

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2024

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Heather Siebenaler, Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz and Michael Kelley, Superintendent. Director absent: Cory Lorenzen. Administrators present: Ben Fisher, Mike Schmidt and Patty Riemenschneider. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer, Elijah Leer, Jen Elioff and Kelsey Frandrup. Guests: Beth Sunquist, Scott Otte, Gradyn Taylor, Karlea Roehl and Sarah Streiff.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda as established, with the addition of one donation, was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.
- 3) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - 3.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held October 21, 2024, as presented.
 - 3.2) Minutes of the Special School Board meeting held November 6, 2024, as presented.
 - 3.3) Minutes of the Special School Board meeting held November 14, 2024, as presented.
 - 3.4) October 2024 check register/cash & investments.All members voting in favor.
- 4) Member, Leah Radman, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

WHEREAS the following has been generously donated:

- Alicia Makoutz/Delta Airlines - \$500.00 – Melissa Little’s classroom
- Alicia Makoutz/Delta Airlines - \$500.00 – Kelsey Frandrup’s classroom

- Alicia Makoutz/Delta Airlines - \$500.00 – Amy Niebur’s classroom
- Robert & Jean Taylor - \$25.00 – 6th Grade Class Fundraiser
- Mary Nicolai - \$50.00 – Katie Thielbar’s classroom
- Matt Otte/Taylor Trucking – pallet of Club Crisp Crackers, Krispie Bars, Fruit Snack Bars and pallet of Pringles chips – Randolph School
- Brian McCoy/Essendant – 3 cases of Kleenex – Randolph School
- Randolph Foundation - \$488.68 – Play/Musical reimbursement for Taco Fiesta Fundraiser supplies

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Regina Wernimont.

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.

- 5) FFA Members, Grady Taylor and Karlea Roehl reported on the National FFA Convention they attended October 22-26, 2024, in Indianapolis. Highlights included:

Keynote Speaker, Temple Grandin, known for her role in shaping the animal agriculture industry and was named one of The 100 Most Influential People in the World by Time Magazine in 2010. Axe Throwing, Zoo, and Career Fair.

Grady Taylor gave an impressive speech performance of the FFA Creed. His performance placed 1st at the State Level out of 50 students. His performance also ranked 9-24 Nationally!

- 6) Students - Grady Taylor and Sarah Streiff, along with Elijah Leer and Mike Schmidt, reported on the Los Angeles Fine Arts Trip they went on November 6-11, 2024. Fifty students were chaperoned by Jackie Sczepanski, Carol Asleson, Elijah Leer and Mike Schmidt. Some of the highlights included: Santa Monica Pier, SoFi Stadium, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Ferry to Catalina Island, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, Hollywood & Beverly Hills Tour, Paramount Studio, La Brea Tar Pits and lots of good food! Elijah Leer treated the School Board with a yummy bag of chocolate chip cookies he baked!

- 7) Ben Fisher, High School Principal/Special Ed Director, shared data on the high school parent/teacher conferences – not very well attended (may have been a glitch in messaging going out to High School parents); College Planning Event to be held at Randolph School on November 21st.

- 8) Mike Schmidt, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director reported Carter Raymond U of MN signing was November 13th for softball; new elementary fundraiser – pay to wear a hat day; winter activity numbers are up in Play/Musical, Knowledge Bowl, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Hockey; FIT Academy Sports Co-op had 1 football and 6 basketball participants; attending the Together 3.0 Regional Conference with 9 students on November 19th; Congratulations to Coach, Elijah Leer and the Boy’s Cross Country Team on their Conference Championship!
- 9) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported our Fund Balance is down - 15.5% 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.) Our Finance and Payroll System PowerSchool will no longer be hosted by Sourcewell June 1st.
- 10) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported MSBA Leadership Conference will be on January 16th; West Entrance door buzzer and camera have been installed; election bonds/operating results for area schools; bus garage door; hail damage update – still waiting on materials - \$700,000 cost – waiting on insurance reimbursement; new shed by playground; Wi-Fi has been extended to the baseball and softball fields; City Sewer Hookups – back receiving door, south side of school building, baseball parking lot; unfortunately the MN Twins did not sign Caleb Thielbar back for 2025 – it’s been a great run!
- 11) The School Board reported on the MSHSL Committee Meeting and Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 18th.
- 12) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Kristen Rowan’s resignation from her Assistant Volleyball Coaching position. Heather Siebenaler said this is a bummer and Mr. Kelley said Kristen has done a good job for us. All members voting in favor.
- 13) A motion was made by Heather Siebenaler, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the Athletic Trainer Agreement with Northfield Hospital and Clinics for school years 2025-2027. This will provide more athletic training services, approximately 728 hours/year, M-W-F after school and events. We are very fortunate to have Beth Sunquist for our Athletic Trainer! Many schools can’t find an Athletic Trainer. All members voting in favor.
- 14) A motion to adjourn was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Heather Siebenaler. All members voting in favor.

Acting Clerk: Regina Wernimont