

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty seven a.m. (7:37 a.m.) on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at SOAR MS. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel, Kari Kirschbaum, Mike Wallner, Donna Cox, Betty Wrigh (via Google Meet, left @ 8:23 lost internet connection), Cheryl Todea (via Google Meet, left @ 8:23 lost internet connection)) and Belle Pearson (via Google Meet, left @ 8:23 lost internet connection). Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Nodine, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal, Harlan Leusink, Director of Technology and SOAR HS Principal, Scott Foster, District Administrator (via Google Meet left @ 8:45), and Michele Hotmar, recording secretary.

Open Meeting Verification – Emilie Braunel stated that the meeting had been duly called with meeting notices posted at the following locations:

1. The Northland Pines High School and Middle School in Eagle River
2. The Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and St. Germain
3. The Vilas County Courthouse – Eagle River
4. The Eagle River City Hall
5. The Vilas County News Review-Eagle River

Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Oath of Office to New Board Member: Donna Cox was sworn in as the SOAR HS parent representative.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – The SOAR MS staff was introduced.

Administrative Report:

Tony Duffek - NPMLC: Written report

Carie Brock - SOAR MS: Written report

Ann Perry – SOAR HS: Written report

Finance Update: Each Charter School presented current budget and expenditures.

Discussion/Action items:

12a) MOTION to approve late enrollment of a NPMLC student: Motion by Kari Kirschbaum to approve the late enrollment of a NPMLC student. Second by Donna Cox. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried

12b) Discussion on building Charter School goals: The Board will discuss this in more depth at the January or February meeting.

12c) Schools and District report cards: The Board had a short overview of the Schools and District report cards. They will take a more detailed look at the results at the January meeting.

12d) 4K-District is moving to 5 days a week; MLC is looking to stay at 4 days a week: Scott Foster updated the Board on the plan for the District to go to 5 days a week for the 4K program. He said that the Charter Governance Board has full control to keep MLC at 4 days a week, or do as the district does and change it to 5 days. The board discussed their options and did not indicate they wanted to put this on the agenda as an action item.

12e) SOAR HS GPA: Harlan Leusink spoke to the Board about this. SOAR HS GPA does not calculate the same as Northland Pines HS. Should we have Infinite Campus, our student tracking system, calculate the GPA? Advisors hand calculate the student's GPA now. The Board will discuss this more in the coming months.

12f) SOAR HS enrollment cap: It was suggested to cap enrollment at 80. The Board wants more information on student to teacher ratio.

12g) SOAR MS Tour: Board members took a tour of SOAR MS.

12h) Work Session: The board did not go into a work session.

13) Adjournment: MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum that the Board adjourn. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 4-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.