

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 195
Randolph, Minnesota 55065

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2025

- 1) The Randolph School Board met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Gary Moorhouse called the meeting to order. Directors present: Gary Moorhouse, Jason Podritz, Cory Lorenzen, Leah Radman, Regina Wernimont, Scott Otte. Administrators present: Michael Kelley, Mike Schmidt, Matt Rutledge, Patty Riemenschneider and Rio Severson. Staff member present: Kathy Stauffer.
- 2) A motion to approve the agenda as established was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Cory Lorenzen. All members voting in favor.
- 3) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Jason Podritz, to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - 3.1) Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held July 21, 2025, as presented.
 - 3.2) Minutes of the Special School Board meeting held July 24, 2025, as presented.
 - 3.3) July, 2025, 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 have generously donated time and materials:

- Beskau Transport – \$200.00 for the Softball Team State Tournament
- Bonnie Oberg – 2 backpacks, box of construction paper – Randolph School

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, and Gary Moorhouse.

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

- 5) Mike Schmidt, HS Principal/Activities Director, reported fall activity registration numbers are currently at football – 89, volleyball – 74, cross country 13, theatre 12, visual arts 4. Fall Theatre Production will be “Little Shop of Horrors”. Parking Permit process – student designated parking areas by grade, no charge; PSEO schedules.
- 6) Rio Severson, Assistant HS Principal/Special Education Director, reported on 504/Special Education Process; Training and Staffing Updates; MDE Special Education Director Conference main topics were MA Billing and Special Education Transportation; we will be using Pearson’s new screener for Early Childhood Screening this fall; MA billing update – we are starting to see some funds coming in.
- 7) Elementary Principal, Matt Rutledge, reported our Kindergarten count for this fall is currently at 57; McGraw Hill – new Elementary math curriculum; will be holding Title 1 Paraprofessional Meetings 4 times this school year.
- 8) Business Manager, Patty Riemenschneider, reported Aviben, the new 403b Benefit Administrator, will go live on September 15 and is very user friendly; rates are staying the same with National Insurance Services (life insurance, disability insurance, dental and vision); annual audit went well, auditors will be meeting with Patty and Mr. Kelley on September 8th and will be at the September School Board Meeting, this is our 3rd year with them and the contract is up for renewal; all employees were offered summer work and there were no summer unemployment claims; new hires.
- 9) Michael Kelley, Superintendent, reported we purchased a new school bus at I-State that should be here November/December; 2024-2025 school house update; Teacher’s Opening Workshop – August 21; Truth-In-Taxation Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2025 at the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; attended the City of Randolph Meeting on August 13 for the 2025-2026 School House building permit; 32 FFA students will be participating at the MN State Fair! Child Care lunch will be charged \$1.25 for breakfast and \$2.50 for lunch, Minnesota Department of Education won’t allow preschoolers in childcare (on a non-instructional preschool day) to receive free meals. Conducted 10 business manager interviews. New family medical leave

policies will become a hardship for schools – long-term subs will be in the classrooms longer than the teachers.

- 10) The School Board Reported on the Community Education Committee Meeting held on August 18th – topics included: preschool numbers, summer RCC numbers, summer ball, summer camps, volleyball league and football.
- 11) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the Second Reading of Policy 508 – Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs. All members voting in favor.
- 12) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the revisions to the following policies:
 - 602 – Organization of School Calendar and School Day
 - 621 – Literacy and the Read ActAll members voting in favor.
- 13) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Scott Otte to approve the resignation from Durene Mies from her regular route bus driver position, effective August 8, 2025. All members voting in favor.
- 14) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Cory Lorenzen to approve Brittany Juenke resignation from her Part-Time Elementary Paraprofessional position effective August 13, 2025. All members voting in favor.
- 15) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz, to approve Becky Pearson's retirement from her Paraprofessional position effective August 14, 2025. All members voting in favor.
- 16) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve the contract change for Renae Schuster from Full-Time Paraprofessional to Part-Time Paraprofessional/.4 FTE Preschool Teacher. All members voting in favor.
- 17) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Cory Lorenzen, to approve the contract change for Lindsey VanDeSteeg from Child Care to an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional. All members voting in favor.
- 18) A motion was made by Leah Radman, seconded by Regina Wernimont, to approve Kaitlyn VanDeSteeg from Child Care to Part-Time Child Care/Part-Time Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional. All members voting in favor.
- 19) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve hiring Tiffany Carl for a High School Special Education Paraprofessional position for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.

- 20) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve hiring Jen Hensley for a High School Special Education Paraprofessional position for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 21) A motion was made by Scott Otte, seconded by Jason Podritz, to approve hiring Sheila Atkinson for an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional position for 2025-2026. All members voting in favor.
- 22) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve hiring Katelyn Roan for a Substitute Foodservice position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 23) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve hiring Shawn Klahr for a Substitute Bus Driver position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 24) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve hiring Deanna Wilsey for a Substitute Bus Driver position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 25) A motion was made by Jason Podritz, seconded by Leah Radman, to approve hiring Megan Friedrich for an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional position for the 2025-2026 school year. All members voting in favor.
- 26) A motion was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Jason Podritz, to approve hiring the following coaching positions for 2025-2026:
 - Jackie Szczepanski – Co-Assistant Fall Play Musical
 - Karen Zastrow – Co-Assistant Fall Play Musical
(This is replacing Elsie (Covert) Tamayo, who was previously approved).

All members voting in favor.
- 27) A motion was made by Regina Wernimont, seconded by Jason Podritz, to approve Jordan Kuehn's leave of absence from her Elementary Teacher Position from approximately September 29, 2025 through January 19, 2026. All members voting in favor.
- 28) A motion to adjourn was made by Cory Lorenzen, seconded by Leah Radman. All members voting in favor.

Clerk: Cory Lorenzen