

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty-two a.m. (7:32 a.m.) on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Northland Pines Community meeting room. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel, Kari Kirschbaum, Cheryl Todea, Donna Cox, Mike Wallner and Phillip Epping. Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal (left @ 8:53), Carie Nodine, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal, Harlan Leusink, Director of Technology and SOAR HS Principal, Scott Foster, District Administrator, 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 in Eagle River
4. The Eagle River City Hall
5. The Vilas County News Review in Eagle River

Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Donna Cox that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

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 January 16, 2025 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – None.

Administrative Report:

Tony Duffek - NPMLC: Written report

Carie Brock - SOAR MS: Written report

Harlan Leusink – SOAR HS: Written report

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

Discussion/Action items:

11a) Approve NPMLC & SOAR HS contracts: MOTION by Cheryl Todea to approve the NPMLC & SOAR HS contracts as presented. Phillip Epping then asked to amend the motion to state the president and secretary sign the contracts. Cheryl Todea amended the motion to state the president and secretary sign the contracts. Second by Kari Kirschbaum. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

11b) Update on cell phone policy: Harlan Leusink stated that the policy was working at the beginning of Trimester 1. Trimester 2 had fewer infractions.

11c) Charter School building goals and updates: The committee met to go over the structure of PLP's.

11d) Charter school application window update and lottery process: SOAR MS will not need to hold a lottery. NPMLC had more students apply than there is room for so they will hold a lottery on March 4th.

11e) Referendum update: Scott Foster reported that the referendum passed in all townships. He said the referendum had a 67% approval rate. He is grateful for the communities support!

12) Adjournment: MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum that the Board adjourn. Second by Donna Cox. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.