

Park Rapids Area School Board
MINUTES
Monday, October 19th, 2020
6:00 PM
FWEC Community Room

Chairperson Safratowich Called the Meeting to order. Members present and order to vote were Carlson, Dodge, Hoyt, Pike, Safratowich, & Gauldin. Principals Jeff Johnson and Shawn Andress were present, along with Superintendent Lance Bagstad, Business Manager Kent Fritze, as well as staff and community members.

RECITED Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVED AGENDA AND ADDENDUM – Dodge/Pike

Carlson – Yes, Dodge – Yes, Hoyt – Yes, Pike – Yes, Safratowich – Yes, Gauldin – Yes

PRESENTED October Student of the Month – Joseph Huber

PRESENTED Park Rapids Area Virtual Academy (PRAVA) – Jill Stevenson

APPROVED Consent Items: Gauldin/Hoyt

Carlson – Yes, Dodge – Yes, Hoyt – Yes, Pike – Yes, Safratowich – Yes, Gauldin - Yes

- a. Approve payments Presented for October 2020
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 5th, 2020 Working Board Meeting
- c. Approve Student Activities Quarterly Report
- d. Approve New Hire – Caroline Koch, Elementary Paraprofessional
- e. Approve New Hire – Garret Kovach, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- f. Approve New Hire – Jens Anderson, Volunteer Football Coach
- g. Approve New Hire – Joan McKinnon, Volunteer Volleyball Coach
- h. Approve New Hire – Teressa Colligan, Volunteer Volleyball Coach
- i. Approve Education Minnesota – Park Rapids Seniority List for 2020-21 School Year
- j. Approve AFSCME Seniority List for the 2020-21 School Year
- k. Approve First Reading – Policy 503 Student Attendance
- l. Approve First Reading – Policy 504 Student Dress & Appearance
- m. Approve First Reading – Policy 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students
- n. Approve Second Reading – Policy 808 – Covid 19 Face Coverings policy

HEARD Superintendent Report- We have 15 days until the election. I want to encourage everyone to vote. Covid is effecting the district and we will be meeting tomorrow to gather more data and make sure we are containing the spread of the virus. We are going to be looking at possible options and I want everyone to be prepared.

HEARD Business Manager Report- Mary Reedy will be here to report on our audit at the November 2nd meeting. We have \$451,000 for COVID expenses that needs to be spent before December 31st, 2020.

HEARD Principals' Reports-

Johnson – Conferences have changed with our technology change and I think it is great to do more with contacting our parents in other ways. I have to commend my staff on all of what they are doing to get the content to the students and meet their needs. Students are not liking being in

person but some others are ok with not being in person everyday. I just hope that our students are making memories like they normally would have been on a normal year. Our staffing challenges continue from day to day but we are working through that everyday. Our school nurse, Jenny Jackson is working really hard to get all the contact tracing and student who are sick sent home to cut back on the risk factors the virus has caused.

LeMier – We are very fortunate and are happy to have our kids here everyday. We are working hard on our routines and procedures. We have about 100 kids that would need to have school age care as of right now if we were to switch to hybrid. Our teachers are continuing to work and teach from home if they are out of the building.

Andress – We are working on our routines and procedures. I am working with 6th-8th graders on how to use studentvue and google classroom. We are getting used to having our students being at tables outside in the hall outside the office and down the main concourse. I have had the opportunity to spend more time with the students along with getting a lot of feedback from students. I think we have had more parent contact now then we ever did.

HEARD Activities Director Reopening Report – We are doing a great job with all of our protocols and guidelines. Our coaches and students have been doing great with this. Our Tennis and swimming teams are wrapping things up over the next week or so. Cross country is finished and we would have had a student going to state if there was state. We have a lot of new faces on the volleyball court this year and our football team is looking at shoveling the football field for our game this week, otherwise we are looking forward to Friday night. Our transportation needs are getting a little difficult but we are making sure we can get to where we need to go.

HEARD Facilities Director Reopening Report- We are working on putting away summer things and getting our winter stuff ready for when we see more snow fall.

HEARD Community Ed Directors Reopening Report- We are still having some online classes and some in person classes. We are gathering feedback about how some of this is going. Our century adventures group was able to go to Pike’s corn maze last week and enjoyed it.

HEARD Special Education Directors report – Our collaboration amongst the buildings, principals, Jill and several others are doing a great job communicating. We are getting more student involved with the technology and having more students needs being met.

HEARD New Business

- a. Approve Annual Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of the Statewide Election, for 2021 Calendar Year. Dodge/Pike

Carlson – Yes, Dodge – Yes, Hoyt – Yes, Pike – Yes, Safratowich – Yes, Gauldin - Yes

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

TO	FROM	AMOUNT/ITEM
Park Rapids Schools	Lamb Weston	10,000 Masks
PR High School Athletics/PE	John & Bernie Schumacher	Elliptical Approx. \$2554
Century Middle School	Itasca Mantrap	\$400 for panther proud incentives
Park Rapids Schools	Repolite, Holland MI	3 cases of Hand Sanitizer
Park Rapids Schools	Stan Gray	Handcrafted Art work

HEARD other items – If you want to call for Vote Yes please show up at Caldwell banker from 5 to 7 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

ADJOURN at 7:06 PM