

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

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, March 20, 2025 at Northland Pines Community meeting room. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel, Kari Kirschbaum (Google Meet joined @ 7:37), Cheryl Todea (Google Meet), Mike Wallner, Sara Owens-Keenan and Phillip Epping. 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, 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 Sara Owens-Keenan that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – MOTION by Mike Wallner that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2025 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Sara Owens-Keenan. Voice vote 5-0. 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) Update on Board member's terms & limits: Emilie Braunel and Cheryl Todea's terms are up in June 2025. Emilie Braunel will continue on as SOAR MS member for another 3 year term beginning in July. Cheryl Todea will not be renewing her term as Community member at the end of her term.

11b) Use of WI Virtual School for PLP students: There will be a change next year to WI Virtual School for our PLP students. It is a better product for less money.

11c) SOAR MS & NPMLC 2025-2026 school calendar: Both schools will add professional development days next year for staff.

12) Adjournment: MOTION by Mike Wallner that the Board adjourn. Second by Phillip Epping. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.