

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 21, 2025

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Cory Lorenzen and Scott Otte. Administrators present: Mike Kelley, Mike Schmidt, Rio Severson, Patty Riemenschneider and Emily Werner. Staff member present: Kathy Stauffer. Guest: Alec Hamilton.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of two new paraprofessional hires, was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.
- 3) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - 3.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held June 16, 2025, as presented.
 - 3.2) June 2025, financial reports.

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 have been generously donated:

- Syngenta – two adjustable, standing desk converters; three monitors; 30 student back packs of school supplies – Randolph School

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, 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) The Board discussed the following school board reorganization items for 2025-2026:
- 5.1) School Board Officer Salaries remain as the current salary of \$180.00 per year
 - 5.2) School Board Director Salaries remain as the current salary of \$100.0 per meeting
 - 5.3) Regular School Board Meetings remain the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 or announced meeting room. There are two Monday holiday conflicts in January and February of 2026, so those meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month (January 20 and February 17, 2026).
 - 5.4) School District Legal Counsel remains as the current –
 - a) Laura Booth from Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney, P.A.
 - b) Negotiations and Personnel – Knutson, Flynn, Olson and Deans
 - 5.6) School District Official Newspaper remains as current with the Cannon Falls Beacon.
 - 5.7) School District Official Bank Depository remains as current with Merchants Bank of Cannon Falls.
 - 5.8) Financial Investments remain as current with Merchants Bank and ICS Service.
 - 5.9) Use of Facsimile Signature remains as current. Annual approval is needed for using facsimile signatures on checks.
 - 5.10) Compliance Statement Adoption remains as current. This Compliance Statement is needed to fulfill many mandated reports.

A motion to retain these School Board Reorganization items as established was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.

- 6) The board discussed the following fiscal management items:
- 6.1) Substitute teacher pay to remain as current \$176.00 per day
 - 6.2) Mileage Reimbursement to continue at the federal mileage rate for district paid mileage. A motion to approve was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz. All members voting in favor.
- 7) Mike Schmidt, High School Principal/Athletic Director, reported the Booster Club Golf Tournament will be held on July 28 at Gopher Hills Golf Course; had the new high school teachers in today; online Activity Registration has changed from Our School Today to Arbiter – one glitch is the system isn't recording the family max correctly; considering changing or eliminating the high school honor roll – the board raised a few concerns with that; changes to the ACT Test – less questions, more time to complete, Science optional, Math one less multiple answer choice, average score nationwide is 20. Mike Schmidt, along with Rio Severson and Mike Kelley contacted 24 college admissions offices from Harvard to the University

of Minnesota to ask what they are looking for in admissions – well-rounded students with leadership qualities and GPA were top answers.

- 8) Rio Severson, Assistant HS Principal/Special Education Director, reported we are implementing a new program for all teachers – Diffit - this is an AI Program that can modify assignments; schedule changes to guided classes; middle school special education grades; social workers will be organizing Launch for Success; just completed 5 weeks of Extended School Year (ESY); Contracted Speech Language Pathologist will be Emily Price for 2025-2026 (formerly Kari Holden).
- 9) Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager, reported on the 2024-2025 Transportation Repair log expenses were down with a total of \$17,632.98 – last year's total was \$53,512.42 – it has helped that we now have a newer inventory; School Store profits for 2024-2025 were \$1,730.78; PowerSchool has migrated from Sourcewell smoothly; 403B new law changes; getting ready for the Annual Audit; met with 8 new teachers (Damien Foster was the rock star bringing in all the required paperwork!).
- 10) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported we are getting 2025-2026 School House Construction quotes – due July 23; Carter Raymond threw the first pitch at the MN Twins game to Caleb Thielbar (now playing for the Chicago Cubs; handed out the fall workshop agenda; Hampton ball field north of the current field upkeep and usage for Junior High.
- 11) The School Board reported on the Finance Committee Meeting and Transportation Committee Meeting – both held on July 21, 2025.

- 12) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve Ariel Burma's resignation from her Head Track and Field coaching position. All members voting in favor.
- 13) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Scott Otte to approve Chelsi Mark's resignation from her Assistant Softball coaching position. All members voting in favor.
- 14) A motion was made by Scott Otte, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve the fall coaching volunteers for 2025-2026:
 - Rick Olson – Volunteer Varsity Football Coach
 - Jared Rowan – Volunteer Varsity Football Coach
 - Kaven Blonigan – Volunteer Varsity Football Coach
 - Marcus Beer – Volunteer Junior High Football Coach

All members voting in favor.
- 15) A motion was made by Scott Otte, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve hiring Chase Williams for a Junior High Volleyball coaching position for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 16) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve hiring Tiffanie Saueressig for a Junior High Volleyball coaching position for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 17) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the contract change for Allison Otte's teaching position from 1 FTE to .6 FTE for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Jason Podritz to approve hiring Christa Flatjord for a Preschool Special Education Paraprofessional position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 19) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve hiring Heather Kosir for a part-time Paraprofessional position for 2025-2026. (Heather will still work in the Foodservice Department part of the day.) All members voting in favor.
- 20) A motion was made by Scott Otte, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the 2025-2026 High School Activities Handbook. All members voting in favor.
- 21) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to approve the Due Process and Procedures Manual for Special Education. This includes an IEP checklist and uniform agendas. All members voting in favor.

22) Mike Kelley presented the First Reading of Policy 508 – Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs.

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

- 425 – Staff Development and Mentoring
- 503 – Student Attendance
- 516 – Student Medication and Telehealth
- 521 – Student Disability Nondiscrimination

All members voting in favor.

24) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman to adjourn. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Cory Lorenzen

