

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 22, 2025

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Jason Podritz, Regina Wernimont, Leah Radman, Scott Otte, Cory Lorenzen and Gary Moorhouse. Administrators present: Michael Kelley, Mike Schmidt, Rio Severson and Patty Riemenschneider. Administrator absent: Matt Rutledge. Staff members present: Kathy Stauffer, Allison Otte. Guest: Alec Hamilton.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda with two changes, tabling the Spanish Trip report to May and adding a Resolution Nonrenewing a Tier 1 teacher, was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.
- 3) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - 3.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held March 17, 2025, as presented.
 - 3.2) March 2025, financial reports.All members voting in favor.
- 4) Member, Cory Lorenzen, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

WHEREAS the following have been generously donated:

- Jerry & Monica Huddleston - \$100.00 – Drama Driven
- Syngenta – 100 seed planting trays – FFA
- Brendan & Shelly Pagel - \$100.00 – Boy's Golf
- Waterford Warriors - \$525.00 – Boy's Golf
- Cannon Falls VFW - \$250.00 – Band

- Taylor Trucking/Matt Otte – 65 boxes of 45 pouches each – Cheez It Crackers – Randolph School
- Randolph/Hampton Fire Department - \$250.00 – DC/NY Trip

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member, Scott Otte.

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, Scott Otte, Gary Moorhouse.

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

- 5) Mike Schmidt, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director, reported Code of Conduct for athletes will now have 2 tiers – sitting out 1 week/1 game or 2 weeks/2 games for behavior issues; course registration/request process; transcript review process (meet with student AND notify parents); Spring Music Concert and Spring Musical Recap – both programs have had impressive participation and performances; Helaena Hensley was selected as Best in Site winner for the District Solo Contest on April 4th out of 50 soloists AND was also selected to the 2025 Minnesota All-State Choir (last time someone received this was Randolph's first All-State singer Brittany Atchison in 2005); Clay Target has 40 participants; approximately 55 students took the ACT Test and 10 took the ASBAP Test on April 22; Cannon Falls VFW presented Jackie Szepanski with the Middle School Teacher of the Year plaque; State Speech qualifiers will head to Shakopee on Friday – Rachel LaVan, Hayden Huddleston, Max Kuhn, Grady Taylor. Tractor Parade was held on April 11th with 163 tractors (155 last year) – there was drone coverage of the parade this year; attended the Athena Awards Banquet held on April 16th for Carter Raymond; Sara Wagner has been approved by the U of MN to teach College in School in 2025-2026 for Animal Science 2nd Semester – open to students in top 50% of their class.
- 6) Rio Severson, Interim Special Education Director, reported on the District 917 General Itinerant Agreement; 2024-2025 Evaluation Numbers; 2024-2025 SAT Numbers (27 elementary, 8 high school); Caseload projections 139 – 16% (keep ratio 15/special education teacher).
- 7) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported we are staying with eFinancePLUS (Smart Finance has good reviews from other districts); annual audit will be August 4-7; Staff Flu and Covid Vaccination Clinic will be on September 23, 2025.

8) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported teacher READ Act Training has been completed; house construction program; Linda Tickle has resigned, effective the end of this school year – she is contracted with Randolph School as our School Psychologist; FFA Class visited Syngenta's greenhouse pathologist SCI Institute Scientist and seed development - a more in-depth tour will be coming up – special thanks to Kate Lopez for her support of Randolph Schools; school bus trailer; summer planning; getting quotes for additional parking by the softball field; replacing marquee with LTFM funds; starting on negotiations; sending out State of the District soon; thank you to Tom Otte for his hospitality and providing the staging area for the tractor parade; donated turf is being installed in the batting cage area; due to budget constraints ISD 917 sent out a survey to member districts considering a 4 day school week; one thing that has helped Randolph School District's budget is our enrollment growth, compared to other area school districts having to make budget cuts.

9) The School Board reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held April 22; Scott Otte reported on the MSBA Phase III School Board Training he attended virtually on April 2 & 9.

10) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the Randolph School Total Special Education System (TSES) Document. This will be reviewed annually. All members voting in favor.

11) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget. Business Manager, Patty Riemenschneider, reported the budget is looking in good shape. Final budget numbers:

	Total Revenue	Total Expenditure	Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures
General	\$11,463,640	\$11,402,203	\$61,437
Food Service	\$542,966	\$638,519	(\$95,553)
Community Service	\$426,257	\$631,399	(\$205,142)
Debt Service	\$789,496	\$833,884	(\$44,388)

All members voting in favor.

12) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Patty Riemenschneider's retirement from her Business Manager position, effective October 15, 2025. The School Board thanked Patty for her service to Randolph Schools. All members voting in favor.

13) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Scott Otte to approve Ariel Burma's resignation from her Special Education teaching position effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year. All members voting in favor.

- 14) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Rio Severson's resignation from her Head Girls' Basketball Coach position. The School Board thanked Rio. All members voting in favor.
- 15) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Anne Jess's leave of absence from her elementary teaching position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 16) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman to approve Mike Schmidt's contract change from Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director to High School Principal/Activities Director for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 17) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Regina Wernimont to approve Rio Severson's contract change from Special Education Teacher/Interim Special Education Director to Assistant High School Principal/Special Education Director for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Scott Otte to approve Mackenna Otte's contract change from Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach to Head Girls' Basketball Coach for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 19) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to hire Chloe Kimmes for an Assistant Volleyball Coach position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Member, Regina Wernimont, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, ANDREW BEALLES is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 195.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 195, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 5 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of ANDREW BEALLES, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 195, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2024-2025 school year effective May 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Scott Otte and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof,

Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Cory Lorenzen, Regina Wernimont, Scott Otte, Gary Moorhouse

the following voted against the same:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on April 22, 2025.

21)

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Member, Jason Podritz, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, TIM BOWES is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 195.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 195, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 5 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of TIM BOWES, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 195, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2024-2025 school year effective May 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Leah Radman and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof,

Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Cory Lorenzen, Regina Wernimont, Scott Otte, Gary Moorhouse

the following voted against the same:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on April 22, 2025.

22)

Resolution Nonrenewing a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Teacher

Board Member, Leah Radman, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, CHRISTINA ALEXANDER is a TIER 1 teacher in Independent District No. 195.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 195, that the teaching contract of CHRISTINA ALEXANDER, a TIER 1 teacher in Independent District No. 195, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, May 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the expiration and nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Jason Podritz and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof,

Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Cory Lorenzen, Regina Wernimont, Scott Otte, Gary Moorhouse

the following voted against the same:

None

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23)

Recent legislation amended M.S. 204B.09 regarding the tabulation of election write-in votes. School Boards may pass this resolution that require write-in votes are only tabulated if they exceed the votes for non-write-in candidates. This greatly reduces the burden of tallying write-in votes for election judges and eases reporting at the County level as well. This stays in place for all school board elections unless it is revoked or rescinded.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION FOR TALLYING WRITE-INS ONLY IF WRITE-IN VOTES
ARE GREATER THAN A CANDIDATE'S TOTAL VOTES**

Board Member, Jason Podritz, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, subdivision 3 allows for the governing body of a school district to adopt a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office.

WHEREAS, the current write-in vote counting process is overly time consuming and unnecessary. It does not result in a change in election results unless a single write-in candidate receives the most votes for an office.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that Independent School District 195 hereby requires that write-in votes for an individual candidate will only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Scott Otte and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof,

Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Cory Lorenzen, Regina Wernimont, Scott Otte, Gary Moorhouse

the following voted against the same:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on April 22, 2025.

24) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Regina Wernimont to approve the revisions to the following policies:

- 413 – Harassment and Violence
- 624 – Online Instruction

All members voting in favor.

25) A motion was made by Scott Otte, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the overnight trip request from Barret Freeland and Darby Grengs to take six students to a Golf Tournament in Moorhead on Sunday, April 27, 2025. All members voting in favor.

26) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Regina Wernimont to adjourn. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Cory Lorenzen

