Committee Meeting on April 17th; and Personnel Committee Meeting on April 17th.
- 16) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve Kent Otte's resignation from Head Boy's Basketball Coaching position. Mike Kelley respected how Kent upped his expectations in the off seasons with the players, Mike Schmidt said the players got better every year, Jason Podritz said he has enjoyed watching the kids improve through the years. Thank you Kent! All members voting in favor.
- 17) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Jordan Kuehn's resignation from her Girls Assistant Basketball Coaching position. Mike Kelley said Jordan was also a great help with organizing things so Head Coach Dennis Trom could concentrate on coaching. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve hiring Kristen Arends for the Assistant Volleyball Coaching position. All members voting in favor.
- 19) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to adjourn. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Cory Lorenzen