

**Park Rapids Area School Board**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 20th, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**  
**FWEC Community Room**

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Chairperson Safratowich Called the Meeting to order. Members present and order to vote were Carlson, Dodge, Hoyt, Pike, Kocka & Safratowich. Principals Jeff Johnson, Mike LeMier and Shawn Address 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 – Carlson/Dodge

HEARD Presentation – World Classroom Trip

APPROVED Consent Items: Dodge/Pike

- a. Approve payments Presented for September 2021
- b. Approve Minutes of the September 7th, 2021 Working Board Meeting
- c. Approve Resignation – Caroline Koch, ESL Paraprofessional
- d. Approve Volunteer – Ashley Hensel, JH Tennis Coach
- e. Approve New Hire – Bethany Kern, Paraprofessional
- f. Approve Fall Lane Changes-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previous Lane</u>	<u>New Lane</u>
Elizabeth Aman	MA30/9	MA45/9
Brianna Anderson	MA/8	MA10/8
Matt Brandt	MA/11	MA30/11
John Brumback	BA30/4	MA/4
Kathryn Buckholtz	BA20/7	BA30/7
Val Burton	MA30/12	MA45/12
Meghan Eidsmoe	BA/3	BA10/3
Elise Erickson	MA/8	MA10/8
TJ Erickson	MA/6	MA10/6
Michael Hartung	MA30/12	MA45/12
Nicole Johnson	MA/7	MA10/7
Dannon Kietzman	MA10/7	MA20/7
Brianna Kirchner	MA10/5	MA20/5
Chris Kirchner	MA10/8	MA30/8
Sara Kovach	MA/8	MA10/8
Kayla Kuhn	MA10/6	MA30/6
Michael Lorden	BA10/6	MA/6
Savannah Lunak	BA20/4	MA/4
Rebecca Penning	MA30/10	MA45/10
Danielle Perry	BA20/2	BA30/2
Kristen Poehler	MA10/8	MA20/8
Patrick Richard	BA20/6	BA30/6
Christine Sauer	MA/9	MA10/9
Tina Schulz	MA/12	MA10/12
Lexi Skajewski	BA/5	BA10/5

Rita Southerton	MA20/4	MA30/4
Autumn Sturtz	BA/5	BA10/5
Sara Thorson	BA20/11	BA30/11
Brent Vandal	BA/6	BA10/6

HEARD Monthly Superintendent Report- We are still working on staffing and hoping to get some more people hired. ESSER funds we need to talk with some of our community members to gather information on how to spend those funds. I have meet with some of our grade levels and plan to meet with more about Project 309. MREA conference is coming up. We had our ribbon cutting for the up north learning center over in walker and that program is going to be good for us.

HEARD Monthly Business Manager Report- Audit is going well, no findings as of now. We will look at approving the levy and we are down from last year due to enrollment.

HEARD Monthly Principals' Report

LeMier – Things are going well; we are wrapping up our Fall benchmarking. We are meeting with math and english literacy groups, and getting some planning done for conferences and upcoming events.

Andress – Homecoming in our world again. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are at the character challenge course today and tomorrow. We have fast bridge training this week and we are planning for our first early out next week.

Johnson –It's homecoming this week so we are well into that. We have a lot of activities planned and are working through those this week. We are working on getting some tours of the High school for Project 309 scheduled.

HEARD Monthly Activities Director Report – Links will be sent out for the homecoming games this week. We are very busy this week with several games home and away this week. We are right about mid-season, which is crazy to say our fall activities are half over.

HEARD Director of Curriculum & Instruction report- We have 22 students enrolled in PRAVA going very well. We will have meetings for Literacy and Math coming up to figure out how that is going to look.

HEARD Monthly Facilities Director Report- We have been setting up and moving things. We are still organizing things and getting them to the right place in the building. With the weather we are getting as many things done outside as we can.

HEARD Monthly Community Ed Directors Report- Our ECFE classes are full. Century adventure is busy, and we are looking for some help. We are organizing some parent/child trips with some monies that were donated last year.

HEARD Monthly Special Ed Directors Report – We are looking at all the Special Ed needs from the littles all the way to the adults. We are trying to figure out how to make progress on how COVID has affected our students. We are doing a lot of trainings. Our local partnerships have really been great with certain OT, PT and other needs for our students.

HEARD New Business

- a. Approve 2021 payable 2022 Levy at MAXIMUM Carlson/Pike
- b. Approve 2021-2023 Park Rapids AFSCME Contract Dodge/Kocka

- c. Approve and set compensation for election judges for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Special Election Carlson/Kocka
- d. Approve World Classroom trip to Washington DC in the Summer of 2023 Dodge/Pike
- e. Approve Retirement – Cindy Leach, Transportation Supervisor – With regret and thanks for her 24 years of Service to the Park Rapids School District Dodge/Carlson

REVIEWED Enrollment

DONATIONS Received and Appreciated

<b>TO</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>AMOUNT/ITEM</b>
Park Rapids Band Dept.	Wolf Lake Baseball Club	\$2000
Park Rapids High School	North Memorial Ambulance PR	Backpacks and School Supplies

HEARD Other Info

- a. Release Time – We plan to start release time in October. We have talked about 3 options one was the end of the day in cycles with elementary one week for a longer time and then middle school the next week for a longer time. Option 2 is also the end of the day with the two separate groups and option 3 is in the morning with the two separate groups. We have a meeting next week.
- b. Motion that we continue to allow release time in our school and give the superintendent the ability to make decisions around this topic and to push the way things have been done in the past. Dodge/Carlson**
- c. Motion to create a policy directing the superintendent to allow release time in our schools and to make sure that stays active in our schools. Dodge/Pike**
- d. Project 309 update – meeting with some outside groups and we are moving forward with mailing and publishings in the paper. Polls are open from 8-4 Monday through Friday.

ADJOURN at 6:46 Dodge/ Pike