

# NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

## November 21, 2024

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 21, 2024 at SOAR MS. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel, Kari Kirschbaum, Mike Wallner, Cheryl Todea, Sara Owens-Keenan and Donna Cox (via Google Meet). 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 (via Google Meet joined @ 7:40), Scott Foster, District Administrator (via Google Meet), Sue McKay, 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 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 October 17, 2024 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Wallner. 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) Meet SOAR MS staff:** The NPMLC staff introduced themselves.

**11b) Interview Charter Governance Board member candidate:** The Board interviewed Phillip Epping for the community member representative.

**11c) Approve acceptance of new board member:** MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum to approve the acceptance of Phillip Epping to the position of community member representative. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 6-0, motion carried.

**11d) State issued and local report cards:** Sue McKay, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented on the state and local report cards.

**11e) Public relations subcommittee update:** The committee updated the NPMLC brochure and are reviewing the website.

**11f) Committee updates and review dashboard:** SOAR MS brochure update next and looking at contracts.

**11g) Referendum update:** District Administrator, Scott Foster, told the Board that the referendum is 5.6 million over a 3 year period. The referendum will be held on February 18, 2025.

**11h) School tour:** The Board visited the classrooms to check out what the students were learning about.

**12) Adjournment:** MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board adjourn. Second by Sara Owens-Keenan. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.