

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty a.m. (7:30 a.m.) on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at SOAR HS Pines Community meeting room. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel, Kari Kirschbaum, Mike Wallner, Donna Cox, Betty Wright, Cheryl Todea (via Google Meet) and Belle Pearson. Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Nodine, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal, Gretchen Smart-Hall, Director of Teaching and Learning, 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 Betty Wright. Voice vote 7-0. 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 November 16, 2023 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – New School Resource Officer Deputy Shelbe Retallick started.

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) MOTION to approve the calculation of a SOAR HS GPA through Infinite Campus as presented: Motion was tabled due to Harlan Leusink being absent due to illness.

11b) More information on local and district report cards per Board request: Director of Teaching and Learning, Gretchen Smart-Hall, gave the Board an in-depth look at the local and district report cards. The district overall score was 68.8 – meets expectations, NPMLC score was 70.3 – exceeds expectations, SOAR MS score was 65.6 - meets expectations and SOAR HS has an alternate rating system – satisfactory progress.

11c) Charter schools application window update: The Board was given and update on the number of applications for the Charter schools. The application window is January 1 to February 23rd. The lottery will take place on February 27th.

11d) Public Relations subcommittee update: The subcommittee gave the Board an update on their last meeting.

11e) SOAR HS subcommittee update: The subcommittee decided that it was not a good idea to cap enrollment.

11f) NPSD New Library policy update: The Board reviewed the new library policy.

11g) Work Session: The board did not go into a work session.

12) Adjournment: MOTION by Betty Wright that the Board adjourn. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.