

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty six a.m. (7:36 a.m.) on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at SOAR HS. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel (via Google Meet), Kari Kirschbaum, Cheryl Todea (via Google Meet), Debbie Tank (via Google Meet), Betty Wright (via Google Meet) and Mike Wallner (via Google Meet). Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal (via Google Meet), Ann Perry, Lead Teacher SOAR HS, Scott Foster, District Administrator, and recording secretary, Michele Hotmar.

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 Betty Wright that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Debbie Tank. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Kari Kirschbaum. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – None

Administrative Report:

Tony Duffek - NPMLC: Written report

Carie Brock - SOAR MS: Written report

Ann Perry – SOAR HS: Written report

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

Discussion/Action items:

11a) Update on safety plan and COVID-19: Scott Foster told the board there are 3 different viruses and he is hoping that we are cresting. He meets weekly with VCHD. Challenges are staying open with staff shortages. Staff may now return after 5 days and wear a mask for an additional 5 days. The number of students out are declining and there has been a 25% improvement in attendance. At this time the testing site is out of rapid tests. We only have the PCR tests available.

11b) Update on Charter School Application Window: The application window is in January with the lottery to be held on February 3, 2022. The board will be discussing pushing the application window to February in the future.

11c) Referendum update: Scott Foster gave the Board an update on the referendum that will be put before voters on February 15, 2022.

11d) Work Session: Subcommittees broke out into sessions to work on goals.

12) Adjournment: MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board adjourn. Second by Kari Kirschbaum. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.