

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2023

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Heather Siebenaler, Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz and Michael Kelley, Superintendent. Administrators present: Ben Fisher, Matt Rutledge, Mike Schmidt and Patty Riemenschneider. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer, Elijah Leer, and Susie Lau. Guests: Jack Feldman, Michael Dohmen, Mason Farrington, Liza Chamberlain, Wyatt Herman, Carter Raymond, Chloe Vought, Max Kuhn.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda as established was made by Jason Podritz, 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 Special School Board meeting held October 16, 2023, as presented.
 - 3.2) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held October 16, 2023, as presented.
 - 3.3) October 2023 check register/cash & investments.

All members voting in favor.

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

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

WHEREAS the following has been generously donated:

- Northfield Wi-Fi - \$626.01 – Bounce House for Band Spooktacular Fundraiser
- Matt Otte from Taylor Trucking – 26 cases of small plastic bowls with lids for Randolph School
- Alicia Makoutz via Delta Air Lines Matching Gifts Program - \$500.00 for Mrs. Everson's 1st Grade Classroom

- Alicia Makoutz via Delta Air Lines Matching Gifts Program - \$500.00 for Mrs. Little's Pre-K Classroom

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) FFA Members, Jack Feldman, Michael Dohmen, Mason Farrington, Liza Chamberlain and Wyatt Herman, reported on the National FFA Convention they attended November 1-4, 2023, in Indianapolis. Highlights included:
 - Received 4 American Degrees (which is the top award you can get in FFA) – Megan Olsen, Bailey Kuhn, Meredith Taylor, Ella Feldman
 - The Chapter received the National Chapter 2 Star Award for their service learning and education opportunities
 - 8 members traveled with 5 other schools and attended several general sessions, career fairs, simulators, robotic milking, radio interviews, rodeo.
- 6) Cross Country Coach, Elijah Leer, and team members Carter Raymond, Chloe Vought and Max Kuhn reported on their first season! 17 runners participated in 7 meets. All ran in the longest competition – 5K. They showed great camaraderie and thought it was entertaining that Mr. Leer used a trumpet instead of a whistle! They asked to have a pop-up tent for next year and Mr. Schmidt said he already had it ordered for them.
- 7) Ben Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, shared data on the high school parent/teacher conferences – more attended in person than virtual; Fundamental Chef Program at ISD 917 no longer has a teacher, which has affected 4 of our students; Gabby Geissler is applying with the U of MN so we can hopefully offer College in School next year.
- 8) Mike Schmidt, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director reported Carly Kimmes U of MN – Mankato signing was November 8th for softball; the Boys Hockey Co-op has been approved with Faribault (& Bethlehem Academy), we have one student participating in it and he loves it! Went through the end of season head coach evaluation process – varsity players fill out a survey, Mike

Schmidt and Mike Kelley summarize that and then meet with the head coach; Randolph Leadership Academy currently has 26 members in grades 10-12 and they just participated in a 3-mile highway cleanup. Fall Musical - Footloose - was held last weekend and was a huge success with 70 students participating, our new sound system was notably much better!

- 9) Matt Rutledge, Elementary Principal, reported on elementary staffing with upcoming leaves of absence; Randolph Elementary School of Excellence celebration plans include – banner is up, t-shirts for students and staff, invitation to the MDE Commissioner of Education; Community Education basketball has started, cookie decorating class and babysitting class are in the plans.
- 10) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported our Fund Balance is at 18.9% for our annual report of the Fund Balance. (Policy 714 states we will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned general fund balance range of 17%-20% of the annual budget.) We held a health insurance meeting with Mark Beltz and recorded it for staff who were unable to attend. We are switching from Delta Dental to Blue Cross Dental for anyone who wants to participate.
- 11) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported MSBA Leadership Conference will be on January 11th; attended Student Leadership Conference in Maple River on October 27th and toured St. Clair School; adding 27' to the bleachers on the football field; picked up a new school bus today for \$132,000; purchased a 2019 10-passenger van with 57,500 miles for \$42,000.00; sub bus driver updates; dealing with hail damage since August regarding school building roof top, signage and the 2022-2023 school built house; ag shop is completed; substitute teaching – we have added 5 for elementary; thanked Alicia Ehleringer, who has helped with our musical plays for many years, who coached her final performance last weekend.
- 12) The School Board reported on the Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 20th.
- 13) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve hiring Addie Freiermuth for a substitute bus driver position. All members voting in favor.
- 14) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Regina Wernimont to approve hiring Matt Duff and Charlie Radman for the FFA Assistant Advisor position. They will be paid on an hourly basis. All members voting in favor.
- 15) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve hiring Kyle Volkert for the Junior High Boys Basketball coaching position. All members voting in favor.

- 16) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Brienna Mulvihill's leave of absence from her teaching position from approximately April 22, 2024 through June 3, 2024. All members voting in favor.
- 17) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Brienna Mulvihill's general leave of absence from her teaching position for the 2024-2025 school year and returning for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve the Second Reading of Policy 425 – Staff Development and Mentoring. All members voting in favor.
- 19) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the revisions to the following policies:

416 – Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing
507 – Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint

All members voting in favor.
- 20) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve the overnight trip request from Sara Wagner for four FFA Members. The General Livestock Evaluation Team will be competing at their National Competition on January 2-6, 2024 in Denver, Colorado. Charlie Radman and Matt Duff will be their coaches and chaperones. All members voting in favor.
- 21) A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Cory Lorenzen