

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2024

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Regina Wernimont, Leah Radman, Heather Siebenaler, Jason Podritz and Gary Moorhouse. Director absent: Cory Lorenzen. Administrators present: Michael Kelley, Benjamin Fisher, Matt Rutledge and Mike Schmidt. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer and Alli Otte.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda, as established, was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.
- 3) Gary Moorhouse was nominated for the position of School Board Chairperson for 2024 by Regina Wernimont. There were no other nominations. Jason Podritz moved that the nominations cease, Heather Siebenaler seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve Gary Moorhouse as the School Board Chairperson for 2024. All members voting in favor.
- 4) Cory Lorenzen was nominated for the position of School Board Clerk for 2024 by Regina Wernimont. 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 Leah Radman to approve Cory Lorenzen as the School Board Clerk for 2024. All members voting in favor.
- 5) Regina Wernimont was nominated for the position of School Board Treasurer for 2024 by Jason Podritz. There were no other nominations. Leah Radman moved that the nominations cease, Heather Siebenaler seconded the motion. All members voting in favor. A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve Regina Wernimont as the School Board Treasurer for 2024. All members voting in favor.

- 6) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Regina Wernimont to establish the following School Board Committees for 2024:

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, Heather Siebenaler

Community Education and Recreation Liaison – Jason Podritz, Cory Lorenzen, Heather Siebenaler

Legislative Liaisons - Gary Moorhouse, Regina Wernimont

Intermediate School District #917 Representative – Lisa Ehleringer

Wellness – Regina Wernimont, Heather Siebenaler

All members voting in favor.

- 7) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve the following consent agenda items:

7.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held December 18, 2023, as presented.

7.2) December, 2023, 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:

- David and Jan Aamoth - \$500.00 for Randolph Athletics
- Amy Halling - \$349.38 for Secondary Instruction
- Rahman Transportation - \$150.00 for Girls Basketball
- Wiederholts - \$50.00 for Track & Field

- Kreate Sunshine Custom Designs - \$44.00 for Orange & Blue Crew
- Northland Irrigation & Landscape Lighting - \$200.00 for Girls Basketball
- Niebur Tractor & Equipment - \$200.00 for Track & Field
- Bodhi Studios - \$100.00 for Track & Field
- R Bar - \$200.00 for Track & Field
- Positive Solutions - \$100.00 for Track & Field

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: Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Heather Siebenaler, Gary Moorhouse

Cory Lorenzen absent

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

9) Member, Jason Podritz, 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, Regina Wernimont, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following

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

Cory Lorenzen absent

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.

** To be used where decrease in enrollment is reason.

- 10) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve the 2023-2024 Final Seniority List as presented by the Administration. All members voting in favor.
- 11) The School Board reviewed the January 2024, K-12 student enrollment. Enrollment is down one from the start of this school year with a current total K-12 enrollment of 863, which is up 17 students from January 2023.
- 12) Matt Rutledge, Elementary School Principal, reported on the Elementary Curriculum Meeting; READ Act – MDE is now saying no school district will have to pay for training;

Community Education Event: Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest had 44 participants.

- 13) Benjamin Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, reported High School Finals will be held January 18 & 19 with a block schedule; ISD 917 Inclusive Educator Award will be presented to Janet Bealles on January 22nd, second year in a row!
- 14) Mike Schmidt, Assistant HS Principal/Activities Director, reported TRUE BLUE Celebration was held January 4 and had a good turn out for a Thursday night; TRUE BLUE Week (Kindness Week) will be held February 12-16; Spring Musical will be Bright Star on April 26 & 27; Twins Caravan will be at Randolph School January 24th – due to space issues it is for students and staff only and not open to the public.
- 15) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) individual meetings with staff affected by it have been held; Matt Rutledge will be recognized for achieving the Minnesota School of Excellence Award for Randolph Elementary School on February 8th at the MESPA Annual Conference; Jackie Sczepanski is a member of the Minnesota State Band; reviewed who the Randolph School Legislative Representatives are; reminder this is a School Board Election Year – terms expiring are Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz, and Heather Siebenaler.
- 16) The School Board reported on the MSBA Conference that was held January 11th – a big topic was AI; Community Education Committee Meeting held on January 16; Finance Committee Meeting held on January 16.
- 17) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Abbey Tussing's resignation from her paraprofessional position. Last day will be January 19th, 2024. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Ashleigh Lindow's resignation from her Assistant Softball Coach position. All members voting in favor.
- 19) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the following spring coaches as assigned for the 2023-2024 school year:

Head Baseball Coach – Chris Stanton

Assistant Baseball Coaches – Braxton Lindow and Carlton Lindow

Junior High Baseball Coaches – Mark Woodward and TBD

Head Softball Coach – Dennis Trom

Assistant Softball Coaches – Chelsi Marks and Gabby Geissler

Junior High Softball Coaches – Saylor Donnelly and TBD

Prom/Post Prom Coordinator – Kate Esser

Math Masters – Marissa Knapp

Head Spring Play/Musical – Deanna Shellen

Spring Assistant Play/Musical – Salena Abram-Weselenak and Elijah Leer
Head Boys Golf – Barret Freeland
Assistant Boys Golf – Darby Grengs
Head Boys & Girls Track and Field – Ariel Burma
Assistant Boys & Girls Track and Field – Karly Friedges

All members voting in favor.

- 20) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Heather Siebenaler to approve the Second Reading of Policy 775 – Randolph School District Release of Liability for Student Transportation To and From Co-Curricular Activities. All members voting in favor.
- 21) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the revisions to the following policies:
- Policy 410 – Family and Medical Leave
 - Policy 506 – Student Discipline
 - Policy 416 – Drug, Alcohol and Cannabis Testing

All members voting in favor.

- 22) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Heather Siebenaler, to approve the overnight trip request from Jackie Sczepanski to take senior high band students to the Dorian Band Festival at Luther College February 25-26, 2024. All members voting in favor.
- 23) A motion was made by Jackie Sczepanski and Elijah Leer to take senior high band and choir students to Hollywood, CA next school year – Wednesday, November 6 to Monday, November 11, 2024. All members voting in favor.
- 24) A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Regina Wernimont. All members voting in favor.

Acting Clerk: Regina Wernimont