

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

**ROCK RIDGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1405 PROGRESS PARKWAY, VIRGINIA, MN 55792
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Members Present:

Jennifer Bonner	Jodi Westby
Nicole Culbert-Dahl	Lisa Westby
Tim Riordan	

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent
Bob Voss, Transportation Director
Andrea Lintula, Business Manager

Members Absent:

Tim Riordan	John Uhan
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- I. Vice Chair L. WESTBY called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the agenda** made by BONNER, seconded by J. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** Nina Sporich – concerns about the proposed Community Education Director work agreement in light of potential larger class sizes; Shane Wetzel – Item 4.3 Hiring of the 7th Grade Science Teacher position; Irene Henderson – encouraging school board to come to contract agreement with the teachers’ union; Paul Peltier – reminder to vote in November on the Permanent School Fund which will be on the ballot; Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving Coach Non-Renewal considerations: Sarah Fidore, George Haradan, John Isaacson, Laura Langowski, Grace Langowski, Dan Aagenes, AJ Hultman, Jim Hafdahl.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by LAUTIGAR.
 - B. BONNER pulled Item 4.16 *Acceptance of resignation of Tina Trullinger from the Library Media Specialist position effective July 31, 2026* and Item 4.19 *Approval of activity fees for the 2026-2027 school year* for discussion.
 - C. Motion to **approve all Consent Agenda items except Item 4.19 which would be voted on separately** was approved unanimously.
 1. Approval of June 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
 2. Approval of hire of Tim Blake-Wasiak for the ESY Paraprofessional (RRHS) position at a rate of \$19.97/hour effective June 9, 2026 through August 13, 2026.
 3. Approval of hire of Roy Rutherford for the 7th Grade Science Teacher position with a salary of \$55,145 (Step 1 MA) effective August 24, 2026.
 4. Approval of hire of Victoria Hagolin for the High School Special Education Setting-4 Teacher (LLC) position with a salary of \$60,262 (Step D BA+20)
 5. Approval of hire of Kelsey Evenson for the Physical Therapist - ECSE position with a \$411.97/daily rate of pay (Step F MA+18) for July 13, 2026 (8-4PM) and August 19, 2026 (8-4PM).
 6. Approval of hire of Samson Tai for the Assistant Football Coach, Defensive Coordinator position with a stipend of \$4,791 for the 2026-2027 school year.
 7. Approval of hire of Jay Bruemmer for the Assistant Football Coach, JV position with a stipend of \$4,791 for the 2026-2027 school year.
 8. Approval of hire of Blair Smith for the C Team Volleyball Coach position with a stipend of \$4,034 for the 2026-2027 school year.
 9. Approval of hire of Marrisa Berg for the 7th Grade Volleyball Coach position with a stipend of \$3,278 for the 2026-2027 school year.

10. Approval of hire of Katie Phaneuf for the Assistant Girls Tennis Coach position with a stipend of \$4,034 for the 2026-2027 school year.
 11. Approval of transfer of Kayla Finke from the Paraprofessional position to the Special Education Secretary position at a rate of \$24.87/hour effective August 3, 2026.
 12. Approval of transfer of Laura Tassoni from the North Star Secretary position to the RRHS Secretary position at a rate of \$24.87/hour effective August 3, 2026.
 13. Approval of transfer of Special Education Teacher Don Galloway from North Star Elementary to RRHS effective August 24, 2026.
 14. Approval of transfer of Special Education Teacher Amanda Rasmussen from Laurentian Elementary to North Star Elementary effective August 24, 2026.
 15. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Beth Bittmann from the Elementary Teacher position effective July 1, 2026.
 16. Acceptance of resignation of Tina Trullinger from the Library Media Specialist position effective July 31, 2026.
 17. Rescind Recommendation to Hire for Ashley Peters for the ESY Paraprofessional position effective June 10, 2026.
 18. Approval of revisions to the Sound and Lighting and Stage Manager job description.
 19. Approval of adjusted salaries for Track and Field coaches for the 2025-2026 school year (attachment).
 20. Approval of correction of stipend for Drew Aho for the Head Boys Basketball Coach position from \$7,060 to \$7,816.
 21. Approval of 2026-2027 Membership Renewal for MREA in the amount of \$2,500.
 22. Approval of lane change for Cara Pond from Step J MA+10 to Step J MA+18 effective June 12, 2026.
- D. Motion to **approve Item 4.19. *Approval of activity fees for the 2026-2027 school year*** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed 4-1 with BONNER voting NO.

V. **REPORTS:**

- A. Transportation Director Bob Voss gave a transportation update.
- B. Supt. Schmidt provided the following updates: For the upcoming school year, funding for the Check & Connect program will allow for two mentors at Rock Ridge; an updated staffing list for 2026-2027 was provided – changes are still being made; a proposed list of superintendent goals for 2026-2027 was provided and will be discussed more in-depth at a working session prior to the July 13 regular meeting; information was provided regarding the Permanent School Fund vote on the November general election ballot; more discussion on instructional hours during a 4-day school week vs a 5-day school week and how missed hours do add up over a long period of time with some research showing deterioration in student test scores.
- C. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by J. WESTBY, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion to **approve the 2026-2027 Budget** made by BONNER, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the Kelly Education 2026-2027 contract** made by BONNER, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Motion to **approve the 2026-2027 medical insurance renewal** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by BONNER. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to **approve the special education transportation contract with NorthStar Student Transportation for 2026-2027** made by BONNER, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Motion to **approve the agreement between St. Louis County and ISD 2909 for the Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement effective July 1, 2026-June, 30, 2028** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Motion to **approve the revised Community Education Director work agreement for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028** made by BONNER, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Following discussion, motion to **return the work agreement back to the Personnel Committee for further discussion** was made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Motion to **accept the bid from 2 EZ, Inc. for the footings and excavation for the Deep Winter Greenhouse next to the Life & Learning Center** made by LAUTIGAR, seconded by BONNER. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. Motion to **approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ISD 2909 and Arrowhead Head Start (AEOA) effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027** made by BONNER, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Motion to **approve the Resolution Non-Renewing Coaching Contract** made by BONNER, seconded by CULBERT-DAHL. Roll call vote. LAUTIGAR – YES; CULBERT-DAHL – YES; L. WESTBY – NO; J. WESTBY – NO; BONNER - YES. Motion passed 3-2.

VII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

CHAIR

CLERK