

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty four a.m. (7:34 a.m.) on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Montessori Learning Center. 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, left @ 9:11). 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 – 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 September 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 NPMLC staff: The NPMLC staff introduced themselves.

11b) Referendum update: District Administrator, Scott Foster, gave the Board an overview on what will be presented to the public to vote on. The NPSD School Board still have to decide on what month they want to bring it to the voters to vote on.

11c) Update charter school dashboard and set board goals: The Board went through the dashboard and goals that were set and changed a few things.

11d) Regional professional development day update: The professional development day was held at Lakeland Union HS. Northland Pines, Rhinelander, Three Lakes and Tomahawk all attended. It was a productive day of collaboration with area schools.

11e) Update on school safety drills: All the Northland Pines schools conducted a school safety drill. The Board was updated on the how staff is trained in the event of a real emergency.

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

11g) Public relations subcommittee meeting: The public relations subcommittee met to go over how we can publicize the charter school better so the community knows what they are all about.

12) Adjournment: MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board adjourn. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.